

Summer Term Edition

Friday 18th June 2021

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
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Message from the Head

We were all disappointed to hear that there has been a delay to the final stage in the roadmap, where all restrictions will be lifted. We have been advised by the Department for Education that all control measures in school must stay as they are until the end of term. This will have an impact on some of our traditional summer term events and transition planning for new Reception children and our Y6s moving on. Further details will be sent to you from Meadowside and from Secondary Schools themselves. As last year, some events will still take place but have to be risk assessed, adapted, or held for staff and pupils only. Again, we will come back to you soon with all the details. Our aim will be to make the final few weeks of the year as happy and beneficial for the children as we possibly can, under the circumstances!

Meadowside Class News

Reception-

Reception launched their new topic 'Let's go' by bringing in their own bikes and scooters for a ride around the school playground. It was great fun and we were very impressed with their skills. This week we have been looking at things on the road: cars, buses, motorbikes and lorries. Our outside area is full of big box vehicles we have made and are now having a great time with, using our imaginations to drive us to different places. As part of our learning we have also been thinking about road safety, crossing the road and putting on our seat belts. Next week we will be moving on to look at ways to travel on the water.

Year 1-

Year 1 have had a great time getting stuck into the history side of holidays! We had a mystery museum box filled with very exciting artefacts from holidays in the past and we loved trying to work out what they were! We were particularly impressed by how much cameras have changed as well as the clothing people wore to the beach! We had a brilliant time watching the Punch and Judy show, everyone was laughing, shouting, pointing and clapping! What an exciting afternoon it was! We especially enjoyed getting a sneaky peak inside the Punch and Judy booth to see how it all works! We are excited to find out more about holidays in the past, and hopefully you have received our letters for help with some photos you may have from holidays when you were young! We look forward to seeing them!

Class News Continued

Year 2-

Year 2 have been transported back to the 1900s this term, where we are learning about what holidays were like in the time period 1900-1930. Over this term, we will look at 3 distinct time periods (1900-1930, 1930-1970 and 1970-2000) and compare the changes in holidays in these eras and nowadays. We will be using this information to create 3 reports on holidays in our topic books where we are choosing what information to include and focussing on presenting our work neatly. You will get to see our hard work when we bring our topic books home at the end of the year!

This week, we have also introduced the children to Times Table Rockstars (TTR). This is a subscription paid for by school that allows children to practise their times tables by playing games and earning 'coins', which they can then use to spend on items for their own 'avatar'. The children were very excited and keen to play at home! The website is <https://ttrockstars.com/> You just need to enter the school postcode- GL2 4LX and your child's login information, which they have all brought home this week on a little card. (If it gets lost, your child can ask me for another- I have made spares!) I will keep an eye on who earns the most coins this week, so have fun playing, Year 2!

Year 3-

Year 3 have had a very exciting start to the new term. On Wednesday last week, we went to the hall for our topic launch. We ate some popcorn whilst we experienced the sights and sounds of a fairground. We even went on a virtual rollercoaster! Since then, we have been thinking about forces at the fairground and have already undertaken several forces experiments involving friction and magnetism— why not ask your child about them! In English we have started an exciting new text called *Leon and the Space Between*, a book full of magic and excitement! In maths, we are looking at division, we are using our times table knowledge to help us. Please help your child learn the 2,3,4,5, and 10 tables, the better their recall, the easier the division will be! Don't forget to use TTR!

Year 4-

Our new topic, 'What's the Attraction?', was launched with great excitement and popcorn! This is our final topic and it will take us up to the Summer break. Our class novel is 'Chester's Fairground' by Lawrence Prestidge.

Children in Silver Birch have taken part in the national Multiplication Timetable Check, and this will provide Meadowside with useful information to help embed the swift recall of multiplication facts up to x12. We are coming to the end of a unit on 'Measure'; it would be really helpful if you were able to get an analogue watch for your child and quiz them about the current time. Practice will embed this useful skill.

Thank you for your kind wishes after my road accident last week, I am glad to be on the road to recovery and back with the class!

