



# Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows  
Primary School

Dear parents/carers,

We are now in our seventh week of the autumn term and the children are thoroughly settled into everyday life at school. Their general attitudes towards learning are exemplary and they are responding brilliantly to the high expectations we have for them – both personally and academically- because they want to do their best.

Over the past few weeks, it has been a joy to go into their classrooms and witness the children’s commitment to their learning and the way they support one another, sharing their ideas and their resources, embodying our school motto, ‘Learning by Caring and Sharing’. It has been wonderful to hear the children talk confidently to one another through paired discussion, to keenly share their ideas in whole class discussions, and to listen to the way that they support one another when they are finding something tricky.

I have also been incredibly impressed with the uptake we have had this term for our extra-curricular clubs, which a majority of the school attend at some point throughout the week. A huge thanks to our wonderful staff, for their commitment to providing children with a range of enriching opportunities that take into consideration the children’s interests. From our budding techies in computing club, to our creative dancers showing great stamina, alongside Miss Sutcliffe, to our enthusiastic linguists learning early Spanish, it has been fantastic to see their engagement and see so many push themselves out of their comfort zones. 😊 Well done children.

## Pupil Leadership

Amy and Isaac have done a fantastic job promoting our school values, or our ‘Secrets of Success’ across the school. They have been excellent role models in lessons, in social times and in assemblies. They have enjoyed selecting children who have shown these values too in our weekly Celebrations Assembly, giving out thoughtful awards to their peers. Here is a message from our Ambassadors about how they feel contributing to our school:

*‘We enjoy giving out certificates because we like to share other people’s successes. It also motivates other people in their learning to be the best they can be. Each week, we look around the school to notice people who stand out in their learning. We also ask the teachers for their opinions. We feel proud to give out the certificates because we know that people have been working really hard throughout the week and we also know how it feels to receive one from previous ambassadors. It is a pleasure.’*

Amy and Isaac



Attendance	% this term so far (TARGET: 97% or above)
Whole School	96.53%
Nursery	100%
Reception	97.14%
Y1	93.39%
Y2	98.93%
Y3	94.77%
Y4	95.83%
Y5	97.07%
Y6	97.25%

## Attendance

Well done to **Badgers and Foxes (Reception) and Kingfishers** for their **improved attendance** over the past few weeks. Attendance in the Hawks class continues to be in line with our school target.

Our whole school attendance continues to improve. **We are very close to achieving our 97% target. Please continue to do all you can to ensure positive attendance for your child.** We recognise that, on the odd occasion, children are not well enough to attend school. However, please remain mindful about how absence can significantly impact upon a child’s wellbeing and attainment, as stated in my last newsletter. Remember – we are here to support you and are committed to working in partnership to ensure your child thrives.

## Volunteers

Do you have a few hours free during the week? Are you looking for rewarding and fulfilling way to spend these hours? Perfect – we have just the job for you! We are looking for some **wonderful volunteers to come and read with children of all ages** during the school week. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please get in touch with the school office. Please note: the normal enhanced DBS process will need to be completed before your voluntary work can commence.



## Weather Prepared

The autumnal season is officially here. With that in mind, please remind your child/ren to bring to school their **waterproof coats, hats and scarves**. Wherever possible, we want the children to be able to get outside each day so please ensure that your child is prepared for the season.



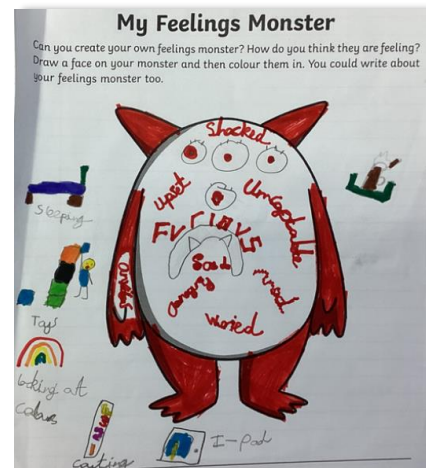
## World Mental Health Day

At The Meadows, one of our aims is to help our children to be **personally successful**. We know that strong academic achievement goes hand in hand with positive wellbeing – both mental and physical. As a result, we work with our children to help their personal development and promote positive wellbeing through:

