

Summer Term Edition

Friday 12th July 2024

At Meadowside, we are:

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

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
75	90	87	94
Termly Total 371 Annual Total 1830	Termly Total 435 Annual Total 1954	Termly Total 356 Annual 1957	Termly Total 381 Annual Total 1999

Message from Miss Thomas

We are saying goodbye to some much-loved members of the Meadowside family next Friday. To Mr Mayne and Mrs Rowntree, both of whom have committed more than 20 years to our school, we send our best wishes for all the new adventures still to come! To Rhiannon Byron, who has been a Governor here and given hundreds of hours voluntarily to develop our school, a huge thank you! And to our unforgettable Year 6s, I am sure you have bright futures ahead – we are excited to see what you will achieve next!

Thank you all for a lovely year of learning, fundraising, community spirit and fun! Why don't we all meet up again in September? Let's say Wednesday 4th at 8 35am – see you then!! Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Meadowside Class News

Reception

The most exciting thing this week was a trip on a double decker bus to take us to the multi skills at Barnwood park. It was fun sitting at the top deck of the bus. Once there the children had a great time trying out the different activities run by the GCSE students. They all had a go at everything and were a credit to the school. The year 6 play was fantastic, and sports day was exhausting but so much fun. Thank you to sports day buddies who went round with us and encouraged us with the different activities. We are looking forward to a few 'normal' days next week where we can complete all our phonics and maths for the year. It has been a lovely year with Oak class, getting to know you all and watching you grow. I look forward to seeing you continue your Meadowside school journey.

Year 1

What a busy fortnight we have had in Year 1! Last week we celebrated the end of our Setting Sail! topic with a very windy but enjoyable trip to Weston! This week we have been consolidating and improving our confidence in maths so that we are ready for Year 2 and writing adventure stories in English! Year 1 enjoyed meeting their new teaching team on Monday and we have been talking about transition into

Year 2 and what that entails. We will continue to talk about this next week and do some activities to help ease any worries!

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable year with Beech Class this year and both Mrs Stevens and I have loved seeing the children's confidence, independence and perseverance grow and flourish! We wish them every success as they head into Year 2 and will look to them to be role models for the younger children in Key Stage One! Have a wonderful summer – it has been well earned! We will see you all in September!

Year 2

Year 2's favourite thing this year has, apparently, been our holiday to Weston super Mare! They thoroughly enjoyed taking the sea air, making sandcastles and playing in the arcade- there were so many winners this year, which was incredibly exciting! You will be able to read all about it in their recount pages of their Buckets & Spades topic books that will come home to you at the end of next week. All of the children are very proud of their report writing skills (as well they should be) and these reports should help you learn all about the history elements of our topic that we have focused on this term.

Over this week and into next, we turn our attention to reviewing the amount of learning that we have done throughout Year 2 and looking forward to those things that will be brand new for us in Year 3. We were astounded to count up just how many brand-new things we know now that we didn't know back in September.

All the children should feel proud of the work they have put in this year and I wish them every success in Year 3.

Next week, we will be collecting in library books and reading books/ records in order to hand them over to the next teaching team, so please make sure that these come back to us to allow for a smoother transition.

Have a lovely summer break and see you in September!

Year 3

Wow! It's hard to believe that our year 3 journey is coming to an end. We have had a great year, thank you for all your help and support over the year, and we would like to wish the children every success in their journey into Year4!

We have continued to learn about life in Ancient Egypt and have been doing some independent research on Egyptian Gods and Goddesses. We even used some clay to create the head of a god to be placed on the top of a canopic jar. In English we have learnt about Howard Carter and tried to decide if he is guilty of being a tomb raider! - Why not ask your child what they decided and ask them to explain their reasoning!

As next week is the last week of term, please could you return any library books and reading books. It would also be great if each child could bring a named carrier bag into school, to allow us to send their belongings home more easily!

Year 4

Sadly, we draw a close to our final term together. It's been a fantastic year and the residential was a wonderful experience to undertake where the children shone. We've enjoyed helping the children flourish this year and our hope is that the reports will celebrate their hard work and enthusiasm for learning. Thank you for all you kind wishes and support over a busy year.

Next week is the last week of term, please could you return any library books and reading books with your child's reading record. It would also be very helpful if each child could bring a named, sturdy carrier bag into school, to allow us to send their belongings home.

Year 5

The wonderful Mrs Rowntree will be saying her goodbyes next week and Year 5 want to thank her again for all the amazing work she has done for the children and staff at Meadowside. Over the past fortnight, we have been very busy! The science trip to Severn Vale was brilliant – the children were a real credit to you. They learnt about pH levels, chemical reactions, forces and more. The highlight was definitely using the Bunsen burners! In English, we finished off our Banksy discussions. Most of us believe that Banksy is an artist, not a criminal. Maths has been all about angles. We have measured, drawn and recognised acute, obtuse and reflex angles. It has been tricky but we have achieved a lot. The Curious Case of the Chilli con carne has begun. The children tasted this dish last week and had to guess the ingredients used. Next week, they will be making this meal (and eating it of course!). We tried our very best on Sports Day and it was lovely to see Year 5 be both competitive and supportive. The Year 5 team would like to thank you all for your support in what has been a very busy and enjoyable year. They began their transitions to year 6 and are really looking forward to their new journey beginning in September.

Year 6

This is the last Friday Fortnightly from this current Year 6 class as we bring our learning journey here at Meadowside to a close. We complete our 'Dreams and Aspirations' topic reflecting on what we have learnt here at this special school and what we take with us away in our toolkit that will 'Make a difference for our future'. Obviously, we hope that the knowledge and skills they have gained by being here will travel with them far, but also the values and memories stay with them for life.

