

Summer Term Edition

Friday 14th July 2023

At Meadowside, we are:

Aspirational **E**nvironmental **I**ndependent **O**ppportunistic **U**nderstanding

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
88 Year Total 1557	102 Year total 1561	87 Year Total 1650	100 Year Total 1692
Sports Day Total 6520	Sports Day Total 7130	Sports Day Total 6150	Sports Day Total 6290

Message from Miss Thomas

It has been wonderful to see so many of you this week, at Sports Day, the Wizard of Oz performances and this morning's soggy sponsored walk! Our school family is so supportive of one another and long may this continue. Friends of Meadowside have done a terrific job this term, as ever, and we are all grateful for the time volunteers have given up, to make events like the Disco and the Oz performances extra special. If the weather behaves next week, we can enjoy a picnic after school on Tuesday together, but we will have to make a decision about it all, after the weekend!

Meadowside Class News

Year R

We are still continuing with our travels on the flying carpet. In the last few weeks we have been to China, Switzerland, Kenya and more. We are collecting lots off lags in our passport. Where will we go in the last week?

All the Reception staff were very proud of the class on sports day, they behaved beautifully, tried hard and had lots of fun. We are looking forward to lots of other fun things towards the end of term. (more info to follow on Tapestry) It has been a great year and the children have learnt so much. Enjoy your holidays and give us a wave or say hello when you see us around school

Year 1

Year 1 certainly enjoyed themselves on our trip to Weston last week! We had a lot of fun paddling in the sea, playing in the sand, taking part in a sandcastle competition, fending away seagulls from our lunches and some of us managed to sail our junk model boats! What an exciting end of topic trip it was! In maths we are looking at mass and capacity. These are great things to continue at home, especially using them in real world contexts such as following recipes etc. In English we are focusing a lot on the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) that we have learnt this year to

ensure it is in our heads ready for the new things we will learn in Year 2! By the time you read this, the children will all have met their Year 2 teaching team and spent some time in their new classroom too. We will turn our attention to transition related things in our topic slots to ensure all children feel confident and ready to make that step! It has been wonderful working with Elm Class this year and I know they will continue to thrive as they move into Year 2! I wish everyone a very happy summer!

Year 2

We thoroughly enjoyed our 'holiday' to Weston super Mare last week to conclude our topic. Many thanks to those that were able to come along and supervise a group. We had a lot of fun taking the sea air and eating "rock-hard ice-cream"!! It was also great to meet up with Year 1s for the sandcastle competition in the afternoon.

We now turn our attention to the coming transition and all the hopes and worries that are often associated with change. The children met their new Year 3 team this week and were proud to tell us that they are very much looking forward to being in Key Stage 2. We will be spending some time reflecting on everything that we have achieved throughout Year 2 and will think about all the things that will stay the same as well as recognising some of the differences.

We would like to thank all the families for their support through the year and wish everyone in Willow Class a happy summer holiday and good luck in Year 3!

Year 3

It seems impossible to believe that the school year is almost over. We have had a truly wonderful year and it has been a delight to see the children becoming such mature, inquisitive learners. We have been thoroughly enjoying our topic 'Tomb Raiders' and it has been wonderful to see so many children continuing their learning at home, completing their own self initiated research! Well done!

As next week is the final week, please could I ask that children return any outstanding library books and reading books. Please could children also bring a named bag in school to help carry all their work and belongings home!

Year 4

In maths, we have been investigating units of measure including kilometres, metres, litres, millilitres and converting between 24 hour times to 12 hour am/ pm with reference to both digital and analogue clock faces. We have enjoyed creating persuasive topic pages to highlight why people should visit the fine city of Gloucester!

We are collecting in library books and shortly, class reading books. We would ask that you return any that are outstanding, including books lent to them by Mr Mayne or other staff so that other children can benefit from them in the next year. Please would you send in **2 strong, named** carrier bags so that we can return books and other work that the children have completed.

We are so proud by the various contributions that children have made to the Wizard of Oz, thanks for helping them with costumes, learning lines and practising their delivery.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 5

The fortnight began with an exciting trip to Severn Vale where the children conducted lots of exciting experiments including using the Bunsen Burner to test mysterious liquids and identify them from the colour of the flame. In maths we have been continuing to learn how to use a protractor to draw angles and in English we tasted different sandwiches including a rather lovely banana, custard and anchovy one! Mmmmmm! Sports day was a great success and we were impressed with how the children supported their buddies to earn their house points. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for a fantastic year. We will really miss year 5 and wish them the best of luck on their journey into year 6 and beyond. We hope you have a fantastic summer and we'll see you in September!

Year 6

The time has come for the final Friday Fortnightly and we are all exhausted at the end of our wonderful production of The Wizard of Oz. We can only imagine how proud you are of your children. Making tickets, assembling props, sewing costumes, acting, singing... what a talented bunch they are! Unfortunately for Year 6 there is no time to rest as we are straight back to it with preparations for the leavers' assembly- hopefully your children are keeping quiet about this so there are lots of surprises for you on the morning. The children are brimming full of ideas and you will certainly be entertained. It doesn't seem real that there is only one week left of primary school for Silver Birch class; time really does fly when you're having fun! Our hopes for the remaining time together are that we can fill each day with fun and friendships- we want these last memories to be happy ones. Rest up over the weekend as it is sure to be a busy and emotional week!

