

Autumn Term Edition

Friday 15th November 2019

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
154	183	169	175

Message from the Head

This term's whole school focus is 'Getting On and Falling Out'. In our school community, as in life, we are trying to help children find the best ways of negotiating friendships and relationships through good times as well as difficulties. We refer to Meadowside's community values alongside those expectations in our own lives – mutual respect, tolerance, democracy, liberty and the rule of law. Our new (democratically elected) School Council have already begun shaping a new initiative of their own, linked to these values. More next time...

Meadowside Class News.

Reception-

Our new topic this term is 'Who helps us?'. Last week we talked about the people who help us at school. we learnt more about what they did. We had some questions for them so we asked Ms Nobel to come into the classroom for a question session. Later in the week we to the kitchen to talk to the cooks. We asked them some questions too. We discovered that they don't go to the shops to get the ingredients but have deliveries to the kitchen. This week we walked up to Tesco to find out about all the jobs that people do to get the food on the shelves. It was great, we got to go round the back and even went into the fridges.

Year 1-

Year 1 have had a couple of very exciting weeks! We have been designing and building our own pirates ships (being sure to include all of the important features!) and learning about different materials and their properties. We did some experiments to investigate properties - most of us enjoyed finding out about buoyancy and water resistance the most exciting!

Year 2-

We have been focussing on the Key Question How Did Pirates Travel? We have been investigating materials to find the perfect material for each part of our pirate ship! Ask your child about the different parts of a pirate ship and what they think they should be made from! In maths, we are moving on to look at position and direction and the vocabulary used to explain this. Encourage your children to be specific with their language when speaking to you!

Year 3-

Year 3 have really enjoyed finding out about the pyramids and pharaohs of Ancient Egypt. We have spent time creating a paper mache death mask and painting it to show how King Tutankamun's death mask looked. The children worked really hard to mimic the colours and patterns used. In English we have begun to read Egyptian Cinderella, the children enjoyed creating a story map of it and reading it aloud. You could see if they can retell you what happens at the start of the story. In Maths we have begun to investigate how to use the column addition method.

Class News Continued

Year 4-

We have left The Twits and are now immersed in Ancient Egypt. Having discovered Tutankhamun's tomb, we have enjoyed writing a diary as Howard Carter. Also, we conducted a debate on whether he was right to take artefacts and wrote balanced arguments. In mathematics, we have concluded our geometry work and rehearsed symmetry and properties of 2d shapes. Creating Egyptian masks has been a particular highlight!

The Life Education team have replaced their bus with an inflatable and our session 'It's great to be me!', took part in the library on Wednesday.

Year 5-

Elm class are really enjoying the new topic, "Our World". We have been finding out about how the polar ice caps are melting in our topic starter which will lead into activities about our climate and the challenges we face in controlling climate change. In English, we are reading the book Floodland by Marcus Sedgewick which is set in the near future and explores what it would be like to live in a world affected by rising sea levels. In maths, we are refining our skills in written addition and subtraction.

Year 6-

It has been an awesome start to the new term in year 6. We have begun our new topic – Our World – which focuses on the human impact on our environment. The book that is taking us on the journey through the topic is called 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick. The children have already produced amazing science, writing and art to go along with this. Maths has involved learning about 2D shape. There is a lot of tricky vocabulary that goes along with this such as parallel, perpendicular, trapezium and obtuse, so we are working hard to remember it. In P.E we are attacking space and learning how to evade opposition teams, whilst computing involves us putting together our animations. The 'Planets' by Gustav Holst has inspired us to compose music of our own and we will be heading to the amphitheatre of the coming weeks to perfect our performances!

Governor News

Staff here at Meadowside are currently reviewing the curriculum across all year groups. They are working hard to review how each subject is taught at school and to ensure that there are clear links when teaching topic work, to include all subjects. Governors are working closely with teachers to monitor how children are building on skills learned in previous year groups.

Meadowside has always been a school that does very well in providing children with a broad, balanced curriculum, focusing equally on the whole range of National Curriculum subjects and teaching children in creative ways. We are very proud that our children have a well-rounded education and are enthusiastic about their learning.

At recent parents' evenings teachers shared end of year expectations, so that we as parents can see what skills are children are working towards. These are now displayed on the school website along with a curriculum overview of what children are taught in each year group. For more information on changes to our curriculum here at Meadowside, please visit: <https://meadowsideschool.co.uk/information/our-curriculum/>

"Our curriculum is designed to give every child a life-long love of learning, gain knowledge and acquire skills and to ultimately help them succeed in life beyond Meadowside"

Friends of Meadowside

It's that time of year again for the children to dust off their party shoes and have a boogie at the Meadowside disco's. The theme this year will be **Glo-vember Dis-glows!** Thursday 21st KS1 from 17:00pm and KS2 from 18:30pm. There is no need to go out and buy anything extra - wearing white or neon clothing will show up the best under the disco lights, as will anything white like trainers, hair bands, watches etc! We hope this is a fun, and exciting experience for the children!

The next event we are busy organising is the Christmas Fair and Car Park Carols on Tuesday 3rd December. We want to say many thanks to everyone who donated prizes to us for dress down day, we have been overwhelmed with the donations and are now busy sorting through it all to make up some fantastic prize hampers. We are delighted to confirm the Santa has agreed to visit us again this year! We will have more information on this nearer the time, so keep an eye on our Notice Board and Facebook page.

Other news

Reading- We hope that you are enjoying our Meadowside Storytime editions on our Facebook page! Our next edition is going live tonight at 4pm! If you watch it and enjoy our video, please leave us a comment! You could even suggest some stories that you would like to hear in the future! Along this same line, we would encourage you to add comments in your child's yellow Reading Record book- you can write about what you and your child discussed during the book or any other books your child knows that link to the story they read. Remember that you can write about **any text** your child reads, it's not limited to the book your child gets from school! It could be a magazine they have, a different book they have at home, or even something from our ePlatform they have read or listened to! The possibilities are endless! Happy reading!

INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

Monday 6th January 2020

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

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Dates for your diary

Monday 18th November- Year 5 Quedgeley library visit.

Wednesday 20th November- Whole School Problem-Solving day

Thursday 21st November- Friends of Meadowside discos

Friday 22nd November – Inter-Schools Cross Country Event

Tuesday 3rd December- Christmas market and Car park carols

Tuesday 17th December – 9:30am- KS1 Performance

1:45pm- KS 2 performance

Wednesday 18th December – 9:30am- KS2 Performance

1:45pm- KS1 performance

Thursday 19th December- School Christmas lunch

Friday 20th December -2pm School finishes for Christmas

Don't forget to check the website

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

Date of next newsletter: Friday 29th November 2019



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