

Autumn Term Edition

Friday 15th October 2021

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
107 Term Total 256	106 Term Total 290	93 Term Total 265	108 Term Total 299

Message from the Head

It's been a busy fortnight at school with plenty of good learning in every classroom. We have been reminding ourselves of Meadowside's values and how they impact on our community. It has been really positive to support charities this term and, by doing so, help the children to reflect, understand and show empathy and understanding. We raised over £225 for Rebecca's charity swim and marathon, and the donations to Gloucester Food Bank this year were the best yet! Today is our annual Sponsored Walk, raising funds for our Friends of Meadowside project to develop an unused area of our grounds. The children will be involved from the design stage onwards and we will aim to create a space we can appreciate and that our local wildlife can enjoy too!

We are still looking to recruit a new school Governor. It's an opportunity to make a difference and help shape the direction of travel for Meadowside in many different ways. I hope someone will step forward and seize the opportunity to join our team!

Meadowside Class News

Reception-

In Elm class we have been very impressed by how well the children are picking up the phonics in letters and sounds. My favourite day so far was when we learnt the sound d, we had a dinosaur discovery table, played games with dice and had a dressing up disco. It was delightful. We have been doing lots of blending/ robot talk and simple word building as well as practicing writing each letter we learn. Above all we are having fun with our learning and as much as possible learning through our play.

Year 1-

Year 1 have loved getting stuck in finding out about pirate lifestyle! In the last two weeks we have found out about the different job roles pirates had, we have tested our strength, fitness and perseverance at pirate bootcamp, discussed pirate hygiene (it wasn't very good!) and by the time you read this we will have tried some pirate foods! Ask your child which foods they tried and whether or not they enjoyed them! We have been really lucky to be selected to take part in a maths project this year and the children are enjoying our work on this each day – there are lots of fun activities for us to do! In English we have been looking at the building blocks of sentences and putting them to good use!

Thank you to everyone who booked a parent's evening appointment, it was lovely to get to "meet" so many of you!

Class News Continued

Year 2-

This fortnight we have been busily learning about pirates' lifestyle and what sorts of jobs we might expect to have to do if we lived on board a ship. We were most unimpressed with the fact that some jobs had to be done through the night and we wouldn't get to go to sleep with the rest of the crew! Most of us would prefer to be a captain (but there's only one of those and I'm afraid the position is already taken!!!) We have been writing about these roles in English this week. Ask your child what they thought of the pirate food rations they tasted this week! Next week, we will use our reasoning skills to determine whether a well-known sailor was actually a pirate or not...

Our topic continues next term and we look forward to meeting a real life 'pirate' at the end of next term. Please see your ParentPay accounts for details and the costs involved with this visit.

In maths, we have been learning tips and tricks for easy calculating. To make it easiest, we had to know our number bonds to 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Have a practise over the half term to make sure that your child knows them off-by-heart. Next term, we move on to trickier calculating, so it's vital the basic facts are known! Have a lovely half term.

Year 3-

Life in Year 3 continues to be 'Really Revolting'! We have been thinking about how disgusting tooth decay can be and have been learning how to look after our teeth! We have conducted an interesting experiment using eggs, to see which liquids damage the shells. We then used this information to help us think about how what we eat can affect our teeth. Why not ask your child what happened to the eggs! We have enjoyed making mud pies in forest school and have decided that they're really not that revolting after all!

In English we have continued our focus on 'The Twits'. We have written character descriptions, poems and even written our own chapter for the book!

It has been great to see so many children enjoying learning French. We have been learning how to introduce ourselves and have a very simple conversation. We have also been learning to count to 10! Bravo!

Year 4-

We have been considering how best to care for our adult teeth and their importance. We are now moving onto the human skeleton; learning about how it enables us to move and be protected. Our place value unit is drawing to a close. Please continue to make full use of TTR Rockstars to embed those time tables facts. We are enjoying reading more about The Twits and looking forward to a reply from the environmental health office regarding the state of the Twits kitchen.

Year 5-

Year 5 have had another couple of busy weeks with lots to keep us entertained. The children were very excited about their first school trip in a long time and it didn't disappoint. We had an amazing time at the National Space Centre and learnt lots. The planetarium was a particular highlight and our workshop about life in space made us think differently about many of the everyday things we take for granted. It was a long day, but definitely worth it. Thank you all for your support and for your offers of help. It is this that makes it possible for us to organise such experiences for the children. I have a feeling many of you will be heading to Leicester with your children before too long, as we all felt there was so much to see and do, we'd need to go again!

Back in school, we have been looking at decimals in maths and the effect of dividing whole numbers by 1000. Some of it has been tricky, but we have used our place value knowledge and our understanding of the number system to help us. In English, we have completed our persuasion unit with a letter to persuade the Council to do more to stop fly tipping and the results were excellent. We are moving onto poetry next.

Our topic sessions have focused on the way the sun appears to move across the sky and why the moon appears to change shape, and in PSHCE, we have continued to explore how to be a good friend. We had a fantastic multi-skills session last week, in which some of us really impressed with our hula hooping prowess, and in computing we are exploring Comic Life. We have also looked at online bullying as part of Digital Futures and found a lovely game, Kind Kingdom. Many of the children have already played this at home too, but here is the link if they haven't found it yet: https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_be/interland/landing/kind-kingdom

Finally, it was lovely to see Mr Port when he joined us via Teams last week to introduce us to baby Ziggy. We all look forward to welcoming him back next week.

Year 6-

This week in Year 6 we have written some absolutely incredible newspaper reports recognising the Hidden Figures who played pivotal roles in getting humans into space. Our minds were blown last week when we visited the National Space Centre in Leicester. We came back armed with so much more knowledge and it was a brilliant, hands-on day! We have reflected on this learning in class and produced writing and art work linked to the things that we have discovered. In PE we have continued playing invasion games and in computing we finished our space themed animations and have started a new project using Comic Life software.

Friends of Meadowside

Thank you to all those children who participated in the Sponsored Walk and to the families who came and supported them. It's great to see whole school activities happening this year! You can still submit your sponsorship money until 5th November, either using cash/cheque or our online GoFundMe page.

One of our first purchases this year has been for the annual subscription to an e-library service called ePlatform, and we're delighted to support the English department in funding this for another 12months. Emails have been sent via ParentPay for information on how to access the books and log in.

Our next meeting is on Thurs 21st October where we'll be discussing our exciting new fundraising project - "The Meadow," as well as organising some upcoming fundraisers for next term. This will be including 21st birthday discos, Neighbourhood Nature photography competition, and Walking in a Window wonderland. If you would like to be involved with any of these please come along. Alternatively, if you can't commit to the meetings - please email at Friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk and let us know how you would like to be involved.

INSET dates 21/22 (School shut for pupils)

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

Dates for your diary

**Monday 18th and Wed 20th October – Y5 Parents
Evenings 3 30 – 6 00pm**

Thursday 21st October – FOM meeting – 7pm

Friday 22nd October 3 15pm – End of Term 1

**Wednesday 10th November – Tours for New
Intake 2022 at 9 30 and 3 45 pm**

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

Date of next newsletter: Friday 5th November



Meadowside School