Friends of Meadowside

A huge well done to the staff and students from the Friends of Meadowside for a truly wonderful effort and performance in the Wizard of Oz! You were all marvellous. Also a special thanks to the FOM team and other helpers who sold treats and drinks at the performances we hope you enjoyed them!

By the time you read this the students have hopefully completed the sponsored walk. Thank you to all of your sponsorship contributions, if you haven't had a chance to bring it in please do so before the end of term or use our online link and donate that way. Well done to everyone who took part and donated.

Reminder: AGM on Thursday 20th July at 730 in the school hall. All are welcome to hear about our year and see what the plans are for next year.

Car Boot Sale 24th September if you would like to reserve a space please follow this link. We will send out more details soon but please put in your diaries for September!

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Lastly a huge thank you to all parents and teachers for your support and contributions over this year. Friends of Meadowside would not work without the dedicated parents who have given up their precious time to organise events for the students and the parents who are great and come to all events to support in whatever way they can.

We would love to see some more faces in September and would welcome and support anyone who can join our lovely group.

Sporting News

Year 3 Alternative Sports Event

Last week Meadowside were proud to host an alternative sports morning for Quedgeley schools. We spent the morning trying our hand at some more unusual sports, including Ultimate Frisbee, Tri-Golf, Curling, Table Tennis and even circus skills!

The children were fantastic representatives of Meadowside and showed great determination and resilience. They were great hosts and helped make the other children feel welcome, working well as team members. Well done everyone!

Sports Day

Fortunately, the weather allowed us to host another fabulous Sports Day, our final sporting event of the year.

The school field was colourful and busy, with children trying their best to earn points for their houses by participating in a wide range of sporting activities, from cricket and football to juggling and hoopla!

All our school sports values were on display across the whole morning: passion, determination, respect, honesty, self-belief and teamwork!

Well done to everyone, thank you for your support!

The results were extremely close, but the winners were...The Hurricanes! Congratulations to all!

Governor News

The last newsletter of the academic year!

In my house this one has flown past particularly quickly and it seems like everyone is growing up so very fast but, it also seems that no one has out grown a good ol' dressing up session, which seems to be a very strong characteristic of Meadowside life!

Also at the heart of Meadowside life are our school values. Organisations of all kinds set values because they lay down what that community cares about most. By defining what is important values act as the scaffolding that supports and directs behaviours in a direction that is common across the whole community of the organisation.

Values are a tool that needs to sit alongside lots of other tools that help create and protect a happy, caring, successful community so talking lots about 'values' can sometimes seem a little pointless – they are not a 'magic' fix but need to be central for us all for the other tools to work at their best so we try to keep them 'visible' at all times.

This year our values have been in action in lots of ways such as:

Year 6 students and parents spent a lot of the year being **aspirational** and taking lots of steps to find and secure the right next steps for September 2024.

Armies from the school community and beyond have transformed the area of meadow into an **environment** fit for nature and learning.

Our reception class has made a massive leap of **independence** growing in confidence around the routines of a whole school day and getting better at reading and writing on their own.

We have had high levels of inclusive participation in sports, music, arts, drama, culture and other **opportunities** that Meadowside Staff have engineered, supported and managed for our students. Sports Day – WOW! Wizard of Oz – also, WOW!

We have been working hard to build **understanding** between us as a school community and our neighbours running local events, listening and acting on concerns around traffic and parking and clarifying our expectations through revising and communicating our Home School Agreement and related policies.

So, parents, teachers, school leaders, pupils, neighbours and friends have all been delivering on our values and as a result there are lots of very happy memories and personal achievements.

From the governing board to you all, a **very big thank you** for your work and support of

Meadowside School and a big ...

...‘Good Luck!’ to our leavers.

You’ll always be a ‘Meadowsider’ and those values are worth hanging onto wherever you go!

Key Dates for your diary

INSET Days 2022/23	INSET Days 2023/24
Monday 24 th July 2023 Tuesday 25 th July 2023	Monday 4 th September Monday 6 th November Friday 22 nd December Monday 3 rd June Monday 22 nd July

Date	Event
Week beginning 17 th July	Pupil Reports sent to families
Tuesday 18 th July	School Family Picnic 4pm – 5 30pm
Friday 21 st July	Leavers’ Assembly 9 15 Last day of the school year (finish at 2 p.m.)
Monday 4 th September	INSET Day (Staff only)
Tuesday 5 th September	Welcome back! <u>Don’t forget the gates open at 8 35am and close at 8 45am, from September onwards.</u>

Next edition due: Friday 8th September 2023

**For all key dates, remember to visit the school website at
www.meadowsideschool.co.uk**



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