

Summer Term Edition

Friday 14th May 2021

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
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Message from the Head

We are looking forward to talking to you all next week, to celebrate your child's achievements and agree their next steps. The message we have been stressing to the children this term is 'Keep going, keep growing'. We are encouraging each child to build their learning pathways, reconnect and be patient and resilient. As adults, we know that there is still work to do long-term, but Meadowside children need to be congratulated for their positive mindset and enthusiasm for learning. Thank you all for your support in helping to make this happen.

Reception

It has been fun to continue with our topic 'Amazing animals'. Last week we were looking at animals that live in the pond. We took the opportunity to go and have a look at the school pond. The bad news was that we found a dead frog, but the good news is that there are plenty of newts in there. We learnt about the life cycle of frogs and had a go at our own art work based on the Lilly ponds of Matisse. This week we have travelled to the jungle. Each group learnt some interesting facts. Do you know which animals live in family groups called troops? if not ask a child from Willow class.

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy finding out all about the Isle of Struay over the last two weeks! This is the island that Katie Morag lives on and it is based on a real island in the Hebrides called Coll. We were very surprised to find out that the population on Struay is smaller than the number of children in our class! We have been comparing Quedgeley to Struay and can't quite believe how different the way people live throughout the UK is! Alongside this, we have found out about human and physical features and have been trying to identify which is which! We loved looking at maps – in particular, we enjoyed looking at our school from above on Goggle maps and spotting the features we recognised!

We have also been busy learning the days of the week, months of the year and how to tell time to the nearest hour and half an hour using an analogue clock. These are all great skills that can easily be practiced at home so why not give your child some opportunities to impress you with their knowledge!

Class News Continued

Year 2-

Year 2 have been enjoying themselves on the Isle of Struay this week with Katie Morag McColl! We have found out about the human and physical features of the island and have been amazed to find out some of the ways that her life is different to ours- the worst thing we discovered was that her internet would go down in big storms so she couldn't play on the internet!!!!!! Consequently, none of us thought we would want to live on Struay- everyone chose to stay right here in Quedgeley! We have written to Katie Morag telling her all about the differences between where we live. She might even right back to us!

In our maths work, we have been learning how to use efficient mental methods and so took down our numberline this week from the classroom! It has made our room look very different but we are coping well without it!

Year 3-

Last week, on Wednesday morning, the class arrived in school to discover that their chairs were missing! There was a great deal of speculation about where they could possibly be. Later in the morning, Miss Noble arrived with a letter from them. We then spent the rest of the morning writing letters to the chairs to persuade them to come back! Some very persuasive letters were written and fortunately, the class persuaded the chairs to come back!

In our topic 'You've Been Framed', we have continued to focus on a variety of artists. They have worked well as a group to paint in the style of Derain and Seurat, they created some great images of a London skyline. This week, we have looked at the work of Monet, we have used watercolours to create our own images inspired by his work.

In Maths we are learning new methods for multiplication of two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. These can be quite tricky methods to learn but can be really helped with a secure grasp of times table facts. Please encourage your child to keep using TTR to help them learn the x2 x10 x5 x3 x4 and x8 tables.

Year 4 –

Year 4 have continued their exploration of differing painting techniques in our topic, 'You've Been Framed'. We have been exploring pointillism and impressionism and the children have investigated work by Seurat, Derain and Monet. They have enjoyed working with Miss Visaranta who has ably supported the children in creating their own interpretations.

Our recent work in multiplication and division has shown that a significant amount of children in Year 4 are not confident in their quick recall of division and multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. It is disappointing how many children so not make regular use of resources such as TTR Rockstars in order to rehearse these facts and we would ask you to encourage your child to use it regularly throughout the week. We are also reminding children of other approaches and tools to help embed these key number facts.

Our work in English has been based on a book called 'Anna's Art Adventure' by Bjorn Sortland. This clever picture book is a journey into the world of modern art. Please continue to add comments about your child's home reading and include details of other books that are not from school that they are currently enjoying. Many thanks for your continued support.

Class News Continued

Year 5-

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed the past fortnight. We have a lovely new member of our Meadowside family join Year 5 – a very warm welcome to Lucia! Our Viking topic, Invasion, has continued and we have learnt where the Vikings came from, why the Vikings invaded Britain and have even begun making our own Viking shields. In English, we have been continuing with the story of Beowulf and his mission to defeat Grendel. The writing Year 5 have produced has been stunning! Fractions, decimals and percentages have been the flavour of the fortnight. It's tricky in places but with perseverance and hard work, we are getting there. In computing, we have been learning about animation in Scratch and in P.E with have been continuing with tennis and cricket. Remember, spellings are on Teams and Spelling Shed for all of Year 5 to access. It's been another fabulous fortnight!

Year 6-

This fortnight in Year 6 we have begun to prepare for our end of year production. We won't give too much away but its sure to be spectacular! Everyone has been assigned a role and we are practicing the songs whenever we get chance to. Look out for more information on clubs as we will be launching some after-school sessions focussing on our production in the coming weeks. In Maths we have discovered that we are experts at multiplying and dividing fractions. In English we have produced some incredible pieces of writing centred around our book, Viking Boy. We are loving the gore and violence and our villain character descriptions were nightmare-inducing! We have studied Viking runes and patterns and designed our own which we used to do some printing.

Friends of Meadowside

Today marks the final day of our Loose Change Challenge! We will quarantine the collection bottles for a few days before we begin the mammoth task of counting the results. It's been a tense competition with lots of classes filling more than 1 bottle. We will announce the winning class as soon as possible.

With more relaxation of the government guidelines next week, we are busy planning our next event. We will be announcing this soon and are really looking forward to getting back to see you all soon!

We've been busy processing all the Circus ticket refunds and hopefully everyone has now received their full payment back. If you are due a refund and haven't heard from us yet then please do get in touch. In addition to this we have records of those people who won tickets as part of Raffles and other events, we are in the process of getting hold of equivalent prizes for you and will be in touch with you shortly.

Finally, at the end of this year we will have a vacancy on the committee for a new Chair person. If you are interested in this role, or would like to find out more about the role of the committee in general, please contact us at friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk and we will be more than happy to have a chat.

Other News

The children have been creating some amazing artwork this week! The Royal Mail have asked children to create a stamp in honour of the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. Every child at Meadowside has had the opportunity to create their own stamp and you can read more about the competition here [Heroes Stamp Design Competition - from Royal Mail and iChild](#) **Please read the attached letter as it contains very important data protection information about how the Royal Mail will use your child's name and our school. If you do not wish your child to take part in the competition, please notify the school office and we will not send their design away to be judged.**

**INSET dates
(School shut for pupils)
Monday 7th and Tuesday
8th June 2021**

**Wednesday 21st July
2021**

**INSET dates for
2021/2022 Academic Year
Thursday 2nd and Friday
3rd September 2021**

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

Dates for your diary

**Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th May – Virtual
Parents evenings 3 30 – 6 00pm.**

Friday 28th May- End of term

Don't forget to check the website
www.meadowsideschool.co.uk/calendar for all key dates.

Term 6 begins on Wednesday 9th June 2021

Date of next newsletter: Friday 28th May 2021



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