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Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

Summer Term Edition

Friday 18th May 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Message from the Head

Well done to Year 6 for a very successful SATs week and a very mature, calm attitude under pressure! Having said that, they have just blasted me with water guns outside! Thank you to the class team for their hard work, supportive approach, encouragement and toast!

Meadowside Class News.

Reception –Amazing Animals

Last week we had a great trip to Bristol zoo, thank you to the children who were very well behaved and all parent helpers. On the trip we saw lots of interesting animals which we found out about on our return. We really are learning how amazing animals are. This week we have been rumbling in the jungle, enjoying the funny poems about the different animals. We have also been writing at our writer's café, using our phonic skills and remembering to use the tricky words we are learning. In maths we have been learning some great games to use our counting skills.

Years 1 & 2 – Medieval Madness

What a busy fortnight we have had in Year 1! We have been learning more about The War of the Roses. We made our own Tudor Rose and also designed our own house shield! We have been finding out about the origin of surnames and what some different names mean. In English, we have been hunting the mysterious dragon that was spotted last week. We have written wanted posters and put them up so people can report anything they see to us!

This week Year 2 have been genealogists and have been fascinated to find out the meanings of some of our surnames. We have found out that surnames from the Medieval times often linked to people's jobs, locations or looks! If you would like to look yours up (and see your coat of arms) we have been using www.houseofnames.com. This week we are also due to try our hands at the Medieval pastime of stitching! On Friday morning, we will be making ourselves a bookmark!

Year 3 & 4 – What Makes our World Wonderful?

In our Year 3 writers' cafe this week, our writing menu of choices consisted of a grumpy letter of complaint about the noise pollution from the Green Ship, a information report about our wonderful world, a diary entry from the perspective of the ship or a description of our forest school for new reception children starting in September. There were side orders of dictionary's, thesauri and handwriting pens. One of our class described Meadowside's Writers' Cafe as being 'the best thing ever' and had made him 'love writing even more!' What else could you ask for!

We have started to research the recent focus on plastic waste and the impact it is having on our oceans and environment. Look out for our year 3 plastic waste campaigns next week - let's all help keep our world wonderful!

In year 4 We have continued with our topic of 'What makes our world wonderful?' by looking at the life cycle of a flowering plant and identifying the flow of energy through a woodland food chain. In computing the children have been busy creating a branching data base to help identify minibests.

We are nearing the end of Charlotte's Web and next week we will think a little more deeply about some of the characters and their importance to the plot. Don't forget after half term we will be reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, so please try to get your hands on a copy... the children have really enjoyed being able to share the reading this term!

Year 5 & 6 – Are you a winner?

We completed our work on fractions, decimals and percentages this term but we will refer to it in number sense lesson openings to consolidate our understanding. Rapid recall of multiplication facts has really helped children to begin to simplify fractions and change improper fractions into mixed numbers.

The second of our three visits to Sir Thomas Rich School took place this week and the children have enjoyed planning, conducting and recording a science investigation into separating liquids and solids. The reasoning and explanations have been very encouraging and the children have enjoyed experiencing science in a secondary school setting.

Much of our writing this term has been based around the book, 'The boy in the girl's bathroom' and we have been able to carefully consider how we can build our own resilience and how best to communicate with others, even if their personality or attitudes may differ from our own. The week concluded with our Royal Wedding Celebrations.

We did it! Nailed with a class conga around the school to celebrate. Year 6 should be incredibly proud of their efforts this week and their approach to SATS. They have worked hard, behaved well and have had lots of fun. Breakfast Club seems to have been a real hit and started their day positively, setting the tone for their day. In other time, we have sketched and proven our inner artist as well as having plenty of outdoor exercise. We are looking forward to changing our focus back to all the other wonderful subjects we study in our topic of Are You A Winner? We will continue being amazing next term and are eagerly awaiting our exciting school residential after half term. Let's hope the weather is kind.

Governor Corner

Governors would like to congratulate Year 6 children on completing SATs this week. We have heard how incredibly hard you have all worked to prepare and how you have displayed a really positive attitude throughout. These tests only measure a little bit of you and your abilities, they are important, but you are all made up of many other skills and talents that we see at Meadowside and measure in other ways too. We hope you enjoyed your picnic and water fight and look forward to your residential soon. Lastly, Governors want to thank the Year 6 team who have supported the children to prepare and throughout the week.

To contact the Governors, please email: Chair@meadowsideprimary.co.uk

Friends Of Meadowside

Tonight, we will hold the Discos and hope that everyone enjoys them! Thanks to all who bought tickets and to the volunteers on the night for all you help!

The disco will see the first use of our new reusable cups for drinks so we will no longer use single use plastics at the children's events. More washing up for the volunteers but a small price to pay to help the environment. We will try our best to avoid it as much as possible at other events but if we have to use them then we will aim to recycle as much as possible.

You should have all received letters for the Circus tickets which are on sale now!!

We have had to park the T-towels idea for now as it became quite complex. We still have the children's templates and we will revisit this idea again perhaps around Christmas.

In the meantime, we will use all the class winners of the Circus logo competition on the posters and programme etc instead of just the one overall winner as intended. As we can't name them here/social media from a safeguarding perspective, they will be announced in a school assembly shortly and you'll be able to see them on the posters over the next few weeks.

Other News

Dance Festival- Well done to our beautiful and amazing dedicated dancers. They have finished on a high! Their tour of performances has collected on the way many amazing comments and feedback. The compliments have been outstanding and if you would like to see our group picture, there is a framed version in the school office for you to order very soon. We will let you know when we have received order forms. Well done all once again, you have made our school very proud.

Y4 Football Festival – our team came second in this event (on goal difference) and are now off to the County Finals at Ashton Gate in Bristol next Tuesday. We wish them lots of luck.

INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

Monday 4th June 2018
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.meadowsideschool.co.uk, for all upcoming events.

Dates for your diary

23rd May- Year 5 Science visits to Sir Thomas Rich's School
22nd May –Year 4 Football Team at Ashton Gate
22nd May- 2:45pm Yr 6 Residential meeting
23rd May- QLC Yr 1 Multisports event
24th May – Year 5/6 Alternative sports event at Field Court Junior School
6th June- 8th June- Year 6 Residential
7th June- Warwick castle visit Year 1 and 2
7th June- Year 5 visit to Cheltenham Science festival
13th June – Class Photos

Date of next newsletter: Friday 8th June