

Spring Term Edition

Friday 28th February 2020

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Message from the Head

Welcome back to a soggy Term 4! This week, we have reminded all the children in assemblies about the meaning of Respect. It features in our Golden Rules and in the Fundamental British Values, for good reason. It is an expectation that the children are courteous, polite and listen carefully wherever they are in school and whatever they are doing. This should happen as a matter of course, but it is important that we remind them that everyone has a part to play, in order for our school community to flourish. We rely on your support to echo these messages at home; in this way, Meadowside children will be the best citizens possible, now and as they grow up. Good manners, a calm and respectful attitude and listening with tolerance to each other will be our weekly focus this term and we will revisit our school vision and values. These can be found on our school website.

Meadowside Class News

Reception-

It was great to see everyone back after half term and hear about what they had been up to. We are continuing with our topic 'What's the story?' On Monday there was a picture of a castle in the story chest and a song to listen to. the song was about a princess who slept for a hundred years. With the theme of sleeping Beauty we have been making magic wands, writing spells, dressing up as royalty, following instructions to make crowns and much more. We have even changed our role play in the classroom into a castle. What will the story be next?

Year 1-

This week, Year 1 were excited to begin travelling back in time! We went all the way back to 1564 to the birth of William Shakespeare! We found out why he is so famous and what he has done to make Britain great! After discovering all of the new words he invented for the English language we took part in a Romeo and Juliet "whoosh" and all got to do some acting! We also learnt the meaning of the word "tragedy"! We are looking forward to finding out about more great Britons and how they impacted our country.

Year 2-

This term, Year 2 are travelling back in time to help us answer the Key Question Who were the British Greats? We are going to 'meet' a variety of Great Brits and find out what they did to change our country for the better. At the end of this term, we will be asking all the children to choose a great British person to champion, more details to follow soon! In maths, we will be beginning multiplication and division, so if your child has not recently signed on to TTRockStars, now is the time! Our English lessons, continue to focus on the Out and About poems by Shirley Hughes. (We hope you had fun out and about in the rain over half term!!)

Class News Continued

Year 3-

Year 3 have had a brilliant start to the new term. We have moved on to the second part of our Extreme topic which will look at volcanoes, natural disasters such as flooding and much more. We had a great afternoon on Monday creating lots of different large scale art pieces - try asking your child which techniques and mediums they used. Year 3 were also excited to begin the Outdoor Adventurous Activities in PE and completed a blindfold walk which involved lots of teamwork (one of the sporting values they will be focussing on during this unit of work).

Year 4-

In Year Four Beech, we have all survived our outdoor extreme survival morning and having identified hot places around the world, we are now considering the differences between canals and rivers. The effects and causes of flooding have been considered and the recent weather has fitted in recently to class discussions!

In maths, we have completed our work with time and we would recommend encouraging your child to wear an analogue watch to help build their time telling skills. We are now learning about the relationship between fractions and decimals. Year Four Beech have been making good use of TTRockstars; please keep it up.

In English, we have sadly come to the end of Brightstorm and the children loved it; thank you for your support and buying copies for your child. We concluded our work by using the book as a stimulus to write cinquains and haikus. The children have chosen the sequel, 'Darkwhispers' as our class novel. We are now writing poems around the theme of water and started with the traditional poem, 'Where go the boats', by Robert Louis Stevenson

Year 5-

Year 5 finished their topic "All the world's a stage" with a performance of a Midsummer Night's Dream for parents and friends. We were very pleased to have the chance to work as a team to prepare our play and polish our drama skills. The Y5 GSP Shakespeare Club members would like to thank everybody who supported our recent bake sale. We have managed to raise the full cost of the minibus to take us to the Shakespeare Festival next week. Our new topic, "Troy Story", began yesterday for years 5 and 6 with a huge surprise in the shape of a modern-day version of the famous wooden horse of Troy. Following much excitement when the "gift" was opened, we went on to learn the story of the siege of Troy and the wooden horse through both drama and listening to a radio play. In our maths lessons, we continue to work on fractions.

Year 6-

In Year 6 we started the new term off with an unexpected gift. Unfortunately, the beautifully decorated car we received from the Greeks turned out to be a trick, and we were attacked by their army who had hidden inside it! We have compared our experience to the Legend of Troy which we have acted out, read and listened to. We have also begun to design our motorised Trojan horses and experimented with making electrical circuits. In Maths we have been revising processes that we find tricky and thinking about what we would like to focus on in the coming weeks.

Friends of Meadowside

Firstly many thanks to everyone who came along to the Great Meadowside Quiz at the beginning of February. We made £189 from the event which will be put towards some additional musical resources to support the amphitheatre lessons. A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Port who always host an amazing event.

Before half term we launched ticket sales for Happy's Circus which is booked to visit us on Friday 19th June. Tickets are selling quickly so please use any of the methods below to order tickets:

We will have a number of options on how to buy tickets:

- 1) **CASH OR CHEQUE** - By completing an order form and enclosing cash or cheque in a sealed envelope, marked for the attention of Friends of Meadowside, and return to the Meadowside school office. Tickets will be returned via Book Bags. If you need an order form please email friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk
- 2) **PAYPAL** - By making payment a payment via Paypal – please put the name of your child in the notes with how many tickets you are paying for. Please leave goods and services box unticked! Tickets will be returned via Book bags. <https://www.paypal.me/MeadowsideCircus>
- 3) **ONLINE PAYMENT** - This year we are also using PTA Events to sell tickets online so you can pay with a Credit or Debit card. Please note that using this method will incur a small booking fee imposed by the Booking System. This fee is outside the control of Friends of Meadowside and we do not receive any of the fee. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friends-of-meadowside/index.cfm?event=pta>

If you have any questions please email us via friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk, or if you spare some time to help organise this event please let us know!

Finally the Krispy Kreme Pop Up Shop will be open this afternoon. Doughnuts are £1 each.

Other news

Dinner Money- The current amount of outstanding dinner money debt across the School is around £650.00. Please pay immediately if your account is in deficit or contact the School office if you have any queries or concerns. **All School meals need to be paid for in advance.**

Red Nose Day special menu- On Friday the 13th of March there will be a special red nose day lunch menu- Meatballs with tomato sauce and rice, vegan meatballs with tomato sauce and rice or jacket potato with beans.

This will mean that Thursday 12th will now be battered fish and chips, potato and courgette stack or soup and baguette.

Meadowside Book Week reminder - Don't forget that on the Friday 6th March, where we would like the children to dress as urchins/ ragamuffins for the day!!! Please refer to the email we sent earlier this week for full details,

Football – It's been an amazing footballing week. 23 of our children have represented Meadowside. The B-team beat Robinswood 3-1 and the A team defeated Widden 7-0. They are both through to the next round of their cups. The girls play Harewood tonight. COME ON GIRLS!

Table Top Sports- On Tuesday two teams of KS2 children went to Gloucester Academy to represent Meadowside in seated Volleyball and Table Top Cricket tournament. These were new sports to most of us and we were very proud of the determination and teamwork shown by all the children. Both our teams were successful in both sports and won several matchers. Well done to all.

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

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

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March – Meadowside Book Week

Friday 6th March – Shakespeare Club performance in GSP festival

Monday 16th March- Bikeability week Year 5

Tuesday 24th March- Rocksteady concert 9:30am

Sunday 29th March- Friends of Meadowside Easter hunt

Wednesday 1st April- Parents Evening 4 -7pm

Thursday 2nd April- Parent Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Friday 3rd April – Friends of Meadowside chocolate raffle

Don't forget to check the website

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

Date of next newsletter: Friday 13th March 2020



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