



# Meadows Newsletter

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**The Meadows**  
Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are well into the swing of our new term, and it has been wonderful to see the pupils show commitment and dedication to their learning, both inside and outside of school. We have seen fantastic engagement in home learning activities across the school so far. A huge thank you to our parents for supporting our pupils to consolidate their learning from school at home and to nudge them on further in their basic life skill, such as reading regularly and practicing their spelling diligently. This does make a difference to help our pupils to retain knowledge and skills they have learnt, as well as develop positive learning behaviours such as **'working hard'** and **'pushing themselves'**, two of our school's **'Secrets of Success'**.

## New Pupil Leaders

At The Meadows, we value the contribution our pupils make towards our school community. We recognise the importance of pupil leadership for building self-esteem as well as developing leadership and independence skills. Pupil leadership is also essential because it reflects our school motto, for our pupils to **'Learn by caring and sharing'**.

This year, our new Year 6 leaders have been appointed after a lengthy selection. Pupils were required to apply for a particular role and then deliver a speech in assembly to the rest of the school to indicate why they would be effective in that role. It was very difficult for the staff to decide on the appointments this year, as the Year 6 are such excellent role models of behaviour. However, after much discussion, I am delighted to announce the following appointments:

### **School Ambassadors:**

Annie and Flo

### **Behaviour/Wellbeing Champions:**

Olivia, Zara, William

### **Reading Mentors:**

Teddy, Aisha



### **KS1/2 Sports Leaders:**

Oliver, Mia, Amelia, Edward, Lily

You will hear more about how our new leaders are getting on in our next newsletter...



### Madeley High School Visit

This morning, it was lovely to welcome Emma Boustead (Assistant Principle and SENDCo) from Madeley High School, who came to talk to the Hawks class about Madeley school and what transition looks like to high school. It was lovely to welcome Miss Boustead in, who is a very familiar face to our school because she has been serving as the deputy chair of our academy council (our governing body) for many years. The children were able to ask lots of questions, which they did brilliantly. 😊

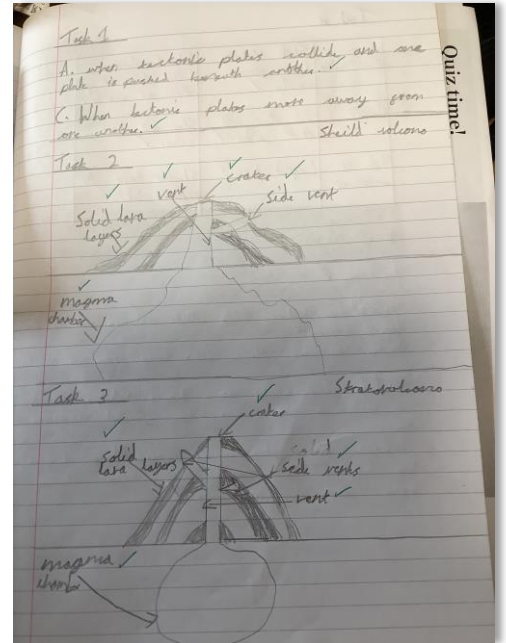
### Learning Update

Foxes and Badgers have been learning all about themselves, including exploring their senses and recognising parts of the body.

Kingfishers have been learning about the capital city 'London' in Geography, which links wonderfully to their History unit about the 'Great Fire of London', where they have been looking at how London has changed over time.

Owls have been exploring mountains, their current topic in Geography. Last week, they were identifying the differences between a composite and a shield volcano, applying their knowledge of how volcanos are formed.

Hawks have been developing the characteristics of a Mathematician by applying their knowledge of place value, from their lessons at the start of term, into the context of using the columnar method to add when problem solving. We have been so impressed with how much they can remember!



### Safety Reminder – Pick Ups and Drop Offs

I would like to remind families of the guidance regarding pick-ups and drop offs at the main site and the EYFS site.

#### Main Site:

##### **Drop Off**

Pupils should enter the school **via the front gate (Newcastle Road, A525)** from the pathway onto the playground **no earlier than 8:30am**, unless attending Before School club. Pupils and parents should **not enter school through the car park** for safety reasons, due to vehicles entering/exiting the school site. If you are crossing the **main road (Keele Road, A531)**, please cross with the lollipop assistant. The side gate will be unlocked to allow families to visit Mrs Cooper at the School Office. **If your child is late to school, please ensure that you accompany them to the Reception Office** and speak to Mrs Cooper. Unfortunately, we have had increasing incidences where pupils are sent into school on their own after the bell has rung, which is a safety concern.

Drop off time is between **8:45-8:55am**. Please be aware that this time is used by pupils to complete tasks allowing them to activate prior learning, so prompt arrival is essential.

##### **Pick Up**

Pick Up time is **3:30pm**. Pupils should exit the school **via the front gate (Newcastle Road, A525)**.

## EYFS Site:

### **Drop Off**

If driving, please **do not arrive on site until 8:40am**, to allow the Madeley High School children time to safely enter their school premises. Please take care when driving on the school site and drive slowly (5mph).