- Our ambitious and inclusive curriculum, where

personal development is an integral, interweaving thread

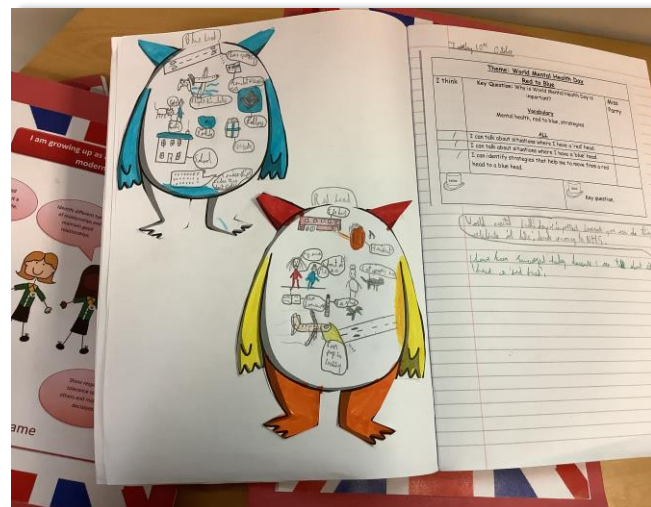
- Teaching and learning that promotes self-regulation and the development of social and emotional literacy
- Dialogue with and support for our pupils (e.g. nurture)
- Our restorative approach to behaviour management
- Pupil leadership, including our wellbeing monitors
- The use of external emotion coaches from VIP
- The use of the online platform Zumos
- Whole school and class assemblies
- Through our reading approach
- Through enrichment activities such as sporting events, trips and extra-curricular clubs



Every day, our pupils come into school and have one-to-one time with their teacher to **scale how they are feeling**. This **daily dialogue** helps our children to feel recognised, to develop their social and emotional language and it also helps our teacher to triage and address any worries or concerns they may have, putting immediate support into place. We use **Zumos** to help us do this, which all children have access to at home.

This year, across the school, we have enhanced our approach to **supporting self-regulation and emotional literacy** by launching our new **'Red 2 Blue' approach**. This is an approach that has been launched across The Shaw Education Trust family. Our Mental Health leads, Mrs Davies and Mrs Panagi, have completed their coaching qualifications and are leading the implementation across the school. In addition, I am currently beginning **Senior Mental Health Training**, as research indicates that taking a coordinated and evidence-informed approach to mental health and wellbeing leads to improved emotional health and wellbeing in children and young people, and greater readiness to learn.

As you can see, promoting positive mental wellbeing in an integral thread that weaves throughout the education we provide. We also take opportunities to highlight the importance of positive mental health, such as last Tuesday when we celebrated **'World Mental Health Day'** across the school. In each class, the children explored in more detail what emotions they felt when they are in a 'red head' or a 'blue head' state. They reflected on strategies that worked for them to self-regulate, moving from red to blue.



Across the school, we also explored how our **mental wellbeing can be affected online**, and strategies we can use to promote positive wellbeing online. The children recognised the importance of being 'brave' one our Internet Legends. The saying we teach our children is, 'When in doubt, discuss'. We encourage our children to speak out if they notice something online that makes them uncomfortable. We explored different ways to report issues online, including in-app features as well as taking to trusted adults, like their parents and teacher. **Please reinforce this message at home.**

## **Parent Webinar: Creating a Safe Digital Playground for Your Child (Natterhub), Thursday, 23rd of November at 7pm**

This week, we have sent out a link to all parents, via Parentmail, to Natterhub's free webinar they are putting on to support parents to **help their children stay in the digital world**. To access it, register for free on:

[Online Safety Webinar for Parents of Children Aged Five to Eleven Years \(natterhub.com\)](https://www.natterhub.com)

We hope you find this useful!

## **Flu Vaccinations**

Reminder: Children's flu vaccination (Reception to Y6) will take place on **Wednesday 25th October 2023**. This vaccination is to help protect your child against flu. Flu is a virus which can make you feel very unwell and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

This vaccination is free. It is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, they should have the flu vaccine again this year. The nasal vaccine is offered to children as it is more effective than the injected vaccine. However, if your child is at high risk from flu due to 1 or more medical conditions or treatments and can't have the nasal flu vaccine they should have the flu vaccine by injection.

Please follow the link in the letter, sent out via Parentmail, in order to consent.

## **Class Updates**

**Our Foxes and Badgers (Nursery and Reception)** have been reading 'Funny Bones' and thinking about what can be found inside their bodies. The children have been going home and sharing this with their families – see Isla Rosa's fantastic home learning as an example.

**The Kingfishers (Y1/2)** have been using their phonics when writing sentences about the autumn season and how trees change. They have applied some super Science learning too!

