

Autumn Term Edition

Friday 27th September 2019

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243	278	305	300

Message from the Head

We really enjoyed welcoming you all into school for the Meet the Team session and always appreciate the time you spend, finding out more about your child's education at Meadowside. Parents Evenings will be upon us soon and will be a good opportunity to hear more about your child's progress academically and socially. We will use the targets on their end of year report as a starting point to identify their next steps. The Tom Robson event on 24th October should also be a positive and inspiring evening, with plenty of strategies and tips, to encourage your child's resilience and independence in and out of school. And...he is hopefully bringing his therapy dog!

Meadowside Class News.

Reception- This week we have all been in together so we have met old friends and made new ones. It has also been busy as we started learning our sounds. Oscar the tortoise is keen to learn with us, he has a go every year but has terrible trouble remembering. WE have also been talking about some of our favourite things, like our favourite food. next week we will be sharing our favourite books.

Year 1- In Year 1, we have been really throwing ourselves into our topic over the last two weeks. We drew self portraits and then learned colouring techniques to make us look piratical, dyed our own bandanas, had a go at using some pirate language, found out about pirate weaponry and even went to pirate boot camp! We have also been describing some pirates in our English lessons!

Year 2- This week, we have been testing our fitness to ensure that we have the necessary skills to survive the chores on board a ship! We attended pirate boot camp to enhance our fitness levels and piratical skills! We also learnt about the range of weapons that pirates used and were surprised to learn that the Number 1 weapon a pirate used was his fearsome reputation! Last week, we learnt how to sound like a pirate in English, so we can put that into practise to strike fear into the hearts of our enemies!

Year 3- In Year 3 we are continuing to have a 'Really Revolting' time. We have been learning about Roald Dahl's life and have been busy writing his biography, what an interesting life he lead! Ask your child to tell you more. We have been enjoying our class book The Twits and have been discussing how revolting they were, resulting from this we wrote some revolting poetry. In our topic sessions we have been thinking about the importance of looking after our teeth and using the disclosing tablets was quite an eye opener for the class.

Class News Continued

Year 4- The Roald Dahl dress up day was a great success and a myriad of amazing outfits featured. We have concluded our Roald Dahl biographies and we are working on character profiles of The Twits. We have been working on place value and order numbers up to 5-digits in maths. Children have enjoyed programming using a free programme called Scratch. You are encouraged to sign up for free at scratch.mit.edu so that you are able to work on your coding skills at home. Each week, we will be celebrating the effort of children using Times Table Rockstars when not at school. This is a brilliant tool to help your child enhance their recall of multiplication and division facts and will be invaluable in helping them feel confident and prepared when taking the new compulsory national times table test in the Summer term.

Beech class enjoyed showing parents around their classroom and we look forward to our residential next week! Please send in any remaining residential forms promptly, many thanks.

Year 5- Year 5 continue to enjoy our space themed topic. We have been learning more about the scale of the solar system and the order of the planets. In maths, we have studied multiples and factors. Now we are working on prime numbers. In English, we are reading "The Nowhere Emporium" by Ross McKenzie. This children's novel is full of magic and wonder and we are using it to inspire our writing. We have also celebrated reading by sharing our favourite books in class.

Year 6- In Year 6 we have been busy creating holiday brochures for the 'trip-of-a-lifetime', a luxury holiday travelling through our solar system. These brochures have been developed from three weeks of hard work, research and planning. During our Topic sessions we have continued to explore the planets and looked at the relationship between the Earth, Sun and Moon. In PE our Space Oddity dance tells the dramatic story of a space mission gone wrong!

Governor News

Governor roles for this year have now been elected and we thought we would share the main responsibility of each of the team. Ian Webb is our Chair once again, with Rachel Brain as Vice Chair. Rachel is also English Governor and Chair of the Resources Committee. Craig Broadman is our Mathematics Governor and Laurence Boakes leads on PE and Sport. Deji Adeosun is our Finance Governor. Sally Perry is responsible for Safeguarding and Rhiannon Byron leads the Teaching and Learning Committee as well as having responsibility for SEND. Mrs Whitlock is our Staff Governor.

Next time, we will be telling you more about the work of the Teaching and Learning Committee.

Friends of Meadowside

Firstly many thanks to all of you who came along to our 'Coffee and Conversation' events. It was great to meet you and have a chat about some of the things we get up to.

Last night we kicked off with the first FoM meeting of the new school year and have started planning a whole calendar of events for this academic year! We're just dotting the i's and crossing the t's and then we will issue the plan so you can put dates in your diaries.

Our first fundraising event is today and is 'Krispy Kreme Friday' if you are reading this before 15:15 then don't forget your £1's to buy some delicious treats!

Hot on its heels our traditional event in October where we'll fight for this year's Meadowside Bake-off champions. The theme for the Bake Off this year is 'Nature at its Best', more information will follow next week!

Other news

We wish Mrs Sarah Stewart (Maple Class TA) all the very best, as she starts her Maternity Leave. Good Luck from all the Meadowside family!

Football news Despite drawing the first two games 0-0, a 1-0 defeat against Dinglewell wasn't enough to put us through to the finals of this competition. It was an incredibly close contest. The boys were magnificent and fought very hard. We are very proud of their achievements and they should hold their heads high. Parents (The Meadowside FC Fan Club and Support Crew!), thank you for all the help with lifts. The girls are next, followed by the B team after the half term break.

National Poetry Day – Next week it is National Poetry Day on Thursday 3rd October. We will be celebrating this at Meadowside by having our first Poetry Slam! Each class will perform a poem centred around the national theme of truth.

Dixie Dots – Our Dixie Dots tile competition wall is due to be going up over the next few weeks. If you know a tiler that would volunteer to put up these tiles for us, please let us know! Thank you for the kind offers we have already had – hopefully we can organise a working party!

INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

Friday October 25th 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

**May Bank Holiday 2020 is
Friday 8th May**

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Dates for your diary

30th Sept 5 30- Y5 Secondary School Information session

1st October – Maple Class Letters and Sounds information session

2nd – 4th Oct – Y4 Wye Valley Residential

8th October- Year 5 visit to literature festival

9th October – Harvest Assembly (children only)

15th Oct 4-7pm and 16th October 3 30-5 30 Parents Evenings.

21st October – Meadowside Bake Off

24th October – Individual portrait photographs

24th October 6pm – Dr Tom Robson Parent Event

End of Term 1 is 3 15 pm 24th October. Term 2 begins on 4th Nov

Don't forget to check the website

www.meadowsideschool.co.uk/calendar for all key dates.

Date of next newsletter: Friday 11th October