Class News Continued

Year 5-

We have certainly been enjoying the sunny weather this term! In Forest School we had a lovely time finishing the construction of our kites and trying to fly them. They took some launching, but 'flew' a good distance. We have started rounders and athletics in P.E. and begun looking at networks in computing. We are still loving all things Viking and in topic sessions we have been researching Viking place names. We have also started a mixed media collage using analogous colours based on a Viking boat at sea. Our English has focused around the rainbow bridge in Viking mythology and this led to researching rainbows, experimenting to see how they are formed and writing our own texts about them. We were really pleased with the results. In maths, we have been adding fractions and mixed numbers using equivalence and the bar model to help us visualise the question. We are moving onto subtraction next week.

Year 6-

Year 6 have now entered their last term here at Meadowside. Everyone is brimming with excitement and preparing for some memorable events this term.

First of all, some of us have met a couple of teachers from their new school and the same will happen for each of them in one way or another with ever changing times. Transition conversations and tasks are underway, so we can help each other with our big next step. The children are responding very well to the thoughts of Year 7.

However for now they are still ours and we have in Maths just finished converting units of measure and completed some tricky challenges and reasoning skills linked to this. In English we are exploring mythical monsters as the Vikings once did and developing our own by writing non-chronological reports for others to understand more about them. Some of the illustrations are amazing!

We are developing our understanding of positive relationships in RSE and the value of trust, kindness and respect.

You will all have received an email regarding the plan next week to do a Mock SATS week culminating in the infamous water fight leading straight in to our Staycation.

Cameras at the ready! Let's make happy Meadowside memories.

Other News

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner, for further details please use the link below.

<https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/details.aspx?ID=22606&page=0>

Safeguarding at Meadowside

- Y6 children have been reminded today that they should not use their phones on the school premises. These should be in bags/pockets and handed in to staff on arrival.
- We would also like to remind parents and carers that **mobile phones are not permitted to be used on the school site**. Please do not make/receive calls during the school run. This rule is essential to safeguard the children and all of us as adults too.
- Our Quedgeley Early Help team have sent a really useful link to parent webinars and a website, for Online Gaming Advice. All the details and attachments are at the end of this newsletter. If you attend one of the webinars, please let us know what you found helpful.

We have added a statement to our website and relevant policies, in support and recognition of the 'Everyone's Invited' National campaign.

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

**Wednesday 21st July
2021**

Dates for your diary

Friday 25th / Sat 26th June- Year 6 Staycation
Monday 5th July- Year 5/6 Viking Day
Thursday 8th July- Year 1/2 Camping holiday Shine!
Week commencing 12th July- School reports sent home
Tuesday 20th July- Last day of term.

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

Date of next newsletter: Friday 2nd July 2021



Meadowside School

Dear resident,

Online gaming has seen a massive increase in popularity with children over the COVID-19 pandemic, as result of more time spent at home and restrictions on physical social contact.

As grandparents, parents or guardians of children under the age of 18, your parenting community is very welcome to join one of our free Gaming4Good webinars where they can hear from a panel of experts in family gaming who will discuss psychology, gaming risk and finance, how to approach your child's gaming to help them get the most out of it... and avoid the pitfalls.

There are three one-hour webinars, each tailored for parents of children of different age groups.

Thursday June 17, 10am – 11am: parents and guardians with children 2–12 yrs

Thursday June 24, 10am – 11am: parents and guardians with children aged 12–15yrs

Wednesday June 30, 10am-11am: parents and guardians with children aged 15–18yrs

Our expert panellists include:

Liz Stanton MBE, Get Safe Online (moderator)

Annette Whalley, HSBC

Cath Knibbs, cyber trauma & psychology specialist

Adrian Sladdin, gaming & gambling expert

Andy Robertson, author and gaming for kids expert

Mat Hasker, Get Safe Online, gaming specialist & Dad

Please find attached a PDF flyer providing all the details. Also attached is our latest leaflet providing helpful tips on the subject.

All the information can also be found on our website:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/gaming4good-webinars/>

We hope they are helpful and look forward to seeing you there.

All the best,
the Get Safe Online team

Attachments

[Final Get Safe Online Gaming4Good Webinar leaflet.pdf](#) - 472.7 KB

[Gaming4Good E-Handbook June 2021.pdf](#) - 739.1 KB

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