

Summer Term Edition

Friday 24th May 2024

At Meadowside, we are:

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

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
79 Term Total – 371	103 Term Total - 435	84 Term Total - 356	93 Term Total - 381

Message from Miss Thomas

Forget-me-Not Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Society will be on Friday June 7th at Meadowside. Children are invited to wear the colours of the Alzheimers charity – blue, yellow and white – in exchange for a donation. This will go directly to families affected by dementia and also to fund research projects.

I've included the link to my justgiving page below as I will be Trekking 26 miles on Saturday 8th June, along the South Devon coastal path. Many of you will sadly have friends or family affected by the challenges dementia will bring, so if you'd like to boost my fundraising in the meantime, please do.

I'm so grateful for the donations and wonderful messages of encouragement so far.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Trek26SouthDevonCoast202426miles-SamanthaThomas>

Meadowside Class News

Reception

Having different people to visit us over the last few weeks has given us lots to think about for the end of our topic How can we help? This week as well as enjoying lots of maths games and activities we have been thinking about what job we would like to do when we grow up. Among the class we have aspiring doctors, zookeepers, scientists, teachers, police and fire fighters. I look forward to hearing back from them all in the years to come.

We have also been having a sort out of our equipment – our little wooden playhouse is now full of lots of balls, bouncy hoppers etc. The children are doing a good job of getting it out and tidying it away independently. We have also been looking at our games and jigsaw puzzles. Unfortunately over time bits get lost. **If you have any simple jigsaws or educational games (orchard games are always great) please consider donating them to the Reception class. Thank you**

Year 1

Over the last two weeks, Year 1 have loved getting stuck into learning all about the fate of Titanic! We have looked at some pictures of artefacts found from the ship, seen some replica items and tickets, looked at newspaper reports and even read stories written by people who were on board! We are now moving on to find out about other famous voyages and sailors! Ask your child if they can name you any more people we have found out about!

In English this week we have swapped roles with the children becoming the teachers and the staff being pupils! Children have been spotting and fixing errors in our work from spellings to punctuation and grammar. We have also been identifying word types within sentences and working extremely hard on reading standalone real and alien words with no context.

In maths, we have been learning all about the first steps towards multiplication and division over the last two weeks. Learning with Parents has a great activity to support this at home so please log on to have a look. Don't forget, practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s at home really supports this too.

What a busy term it has been! We look forward to continuing our Setting Sail topic after half term! Have a lovely break!

Year 2

Year 2 have been working very hard over the past few weeks testing our memories and trying to recall everything we have learnt so far in Year 2! We were very excited to be able to have booklets that we were allowed to write in and showed excellent perseverance when the questions got challenging! We have decided that we are still finding a few areas tricky so plan to look again at fractions, shapes, tense conjugation, and more spellings! These areas I have set for Learning With Parents homework over the past few terms, so you can find out what any of these areas look like by logging on to your child's account over the holiday. Many children said they wanted to complete the homework tasks that they have not yet completed, so they may well remind you too!

The children are also keen to take part in the National Numeracy Day competition that we promoted on NND itself on Wednesday. Please see Mrs Rowntree's information about National Numeracy Day later in this Friday Fortnightly.

Thank you to all those who have paid for our (secret) holiday on 4th July. If you have not yet paid, please do so by the end of next week as we will be making a decision next week about whether we have enough payments to allow the trip to go ahead. We will be informing parents of this decision and of which volunteers we can take on the trip in the first week back after half term.

Our topic Buckets and Spades continues next term where we will begin to look at Key Questions 4 and 5 which ask how and why have holidays changed over the past 100 years.

Year 3

This week we have concluded our topic of 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles.' The children have thoroughly enjoyed the many different areas of learning and this week have demonstrated just how much they have learnt! Well done everyone!

This week the class all showed great perseverance and resilience during the maths puzzle workshop, with the children managing to solve some very tricky problems.

We also spent the afternoon looking at the art of Piet Mondrian. We were spotting horizontal and vertical lines, as well as pairs of parallel and perpendicular lines. The children then enjoyed creating their own masterpieces in the same style. Great work in Year 3!

Year 4

Our day of maths was a highlight of the term where the children impressed with solving geometric 3-d puzzles and creating shape-based art, inspired by Kandinsky. Our decimal unit has come to a close and we are polishing our multiplication skills in preparation for next term's National Multiplication Check. We have been learning about Roman bathing houses and considering how they transformed life in Iron Age Britain. Our writing has considered the life of Boudicca and persuasive writing to encourage visitors to a Roman bath. Enjoy the half term break and we have a busy term ahead, including a residential and a switch of topic focus to consider contemporary Gloucester.

Year 5

It's been a busy couple of weeks in Year 5. In English we have finished our unit of work inspired by the 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' by Chris Van Allsburg. The children worked hard on different techniques to open stories, and we have now published our favourite mystery starters in a class anthology.

