



Making a difference for our future

Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

Summer Term Edition

Friday 22nd June 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Message from the Head

We are looking forward to our annual Sports Morning next week, as well as the Circus Skills workshops which every class will be experiencing on Monday or Tuesday. The School Sports Premium was created to ensure greater participation in sport and PE. This is why our Sports Day features both competitive events (sprints and relays) as well as a range of challenges which encourage effort, determination, skill and physical activity. This means the event is inclusive and allows all children to feel they have succeeded. We hope to see many of you there, giving the children positive encouragement whatever the outcome! The sun will definitely be shining on us this year, so we all need to be sun safe and hydrated, too!

Meadowside Class News.

Reception

Since the last Friday Fortnightly Apple class have been on the move. We took our flying carpet to Mexico where we made masks, tried tortillas and did maths with beans. Then we went to china and tried out some Chinese writing, among other things. On our trip to Switzerland we had to try some chocolate. In Kenya we saw animals on safari and heard a story about a girl who lives in Africa. As it was so hot there we fancied a cooler place and went to Russia next. Each time we visit somewhere new we find out some facts about the place, make a souvenir and put the flag in our Meadowside Passport. There is plenty of term left so who knows where we will get to before the end of the year.

Years 1 & 2

What a fantastic end to the topic Year 1 and 2 had! We all had the chance to be knighted and show off all of our knowledge about the medieval times. We had the chance to do some real camp fire cooking just like peasants but got to enjoy a proper knight's banquet! We played some medieval games and even got to test out our jousting skills! We have really enjoyed getting stuck into this topic, the exciting and the gruesome! Now we are looking forward to doing some work related to the circus next week!

This week in Year 2 sees the end of our topic Medieval Madness. By the time you read this, we will have all become knights (or peasants) for the day and will have enjoyed a Medieval banquet with food, dancing and battle formations! We hope that you all received our follow up letter from our Warwick Castle trip. The children were very excited at the potential for taking you on a return visit to show you the wonderful things we learnt whilst we were there.

Next, we turn our attentions towards some of the greatest shows on earth and the circus! If you haven't bought your tickets for Happy's Circus yet, they are selling fast, so ask for a letter or see our Facebook page!

Year 3 & 4

A monster rising from the swamp, a king trapped in his great Heorot hall and the hero Beowulf attempting to protect and defend to the death! This Anglo-Saxon story/poem retold by Rob Lloyd Jones has had the children gripped in English over the past few weeks and some fantastic writing has been produced in response. We have also been handling and sketching Anglo-Saxon artifacts and finding out about the Sutton Hoo discovery and what this primary source of evidence tells us about the Anglo-Saxon era.

After designing and creating our time machine helmets, we have put them to use already! We have worn them to help us travel back to AD420, paying careful attention to some of the major historical events that we went past. In English 'Prof' the designer of the original time machine sent us a set of instructions so that we could use the machine. We have since identified the text features of instructions and used them to help us write instructions for our helmets.

Year 5 & 6

This week in Year 5 has been assessment week and we have used the time to consider how each child measures up against age related expectations. The children have shown resilience and hard work through this week and we are in a good position to determine next steps in their learning.

The Meadowside World Cup was a great success. Ellie, Heather and Jasmine H. were our sports reporters and their account of the tournament appears elsewhere in the Friday Fortnightly. All KS2 staff who attended were very impressed by the hard work and patience shown by our Year Five children as they each played an important part in hosting the event.

In our topic lessons, we have been learning about how the heart works and its vital role in keeping us alive! We have also started an art project in which we are studying the movements athletes make when playing their sport. We shall be constructing sculptures based on our sketches later this term. Our Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) sessions have started and it has been encouraging to witness children listening carefully, reflecting, asking considered questions and joining in with discussions.

Here back in the classroom, rather than scaling walls and diving in lakes, year 6 are busily being creative with their writing. We have embarked upon an adventure with a character called Michael, in Kensuke's Kingdom, and we are using this well loved novel as a springboard to create some wonderful writing to conclude our year 6 journey.

We are also in the throes of just beginning to start rehearsing for our school play: Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. It's going to be epic!

We are enjoying Maths in a more investigative way, using our skills to decode and solve problems. Over the next couple of weeks we will also be focussing on transitions to our new secondary schools. The time is ticking away far too quickly, so we are enjoying every minute in year 6 at the moment and reflecting as well as looking forward to new adventures.