### **Pick Up**

Pick Up is between **3:15-3:30pm**. Please do not enter the high school site before this time, to allow for the high school pupils to exit safely and to allow for parking spaces to become available.

### Attendance

So far this term, I have been **pleased to see excellent punctuality and attendance by so many of our children**. It has been brilliant to see improved attendance for many children too from last year. Keep it up! Well done to our whole school community for promoting positive attendance and ensuring that it is a high priority! This will have such a positive impact on our pupils' learning, giving our children the best chance for success – our mission at school. Currently, we only have Y4 that are below our target of at least 97%, which I would like to see improved.

We recognise that there will be the odd occasion during the year where pupils will be too poorly to attend school – this cannot be helped. If you have concerns about attendance, or would like support, please do just get in touch. We are here to help.

Attendance	% this term so far (TARGET: 97% or above)
Whole School	97.3%
Nursery	100%
Reception	99.2%
Y1	98.5%
Y2	95.5%
Y3	98.3%
Y4	95%
Y5	97.2%
Y6	98.4%



### Food Chef Fun

Last week, the Kingfishers, Owls and Hawks all had the opportunity to take part in an exciting food technology workshop, where they had the opportunity to make and taste a Greek menu including:

- Greek Pita Bread
- Kefthetes Lamb meat balls
- Hummus chickpea dip
- Tomato & Feta Salad
- Tzatziki Yogurt Dip
- Olives to taste
- Orange & berry smoothie

The workshops were a triumph. Here are a few of our pupils' thoughts:

*"I like making the pitta bread. I quite like the pitta bread dipped in Tzatziki. I had never had that before and I like it!" Amy S Y4*

*"I thought it was nice to make Greek food because I don't normally make it. The meatballs were juicy." Archie W Y5*

*"It was good to learn about food the Greeks eat, which is a country I might like to go to in the future. The bread was tasty." Edward G Y6*





*"I enjoyed making the bread. The berry drink was delicious!" Isla-Rosa B Y1*

*"I really liked the bread and making it – I learned to make really good bread. It was chewy." Charlie D-P Y2*

A huge thank you to Miss Sutcliffe for arranging the enrichment opportunity, and to our wonderful helpers that gave up their time on the day. Thank you also to all our wonderful families for being very supportive and flexible with arrangements to drop off/pick up. We value your support, which enables us to continue to find creative ways to enhance our curriculum at The Meadows and provide our pupils with rich learning experiences that are a lot of fun too!

### **Online Safety**

In school, part of our safeguarding curriculum teaches our children how to be safe online. We want our children to become **confident and successful digital citizens** as we recognise the value that digital technology holds within our society. We know that to help them do this, they also need to know how to keep themselves safe in the process and are using **Google's Internet Legends programme**, to aid us. Across the curriculum, we promote our Internet Legends Code, which encompasses five areas that children need to understand to become safe and independent users in the digital world:

1. **Sharp** - Think Before You Share

Good (and bad) news travels fast online, and children can sometimes find themselves in tricky situations with lasting consequences. But what can they do to prevent this? The answer: understand how to share smartly with those they know – and those they don't.

2. **Alert** - Check It's For Real

People and situations online aren't always what they seem. Internet Legends know how to tell the difference between what's real and what's not.



3. **Secure** - Protect Your Stuff

Personal privacy and security are as important online as they are in the real world. Keeping valuable information safe helps children avoid damaging their devices, reputations and relationships.

4. **Kind** - Respect Each Other

The internet amplifies everything: good things seem more exciting, bad things seem much worse and can hurt – a lot. A great rule to live by online, as well as off, is 'treat others as you would like to be treated yourself'. Children can have a positive impact on others and stop bullying in its tracks by refusing to join in.

5. **Brave** - When in Doubt, Discuss

When children come across something they're not sure about online, they should feel comfortable talking to a trusted adult. Adults can support this by showing they're open to talking, even about difficult or embarrassing things at home and in the classroom.

To find out more, including some useful resources for parents, please visit our website:

<https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/internet-legends>



## **Online Safety Concerns - Snapchat**

Due to an increase in issues with the use of social media, we would like to signpost parents to the following information. The main issues have been surrounding the use of SnapChat.

### **What is Snapchat?**

Snapchat is a communication service popular among teens and adults. Users can take photos, record videos, add text or drawings (called Snaps) and send them to Friends.

Snaps disappear after the recipient views it, or within 24 hours (for a Story or Chat). Once all recipients have viewed a Snap, it will be automatically deleted from Snapchat's servers unless the users save the content.

Typically, users cannot retrieve opened Snaps from Snapchat's servers. However, parents and teens should [report concerns and issues to Snapchat](#), so Snapchat can preserve relevant data for law enforcement, should the need arise. Note that the ability to preserve data also depends on the user's activity and privacy settings, among other factors.

Snapchat is available for both Android and iOS users and is free to download. However, there is a premium subscription to the app also available for purchase called Snapchat+.