**The Owls (Y3/4)** have been developing fantastic understanding of tactics in their Games unit in PE. They have been comparing tactics used in different sports.

**The Hawks (Y5/6)** have enjoyed their online safety lessons in Computing. They have looked at the importance of using complex passwords and two-factor authentication to be 'secure' online. Such knowledge is useful in the real world and part of their digital citizenship. Hopefully they have shared their fantastic knowledge with the adults in their families.



## **Harry Potter Quiz Night**

Calling all witches and Wizards: **this Friday** we will be holding a **Harry Potter Quiz Night at Leycett Cricket Club 6:30-8:30pm**. Costumes encouraged! Miss Parry has been working hard on the Potter themed questions – it's not to be missed!

Please support our school fundraising by attending if you can. 😊 Entries are currently low and we would hate to have to cancel the event due to insufficient numbers. **You can sign up via Parentmail or telephone the school office. All welcome.**

## **Vacancy**

We are looking for a new **Wraparound Teaching Assistant** to join our wonderful friendly staff team. We are committed to employing the right person for the job, so please get in touch if you are interested, or

share far and wide. Details can be found here:

[The Meadows Primary School Career Site \(schoolrecruiter.com\)](https://www.schoolrecruiter.com)



## Updated Term Dates

Here is our updated calendar. Please note the highlighted events, where dates have been either added in or amended. Apologies where amendments may have been made – this is either down to a change in arrangements for unforeseeable reasons or due to human error.

### Forthcoming Dates

Date	Event
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual/Siblings Photos (Please ensure your child(ren) come into school dressed smartly in the correct uniform)
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 SATs Parents' Meeting 3pm, CI4
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Height and Weight Check Reception and Y6
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Health and Wellbeing Talk Y5/6
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harry Potter Themed Quiz Night 6:30-8:30pm
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> October - Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Half Term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET (Staff Training)
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> November	CI1 (Badgers/Foxes) and CI2 (Kingfishers) Trip to Blue Planet
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> November	CI4 (Hawks) 'Seeing is Believing' lesson, 11:15am-12:15pm 1 parent/grandparent per family is invited to come and learn a lesson with their child
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at The Madeley Centre, 10:45am (All of the school community invited to attend. Refreshments available afterward.)
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> November	CI2 (Kingfishers) 'Seeing is Believing' lesson, 11:15am-12:15pm 1 parent/grandparent per family is invited to come and learn a lesson with their child
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> November	CI3 (Owls) 'Seeing is Believing' lesson, 2:15-3:15pm 1 parent/grandparent per family is invited to come and learn a lesson with their child
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Spotacular Fundraiser Children to come in their own spotty clothes with a donation of £1.
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations – complete the consent online
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> November	CI3 (Owls) Last Swimming Session (Autumn)
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> November	CI3 (Owls) Trip to Liverpool Museum
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> December	CI3 (Owls)/CI4 (Hawks) New Victoria Theatre Trip to see 'The Nutcracker', 2:30pm-5pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 (Badgers, Foxes and Kingfishers) Nativity at The Madeley Centre, 2-3pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> December	The Meadows Christmas Carol Service, 2-3pm, All Saints Church, Madeley
TBD	Winter Fayre
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> December - Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Holiday
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Term Starts

Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> January	CI3 (Owls) Swimming Starts (Spring)
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> January	CI4 (Hawks) Standon Bowers Parents Information Meeting, CI4, 3pm
TBD	Whole School Movie Night
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> February – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> March	CI3 (Owls) Trip to Lower Drayton Farm
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> March	CI4 (Hawks) Trip to Tamworth Castle
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> March	CI3 (Owls) Last Swimming Session (Spring)
TBD	Easter Concert
TBD	Easter Disco
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET (Shaw Education Trust Training Day)
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> April	CI4 (Hawks) Swimming Starts (Summer)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Group Photos
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	CI4 (Hawks) Residential Trip to Standon Bowers
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> June	CI4 (Hawks) Last Swimming Session (Summer)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (EYFS Foxes and Badgers) 2-3pm, Leycett Cricket Club
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (CI2-CI4) 1-3pm, Leycett Cricket Club
TBD	Summer Fayre
TBD	Leaver's Performance
TBD	'Celebrations Assembly' at the Madeley Centre, 2-3pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Term Ends
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET (Staff Training)
<b>Tues 23 July – Fri 30 August</b>	<b>Summer Holiday</b>

### **Safeguarding Child in our Local Community**

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,

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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