

Summer Term Edition

Friday 28th May 2021

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Message from the Head

Thank you all for making the time to attend Parents Meetings on Teams and for bearing with any technical glitches. We really enjoyed talking to you all about your children and their successes. As a staff team, we are starting next term with some INSET training on 'My Beautiful Brain', to understand more about children's emotions and brain development, so we can respond in school, to help them progress. We will also be using Term 6 to consider Meadowside as it used to be and prepare for 'Start Again September', when we hope routines will be able to return to normal. We want to revisit with the children the important aspects of our school community, including our Golden Rules, our behaviour expectations, our eco ethos and our community values. Some of our younger children have little or no experience of playing together as a school and most of our older year groups are keen to remember the many positive school experiences we have had to put on hold.

Meadowside Class News

Reception-

Last week we learnt about the amazing animals that live under the sea; our classroom is now decorated with shoals of fish and posters about sea horses and sharks. We will also be taking home our beautiful clay rainbow fish.

This week the children made choices about their learning, deciding to learn about animals that live in cold places and then later in the week we will be looking at dinosaurs. There were so many amazing ideas from the children in our planning session I think they will have to plan several weeks of our topic next term. We have also had lots of fun playing some subtraction or taking away games and feeding numbers to hungry sharks. Have fun with your families and have a good rest at half term so you are ready for the fun and learning next term.

Year 1-

What an exciting couple of weeks Year 1 have had! We had a great time designing a healthy sandwich for Mr Grinling to eat after we discovered his diet was not particularly good for him! We then thought it was only fair that we make and sample our designs so we knew if they were up to standard! On Wednesday we put together our creations and took them to the Orchard to enjoy! Lots of us found that the butter spreading was the trickiest part, although keeping our filling in between the bread was also more complicated than we first thought! Overall, we had a brilliant time and now feel ready to send Mr Grinling our designs, knowing the sandwiches will taste fantastic!

Class News Continued

Year 2-

Last week we left the Isle of Struay and travelled to the coast to meet Mr Grinling from The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch! It was very disappointing to read that he was eating so unhealthily so we wrote him a letter to give him some good advice. It was then only fair that we lead by example and make ourselves a healthy packed lunch. Sandwich making was nowhere near as easy as we thought it would be!! It was ***very*** tricky to spread the butter! We were incredibly excited on Monday this week to be able to go on our very first Year 2 trip (even if we didn't go very far). The children were a credit to Meadowside and very sensibly crossed the road and walked up to The Orchard avoiding the big muddy puddles (even though Miss Mellersh didn't!) Hopefully the children told you what they thought of their sandwich- opinions ranged from "delicious" to "disgusting"!! Next term we continue our topic Buckets and Spades and are travelling somewhere very different indeed!

****Please note-** if you have not yet paid the £5 due for all our Buckets & Spades experiences, please do so as soon as possible so that we are able to allow them to continue. (If insufficient numbers of parents are willing to contribute our 'holiday' will have to be cancelled).

Have a lovely half term!

Year 3-

Year 3 have really enjoyed our topic of 'You've Been Framed'. In the last fortnight we have created sculptures inspired by Anthony Gormley, produced portraits in the style of Frieda Kahlo, Pop Art similar to Andy Warhol's and some mathematical artwork inspired by Kandinsky! This week we have spent time looking back at all our pieces of art and choosing our favourite piece to frame. Our chosen piece of artwork has been framed and will be hung in the Meadowside gallery...keep an eye on the school Facebook page... we hope to upload some photos once the gallery is complete!

In PE we enjoyed a Year 3 inter house football tournament - why not ask your child about it. Points were awarded not just for winning matches, but also for the teams displaying our school sporting values - Respect, Honesty, Team work, Determination, Passion and Belief. Well done to everyone!

Year 4-

We are coming to the end of our topic, 'You've Been Framed' and the children have enjoyed finding out about a range of different artists and approaches from impressionists to post modernists. Each child will choose one of their paintings to display in the Junior Corridor for all to enjoy!

We have concluded our unit on formal methods of multiplication and division; it has shown that a number of children are not yet fluent with their recall of multiplication and division facts within x12.

Please encourage your child to make use of TTR and other methods we have signposted. We are now working on a Measurement unit and we would like you to ask your child what the current time is and make particular use of analogue clock faces!

In English, we continue with guided reading groups and have enjoyed the class book, 'Vincent's Starry Night and Other Stories: A Children's History of Art'. Please encourage your child to check each day that they have their reading record and class reader in their school bag. It is really helpful if can write a brief note about their current reading and how they are getting on, even if it is not a school staged reading book.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the half-term.

Class News Continued

Year 5-

It has been another busy couple of weeks in Year 5. Highlights include constructing Viking longboats as part of our Invasion topic and creating kites in Forest School. We have been writing Mjolinar manuals in English and considering whether we are worthy of wielding the mighty hammer. The technical drawings were fantastic and we are now experts on its origin and powers. Our class novel, Viking Boy, is reaching its conclusion.

In maths, we continue our fraction journey, looking at converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions, as well as adding those with different denominators. We had a great CSI session identifying fractions in disguise and defeating the villainous Doctor Brok. In computing, we are finishing off our awesome Viking animations and in PE, cricket and tennis are drawing to a close. We look forward to rounders and athletics after half term.

We basked in the success of our victory in the loose change challenge and enjoyed our movie and popcorn. Thank you Friends of Meadowside. We hope you all have a lovely half term break. See you next term.

Year 6-

Last Thursday was an exciting day for Year 6. We spent a day building three longships, ready to race on Friday morning. We had to think about how we could create a solid structure that we could carry and race with. To aid us in battle, we designed and made shields using cardboard, paint and tin foil. We also learnt Viking chants and then created our own- they were brilliant! This week we have taken a break from the Viking-themed English, to focus on a book called Town Is by the Sea by Joanne Schwartz. It has provoked lots of discussion and debate about who gets to choose the way our futures look. In Maths we have been using bar-modelling to help us solve ratio and proportion problems. Although some of us have found this tricky, everyone has persevered! We hope everyone gets chance to re-charge over half term before the craziness of Term 6 commences!

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>

Friends of Meadowside news

Firstly we would like to congratulate Year 5 for winning the Loose Change Challenge. They raised a whopping £169.38 and will be receiving their Movie and treats soon. We were overwhelmed by the amounts raised by all the classes and truly appreciate your support and generosity.

We are excited to announce our June event – “A Sweet Ending”, which is a family cake trail around Green Farm. This is the 4th year of running the event (normally held in April), which have all followed a Sunday Roast Dinner Theme. This year it's the 4th and final course so we've called it “A sweet ending”. The hunt will take place on Sunday 13th June 10.30am – 1.30pm. Tickets are £2.50 per child, which can be exchanged for a map and clues on Sunday 13th. Every completed map can then be exchanged for a treat and entry into a Grand Prize Draw.

To purchase a ticket(s) please visit us online using PTA events <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmeadowside/>

The event will follow COVID Secure guidance and therefore we will be recording visitors via track and trace and masks will be required to be worn when on-site in the school grounds. We will be offering take away refreshments on the day along with a raffle and a pre-loved toy stall. We hope to see you there!

Dates for your diary

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

**Monday 7th and Tuesday
8th June 2021**

**Wednesday 21st July
2021**

Friday 28th May- End of term

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th June- Inset days (school shut for pupils)

Wednesday 9th June- Return to School

Wednesday 16th June- DSP Photography Whole class photos

Don't forget to check the website

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

Date of next newsletter: Friday 11th June 2021



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