### **What is Snapchat's minimum age?**

Like many other social networks and messaging apps, the minimum age to use Snapchat is 13 years old. Additionally, users aged 13-17 must have permission from a parent or legal guardian to use the app. While some research shows that children under 13 use the service, Snapchat will remove any accounts they identify as belonging to an underage user.

If your child is interested in using social media but does not meet the age requirements, they face additional online risks. Until they reach the age minimum, consider these [alternatives suitable for under-13s](#).

### **Preloved Clothes**

Has your child grown rapidly already since the start of the new term? If so, don't forget about our range of preloved uniform in school, available to purchase at a small cost. If you are short of anything, please get in touch with Mrs Cooper in the office at 01782 750313 or email on [office@meadows.set.org](mailto:office@meadows.set.org). We will be **selling clothes** from the **library after school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October** as we have quite a lot of stock presently.



A huge thank you to all who have donated in the past or continue to donate.

### **Meadows in the Media**

A reminder that you can stay in touch with what's happening at The Meadows by **following us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, liking and sharing our posts!** Our new website also has direct links to our groups. 😊

### **Forthcoming Dates**

Below is a calendar of all the forth coming dates confirmed so far. It will be updated as the year progresses. Going forward, updates will be added in yellow. We like to give advanced warning about trips, sending out forms and payments plans well in advance, to support our families to distribute costs.

A reminder that I have added a blue section indicating events that are occurring in the village, for your own interest. These events are not run by the school, but rather are community events that we often participate in. It was wonderful to hear so many pupils in our school community attended the circus a few weeks ago. 😊

## Forthcoming Dates

Date	Event
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	New Intake Evening Madeley School 6pm
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y6 SATs Parents' Meeting 3pm, CI4
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual/Siblings Photos (Please ensure your child(ren) come in to school dressed smartly in the correct uniform.)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October MADELEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENT	Halloween Disco Tickets available from The Madeley Centre/Parish Council
TBD	Film Night
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	Half Term
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 Bikeability 1 day Level 1 course. Bikes and helmets required.
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> November MADELEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENT	Remembrance Service at The Madeley Centre, 10:45am (All of the school community invited to attend)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Hawks (Y5/6) Parents' Consultation
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Kingfishers (Y1/2) Parents' Consultation
Wed-Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y5 Bikeability Level 2, 1 day per pupil. Bikes and helmets required.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Foxes and Badgers (Nursery/Reception) Parents' Consultation
Thurs 21 November	Owls (Y3/4) Parents' Consultation
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> December MADELEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENT	Madeley Village Christmas Light switch on, Madeley Centre
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Foxes and Badgers (EYFS) and Kingfishers (Y1/2) trip to Jingle Ville at Lower Drayton Farm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 (Badgers, Foxes and Kingfishers) Nativity at The Madeley Centre, 2-3pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> December	CI3 (Owls)/CI4 (Hawks) trip to Crewe Lyceum to see 'Beauty and the Beast'
TBD	Christmas Carol Concert
TBD	Christmas Disco
TBD	EYFS/Kingfishers Trip
TBD	Seeing is Believing sessions
Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th January	INSET
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Sprint term starts.
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	Half Term
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Owls (Y3/4) Trip to Dewa Roman Centre, Chester
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Foxes and Badgers (EYFS) and Kingfishers (Y1/2) trip to Chester Zoo
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Hawks (Y5/6) Trip to Wolseley Bridge for a Geography field study
TBD	Seeing is Believing sessions
TBD	Easter Concert
Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 28th April	INSET
Tuesday 29th April	Summer term starts
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Group Photos (Please ensure your child(ren) come in to school dressed smartly in the correct uniform.)
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank holiday
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May	Half Term
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Owls (Y3/4) Trip to Wolseley Bridge for a Geography field study
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Foxes and Badgers (Nursery and Reception) Sports Day, 1-3pm at Leycett Cricket Club

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Kingfishers, Owls, Hawks (Y1-Y6) Sports Day, 1-3pm at Leycett Cricket Club
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Hawks (Y5/6) visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Foxes and Badgers (EYFS) and Kingfishers (Y1/2) trip to Bewildewood
TBD	Summer Fayre
TBD	Leaver's Performance
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> July MADELEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENT	Madeley Carnival (more information to be released closer to the date)
TBD	Seeing is Believing sessions
TBD	'Celebrations Assembly' at the Madeley Centre, 2-3pm
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Hawks Leaver's Performance, Madeley School, 6-8pm.
Friday 18th July	Last day of term
Monday 21st July	INSET
Tues 22 July – Fri 29 August	Summer Holiday

Please note INSET days are in service training days for staff. The school will be closed to pupils on these days.

### **Safeguarding Update**

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in **immediate danger**, please dial 999. If you need Early Help support or have a concern about a child, please call Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Service on 03001118007 or out of hours 03456042886.

Have a fantastic week. Thank you for your continued support.

All the best,

Mrs Kuffour

### **Personal Possessions**

I would like to remind all our school community of the following:

*The storage of any personal property or possessions or, where pupils bring in personal property or possessions onto the school premises it is at the pupil's and parent's own risk and the school will not be liable for any loss or damage to personal property or possessions.*



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