In maths we have continued calculating with fractions, looking at subtraction within and across wholes. We celebrated National Numeracy Day on Tuesday with a day devoted to maths. We considered how maths is used in everyday life and enjoyed maths stories and songs. We used maths in art to create impossible triangles and took our fractions learning outside with a scavenger hunt and practical tasks combining measuring with calculating fractions of length. We all enjoyed the puzzle workshop and showed great perseverance and teamwork.

In our topic, Curious Cases, we have continued to use our science skills and knowledge to eliminate suspects. We are pleased to report that our final suspect was able to offer a reasonable explanation for events after all, and the mystery has been solved.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Year 6

The Year 6 team are so so proud of Apple Class for the enthusiastic and mature approach they had during SATs week. Whatever the results may be, we can safely say that every single child worked their socks off and gave the tests everything they had. We will never ask for more than that! The post-SATs celebrations included a conga through the school, an EPIC water fight (a dream on a hot and sweaty day!) and the BIG REVEAL of our end of year production! Everyone is buzzing with excitement, even filling breaks and lunch times with monologue writing and singing practice in preparations for the auditions. Casting was SO tricky as every child blew us away with their talent and we just wish we could give everyone the role they wanted! All we can say is.... parents- YOU ARE IN FOR A TREAT! We just ask that children practice their lines at home as much as possible over the half term holiday (especially those with lots of lines) as we have so much going on in the final term. Alongside all the excitement we have also been continuing with our other subjects. On Tuesday we celebrated National Numeracy Day with a day filled with maths (including puzzles, wordsearches, challenges and songs!) and we are continuing to work on our portfolios of writing evidence. In History we discovered more about the end of the war and how it was celebrated in Britain, bringing our 'A Child's War' topic to a close. We hope everyone has the best half term break!

Friends of Meadowside

A huge thank you to everyone who came to support us last weekend at our picnic themed Spring Hunt! We had a fantastic afternoon, the weather was mostly kind to us, and a fun afternoon was had by all. Huge thank you to the volunteers to helped on the day and for coming to take part. We will let you know what we raised after our next meeting.

The Meadow area is really starting to take shape now and lots of the original design has been implemented. Hopefully, your children will be using different parts of it after half term with their teachers.

Reminder that the summer school disco is booked for Friday 14th June, more information on times and tickets will be sent to you this week. We will be selling in the car park after half term too. If you can volunteer to support either disco on the night please let us know.

Thank you
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Other news

On behalf of the 'Help If We Can' local organisation.

On DDay, June 6th at 10.45am, there will be a short Service at the Quedgeley War Memorial to remember those who were killed or injured on the Normandy Beaches in 1944.

On Sunday June 9th we will be celebrating Youth with a Street Parade from Severn Vale School to St.James' Church starting at 12.45pm. There will be a market on School Lane near the church, as well as some demos both in the Community Centre and the Club Car Park. There will also be a Church Service starting at 1.30pm during which a new Royal British Legion Standard will be dedicated and we will remember Sergeant John Smith who was killed just a few days after the start of WW1.

Everyone welcome to either or both.

National Numeracy Day

As you will have read in the class news, we celebrated maths in lots of different ways in recognition of National Numeracy Day on Wednesday. As part of the initiative, they are running a competition for children to create a picture showing how they will use numbers in their dream job or hobby. There are individual and school prizes on offer. If your child would like to enter, details can be found here: [Number Heroes competition | National Numeracy](#)

We had some lovely feedback from Michael , following the Maths Puzzle Days he delivered to all classes:

Thank-you for organising the last two days... all the three KS1 classes were as good as any I recall. In terms both of their immaculate behaviour and the perseverance they showed in tackling the puzzles they were wonderful. Reception set the standard... all of them remained engaged throughout, several tackling successfully the harder challenges.

It was also noticeable how many of the KS2 pupils greeted me with a wave or hello, some going out of their way to do so. It makes a very favourable impression, and credit to the staff team which achieve these standards.

Key Dates for your diary

INSET Days 2024	INSET Days 2024/25
Monday 3 rd June Monday 22 nd July	Monday 2 nd September 2024 Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 Monday 27 th January 2025 Monday 24 th February 2025 Monday 21 st July 2025

Date	Event
Wednesday June 5 th – Friday June 7 th	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 12 th June	Class photos (and Year 6 individual leavers photo)
Friday 14 th June	Friends of Meadowside School Discos!
Wednesday June 19 th - Friday June 21 st	Year 4 Residential
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th June	Meadowside Arts Week
Thursday 27 th June	Year 6 Schoolbeat (Police) visit
Monday 1 st July	Year 5 Science Trip
Thursday 4 th July	Year 1 and 2 Trip
Wednesday 10 th July	Sports Day (morning only)
Friday 12 th July	Friends of Meadowside Sponsored Walk
Friday 19 th July	Last day of the school year

Next edition due: Friday 14th June 2024

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



