

**Summer Term Edition**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

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### **Message from the Head**

We have very few learning days left this academic year. Children across the school are being given opportunities to build on their learning, reflect on achievements this year and enjoy end of topic experiences in the final weeks. Our Y6s have just about recovered from their very successful and action-packed staycation – even Scout the school dog slept out in a tent! These children only have 12 more days left of their primary school education and have shown amazing resilience and spirit in this last disrupted year. We are all very proud of every one of them and wish them a bright future.

### **Meadowside Class News**

#### **Reception-**

Our topic is Let's Go and last week we were off on the water. We found out about different types of boat, experimented with floating and sinking and read lots of stories about boats. On Thursday we went out on our first ever school trip. The class walked very sensibly in pairs down to the canal. There we saw several canal barges a smaller boat as well as lily pads, boat traffic lights and a mini digger. Then very excitingly the bridge was swung open as a large 3 masted tall ship came along the canal towards Gloucester. Some of us thought it looked very much like a pirate ship but the people on board were too friendly to be pirates, they all waved at us.

This week we came into the classroom to discover it was a station and we were soon using our imaginations to take a trip on a train. The ticket collector punched our tickets and the refreshment trolley was full of lots of delicious treats. Some of us went to London while others ended up at the beach. I wonder where our friends who are isolating at home ended up on their train journeys.

#### **Year 1-**

Year 1 have been busy learning from home this week! Well done to everyone who has been logging into our live lessons and submitting work – it has been lovely to see everything you have been doing! We are looking forward to our return to school next week, mostly because we are excited for our “shine” event to celebrate the end of our topic! We now know we will be having a camping style holiday in school but only for the day, as was the practice in Edwardian times! The children know the kinds of activities we will be getting up to and are looking forward to dressing up!

We are still looking for some tents that we could borrow, please let us know by contacting the office or speaking to your class team if you have any that we can borrow. We will need them in advance so we are able to quarantine them before putting them up!

## **Class News Continued**

### **Year 2-**

Year 2 loved seeing your holiday photos this week! Thank you to everyone who sent them in. What brilliant holidays you had! We used them to find out all about our last holiday period- 1970-2000. We investigated the destinations, accommodation and entertainment that was popular in this era so that we can write our last report in our topic books! We are eagerly anticipating our holiday next week- don't forget that we are all due to be dressing up in the clothes of one eras, so raid your cupboards to find something to wear! We sent a separate email with some cheap and easy ideas, so please don't feel you need to buy anything! We continue our work on money this week and are beginning to learn all about change. With such a lot of contactless and cashless payments, this has been very tricky to remember, so if you want to play any games at home, setting up a play shop and taking it in turns to be the customer and shop keeper, counting out correct money and giving change, that would really help our understanding!

### **Year 3-**

Year 3 have been really engaged in our topic 'What's the Attraction?' We have been busy carrying out scientific investigations. We investigated magnets and their properties and then designed a game for a fairground. We have also learnt about light, mirrors and reflections and then designed a mirror attraction. In Computing we have been busy learning how to design and create a maze game. We evaluated some games before deciding on what we would like to include. This week we have begun to create our own... we look forward to sharing them with you when they are finished! In music we have listened to fairground music and traditional instruments. This week we have begun thinking about simple notation.

### **Year 4-**

We are using the picture book 'Leon and the Place Between' by as our main text. The children have enjoyed finding out about different acts in a circus and responding with creating their own descriptive extracts of writing. We have investigated materials which are magnetic and how that property can be made use of. In mathematics, we are completing our work on measure, focusing on perimeter and area.

Within our two lunchtime reading groups, we are going to begin the second novel by Nicola Penfold, 'Between Sea and Sky', this is released on the 8th July. It will be a great book to start together and the children can finish at their leisure, perhaps over the Summer break? The first book, 'Where the World Turns Wild', was greatly loved by the many children in Year 4 who have obtained a copy.

## **Class News Continued**

### **Year 5-**

Year 5 have been awesome! We have had such a positive fortnight. We have been learning about Viking Trade and creating some amazing Viking longboat art work in our topic *Invasion* and we are incredibly excited about the upcoming Viking day on Monday. As part of our topic, Mrs Joyner and Mrs Hopwood have been teaching year 5 a song – Viking Rocks. They performed this to Year 6 this week and it was lovely to hear them all sing together with such enthusiasm. In English, we finished *Odd and the Frost Giants* by writing an alternative ending and in maths, we have been learning about multiplying fractions. Computing has seen us continue to learn about networks and from next week we will be focusing on online safety until the end of term. In P.E, we are preparing for Sports Day and continuing to enjoy rounders. A special mention to those children who have had to isolate over the past two weeks. We are so proud of your efforts from home and really appreciate the effort you have put in. Well done, home school heroes!

### **Year 6-**

We have been extremely busy in Year 6 making as many precious memories as we can pack in to the last few weeks of term. The most exhausting yet exhilarating being our infamous staycation. We rode, paddled, swam, built, climbed, caved, camped, danced and laughed lots. Hopefully they all slept well when they went home. Special thanks to all parents and staff who helped make this happen. This came after a week of our mock SATs, year 6 have proved that despite a disrupted year of studies they have managed to receive great results individually and collectively. We continue with completing our topic sessions for the year, rehearsing for our school play and our RSE lessons.

### **Frontline**

Please email [frontline@meadowsideprimary.co.uk](mailto:frontline@meadowsideprimary.co.uk) should you have to report a coronavirus result or for any coronavirus queries you may have. This email address is checked regularly over the weekend.

## Staffing News

I'm sorry to let you know that Mrs Sarah Stewart, our fabulous TA in Y1, is leaving Meadowside at the end of term. She has decided to step away from the classroom for a while and focus on family and other priorities.

She will be very much missed by all of us at Meadowside and has had a huge impact on many children over the last 5 years. We wish her and her family a bright future, with an open invitation to visit us again as often as she likes!

Good luck Sarah, and thank you for everything.

The full teaching team line up for September 2021 will be shared with children and families in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> July, with transition and support activities already underway in school.

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

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
**2021**

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July- Year 5/6 Viking Day**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July- Year 1/2 Camping holiday Shine!**

**Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> July- School reports sent home**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July- Last day of term.**

Don't forget to check the website

[www.meadowsideschool.co.uk/calendar](http://www.meadowsideschool.co.uk/calendar) for all key dates.

**Date of next newsletter: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**



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