Governor corner

Earlier this week you should have received a letter and nomination form regarding the vacancy for a Parent Governor. One of our current Parent Governors is standing down for personal reasons at the end of this academic year and we therefore have a vacancy to fill from September 2018. Parent Governors are elected by and from the parents of children currently attending our school. They serve a four-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the governing team. If you are interested in becoming a governor, contact the school office with your nomination (self - nomination is acceptable), which will need to be with the school by 12.00 noon on Friday, 29 June. If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will be held and you will be sent a voting paper. If you are considering joining the governing team and would like to ask any questions prior to submitting your nomination, please email: Chair@meadowsideprimary.co.uk. Lastly, Governors would like to thank the staff team who recently supported Year 6 to have such an enjoyable and memorable residential experience and congratulate the children on embracing all the challenges and fun throughout.

The Meadowside World Cup- Friday fortnightly

On Wednesday 13th June at 1:30pm, Year five Oak and Cherry put on a Meadowside World Cup football tournament for years two, three and four. The children were put into mixed-year teams and there were 18 teams involved with 5 people in each team. Year 5 provided referees, line judges, team coaches, a hydration station team, score centre officials, journalists and photographers. Mr Mayne was time keeper and announcer. We played a group round followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals and the final. When asked, the score centre team [Max and Matthew W.] wanted Australia, France, Russia or Spain to win. In the end, Egypt played Spain in an exciting final and Egypt won 4-0. Here are some of the thoughts of people who took part: Ethan said, "I like my job because it is fun and exciting". Oliver R, Coach for Argentina, said, "Today has been a wonderful delight for all of us."

Reported by the journalists: Heather, Jasmine H. and Ellie

Friends Of Meadowside

Last Friday fortnightly before the Circus!

Tickets still on sale, via the forms, Paypal and we'll have pop-up box offices on Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th June in the car park before and after school. We have a licensed bar, hot dogs, chips, ice cream, tattoos, clown face paint, games and skills, all from 4pm so if the sun is shining it'll be a great social event as well as exciting when we head into the big top from 5.30pm, ready for 6pm start! We look forward to seeing you there!

Just to let you that after trialling providing teas and coffees at last years sports day we have decided not to repeat that again this year. Due to health and safety with the urn it meant that our volunteers had to do more than expected and sadly missed some of their children's races. As our volunteers work really hard all year it is only fair to let them enjoy this event with their full focus. We hope you understand. As it's our last event of the year it will be soon be time for our AGM. This year it will be held on 19th July at the school. Here we will formally review the year and accounts. We will also nominate and elect the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Myself and Erica will not be standing again for the roles of Chair and Secretary and so if anyone is interested in coming forward for them and would like to know, please let us know.

Everyone is welcome to come along and there will be a few drinks and nibbles to celebrate the year!

Sally - FoM

On Wednesday 27th June, the Children will have an assembly delivered by Quedgeley Library staff, inviting them to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. This is a good opportunity to keep reading 'high priority' over the summer break and certificates are awarded, which the children enjoy bringing for Celebration assembly.

A group of Year 4 boys have formed their own Outside Tidy Team, picking up litter and inspecting our play spaces (The OTTs!) – thank you boys! We already have a similar initiative indoors, with a weekly 'inspection' of shared spaces, led by one of our Y5s. Two great examples of Meadowside's 'making a difference'.

So far, I have only received 3 Road Safety posters. As many of you feel very strongly about parking and safety outside school, this is YOUR chance to make a difference. I need at least 8 different designs, before the signs can be sent off for manufacturing, so please get to work!

INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

Wednesday 25th July 2018

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 12th October 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Please visit our website www.meadowsideprimary.co.uk,
for all upcoming events.

Dates for your diary

Monday-Tuesday 25th/ 26th June - Circus workshops with Thomas Trilby
Wednesday 27th June - Whole School Sports Morning (see attached leaflet)
Monday 2nd July - Y3/4 Musicate Celebration assembly. Y3/4 parents invited 1.30 - 2pm
Tuesday 3rd July - Happy Circus! 4-8pm.
Wednesday 4th July - Last day for Mrs Parker
Wednesday 11th July - Y4 visit to Beechenhurst Lodge
Thursday 12th July - Y3 visit to Beechenhurst Lodge
Wednesday 18th July - Y3/4 Anglo-Saxon dressing up day
Monday 23rd July 4.30 – 6.30 - Whole School Family Picnic

Staff Line Up for September will be announced on **Thursday 5th July**.
Annual Reports to parents will be sent out on **Friday 13th July**!

Date of next newsletter: Friday 6th July