We have certainly been applying many of our Maths skills this week to working out real life problems eg train travel, budgets, flights and accommodation if we had tickets to watch Euro matches in Germany. The children were amazing at this and have even discussed how they would invest money if they had any left over.

We have rehearsed and performed Pantastic-the Peter Pan musical to our family and friends at school and left them all impressed with our talents. I hope you all agree how apt this was for our class and the message it leaves us with. Forever young- spending happy adventures with our friends. DO NOT FORGET 'Leaver's Assembly' is next Friday morning for one last show stopping performance for you all. (see separate email). Then it is over and out and on with new beginnings. Happy days are ahead and behind us; keep smiling even though you will all be missed more than words can say.

Sporting News

Wow! What a fabulous time we had at Sports day, great running, jumping, throwing, juggling, dribbling and bowling was on display. Well done to everyone for showing many of our Meadowside sporting values – Respect, Honesty, Passion, Self Belief, Determination and Team work to name a few!

And the winners were...SPITFIRES!

Friends of Meadowside

Well another year is over and what a busy one it has been again! I am very proud of all the hard work and achievements from the amazing volunteers at Friends of Meadowside. This year we have held two discos, a car boot sale, our biggest ever Christmas Fayre, adults quiz night, non uniform days, Spring Hunt and Kids Bingo afternoon and I am sure I have forgotten something along the way. It has helped us to raise an incredible amount of money which has been directed into two big projects. The beautiful Meadowside Explorers mural in the hall and the continued renovation works in the Meadow.

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved with Friends of Meadowside this year; the amazing people at FOM who have volunteered their time to support the school, those who helped at specific events for without those extra helpers we would not be able to run the larger events like discos. To the brilliant staff at Meadowside for their continued support and enthusiasm for FOM and importantly the pupils and parents who come and join in and spend their hard earned money at our events. Thank you.

If you feel next year is the year you'd like to be more involved with school and the work that FOM do we are always recruiting more people to join us and would welcome any volunteers.

Lastly and very importantly, a huge thank you must go to our amazing Treasurer Claire. Claire has been with FOM for 10 years and as her youngest leaves Meadowside for high school Claire is leaving the FOM family. Her expertise, humour and dedication will be greatly missed by us all. Thank you Claire, we are grateful for all you have done to support Meadowside and FOM.

If you wish to join us for the AGM on 18th July for a round up of the year please come to the school hall at 630.

Thank you and see you next year.

Lions at Large!

Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity will be launching a Roarsome Art Trail around Gloucester and Cheltenham in Summer 2025, with over 35 giant lion sculptures painted and on display for a family day out. One of our Meadowside parents from Reception/Year 3 have already been involved and have painted the very first lion.

How can Meadowside get involved?

Part of the Learning programme, the project has a number of Cub-lions for schools or community groups to sponsor. The cub will arrive at Meadowside next year and the children can be involved in decorating the cub, who will then go on the trail next summer, before coming back to live at Meadowside.

What we need from you

The lion-cub costs £750 to sponsor, however unfortunately, FOM cannot provide funds to another charity (charity rules!). Therefore we're looking for some local businesses who would be willing to sponsor the lion on Meadowside's behalf - the lion would go on the trail so it would be a great opportunity to advertise your business to the community of Gloucester and Cheltenham. We can split the sponsorship up if several businesses are willing to participate. However we need to get a move on this before they are snapped up!

If you want more information please visit the website, and select Learning Programme
<https://lionsatlarge.co.uk/>

If you are interested in this amazing opportunity - please email friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk as soon as you can to help us make use of this amazing opportunity.

Governor Corner

Everyday at Meadowside is planned to take our pupils on learning journeys that aim to reach their diverse interests, play to their wide-ranging strengths and tap into their motivations. As we look back on this academic year there has been so much to get involved with!

We have celebrated our diversity and contributed to our community contributing to a range of events such as: International Day of Sign Languages and the Jewish Festival Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) and Black History Month as well as contributing our art skills to illustrate a stage of the cross for our local church. The Big Multicultural Bake Off was also a huge success!

We have challenged ourselves in many a sporting arena including a Key Stage 1 girls' rugby festival, mountain biking and an inclusive cycling event as well as our continued commitment to cycling proficiency to prepare us for travel on our own.

We have been developing sense of responsibility and our Mini Police Officer scheme has been operating effectively in the school all year. Our new 'cardboard pupils' have been successfully reducing the dangers from cars outside our school and encouraging a safer school community. We have been enjoying and exercising our use of language to discover through reading and find our own voices with the Look Who's Talking inter-schools event, the Really Wild Reading Festival, author visits, Readathon and through many a performance at an assembly, Christmas Show and, of course, 'Young Voices'.

We have worked hard (well done on those SATs!) and partied harder with school disco, kids bingo, car park carols, car boot sales, hunts, Christmas markets and more!

We have been supportive and outstandingly generous – poppy sales, bringing an animal (toy not living!) to school, odd socks day and Christmas donations not cards for the Gloucester City Mission.

These are just a selection of the highlights from the year and each has involved, thought, time, preparation and care.

Thank you support staff, teachers, teaching assistants, FoM, students, community volunteers, fellow governors. You did us proud.

Farewell Year 6! Take Meadowside spirit wherever you go and good luck to you all!

INSET Days 2024	INSET Days 2024/25
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
Tuesday 16 th July	School Picnic
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly 9 15
Friday 19 th July	Last day of the school year 23/24
Wednesday 4 th September	First day of the school year 24/25
Tuesday 22 nd and Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24 th October	Individual and Sibling Photographs

Next edition due: Friday 13th September 2024

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