

*Autumn Term Edition*

*Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018*

## Message from the Head

Christmas preparations at Meadowside begin in earnest on Monday! The Christmas postbox will be open for business daily in the entrance hall, for Meadowside children to post cards to friends and teachers. Please remember to address these with name and class details! We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Market, where we will also be singing carols in the car park at about 4.30pm (but no snow again this year!). Friends of Meadowside have been extremely busy organising and manning recent events and we owe them a huge thank you for their continuing commitment and enthusiasm.

We have spent time in school this week celebrating academic achievement and discussing next steps in all year groups. Look out for my (long overdue) Headlines newsletter next week, to catch up on teaching and learning news.

## Meadowside Class News

### Reception

It was another exciting week in Reception. On Wednesday 2 police officers came to visit us. They brought lots of equipment with them, including a police car. We found out how they help us. We have also been working hard on our letters and sounds, amazing each other and the adults in the class with how many phonemes we know. We are also building words with the sounds we know. Next week we are off on our first trip, how exciting!

### Years 1 & 2

By the time you read this, Year 1 will have celebrated coming to the end of our A Toys' Story topic with a teddy bear's picnic! We had the chance to show off our knowledge about toys, our dancing skills and even our musical talents! We had a toy car race and we got to eat our pizzas that we made too! It's been a brilliant topic and the children's enthusiasm for it has been great to see! We are now turning our attention to the Christmas play and other festivities!

Year 2- By the time you read this, we will have completed our A Toys' Story topic and will have celebrated with a teddy bears' picnic! This week, we made pizzas for us to eat at our picnic (we shared with our bears, of course!). We also had a car race, shared our toys dances and told the visiting bears all about the things we had learnt in our Toys Story topic. We now set our sights firmly on Baboushka and our Christmas play- make sure you practise your lines at home!

### Year 3 & 4

We have had a great few weeks in Year 3! The children have been learning all about column addition and subtraction while in English we have been writing instructions. We have had an amazing day to end our topic and had lots of fun showing off our costumes and making our fabulous musical instruments! Well done Year 3 for your amazing efforts and enthusiasm during our topic.

Wow! What a fantastic conclusion to our 'Who can be a Rock Star?' topic. The children (and parents!) have all produced some amazing costumes and have really enjoyed sharing them with others. This morning the children worked hard to make the musical instruments that they designed and once complete they evaluated their own designs and discussed how they could make them even better. This afternoon, we enjoyed working with Year 3 and shared with them some songs that we have learnt. We look forward to starting a new topic next week!

### Year 5 & 6

We have been exploring 'Kick', by Mitch Bromley and finding out about life in Jakarta for a 12 year old boy called Budi. It has provided an insightful view and comparison to a very different world for children in Year Five. This draws to a close this week, with children considering a moral dilemma for the main character and the likely effects of his choice. In mathematics, we have consolidated our work on multiplying a three-digit number by a two-digit number. Also, dividing a three-digit number by a single-digit. Both areas of maths require quick recall of multiplication and division facts. Please continue to rehearse those facts as they underpin much of the number work in upper key stage two. Our 18<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations went with a bang, and we have also taken part in an exciting art project run by 'Dixie Dots' to create a whole class display for the hall. Watch this space!

This week, we have enjoyed celebrating the school's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and also taken part in the creation of a new wall decoration by printing on ceramic tiles with the assistance of the staff from Dixie Dot. Our topic, Heroes and Villains, continued with a design technology project to build a lair for an evil Headteacher (Miss Thomas, of course). We have designed our lairs and created them by constructing a carefully measured cuboid frame from wooden dowel, covering it with papier mache and painting it. We are working on fractions and 2D shape in our maths lessons. In English, we have completed our studies of the play Macbeth with performances by both classes followed by writing our own stories based on our favourite scenes from the play.

### Other News

**Charlie's Christmas Fayre-** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 12-4pm at Severn Vale School.

**21<sup>st</sup> December will be Christmas Jumper Day** as well as the last day of term. This year, we will be supporting a local charity so please give generously! Children are welcome to wear non-uniform, including Christmas accessories, festive t-shirts, dresses or (obviously) jumpers.

We will be sending out further details about Christmas performances, early next week, including information on how to book your seats. Please be aware that Tuesday performances for both Key Stages will be adults only and Wednesday's performances will be 'family friendly'. Dates and times are currently on the website calendar.

Many thanks to all families who attended the wellbeing event yesterday. Your feedback will be very helpful in enabling us to plan and provide further support and future events.

### Friends Of Meadowside

We hope everyone has enjoyed the 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations.

We are now looking forward to the Christmas Market and Car Park Carols which are on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 15:30pm. Don't forget to bring a torch! There will be stalls, refreshments and games including a Reindeer Hunt and of course a very special visitor.

Some good and bad news on our fund raising for the Amphitheatre. Firstly the bad news is that our Aviva Project submission did not receive enough votes to proceed through to the next stage of the finals. However, the good news is that we have received a grant from the Quedgeley News. We have now enough funds to be able to book the build. We will give you more news on this as soon as we have it.

#### INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

Please visit our website [www.meadowsideschool.co.uk](http://www.meadowsideschool.co.uk), for all upcoming events.

#### Dates for your diary

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Market and Car Park Carols 3.30 – 6pm

6<sup>th</sup> Dec- Y2 MultiSkills Morning at Oxstalls

18/19<sup>th</sup> December- KS1 and KS2 performances

20<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas lunch

**21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day**

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2pm - End of Term**

**Term 3 begins Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**