



## November Newsletter 2020

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Families,

I am absolutely delighted that we have been able to welcome back our students this term. Whilst it has not been without its challenges, I am overwhelmed at how much support we have received from yourselves and our wider school community in reopening our doors. Students have embraced being back in school and I am so impressed at how well they have readapted to their routine; for many within new classes.

We have not been able to carry out our usual array of off-site trips and visits, but this has not stopped the productivity within school. It has been brilliant to see the work going on and I am glad to be able to share this with you once again.

*Wishing you a great and safe Autumn Term!*



#### **Term Dates 2020-2021**

##### **Students Return**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
2020

##### **Last Day of Term**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
2020

#### **Spring Term 2021**

##### **Inset (Training Day)**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

##### **Students Return**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

##### **Students Last Day**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

# What's been happening?

## Happiness Boxes

Since our return to school in September, we have been using PHSE and the 'Recovery Curriculum' to make our students feel safe and happy to be back in school. As part of this, we have been creating 'Happiness Boxes'. Students have brought in items that help make them feel happy, which they have then used to fill the boxes. They are able to access these and talk about them at times when they may feel sad, angry or frustrated.

Class 3:3



## Student Council

The Student Council have been busy gathering donations for NHS thank you boxes.

The Council have filled four shoeboxes with hand creams, moisturisers, shower gels, deodorants, chocolates, biscuits and many more items that have kindly been donated by the staff at The Meadows School.

The shoeboxes are being sent to The QE hospital to thank them for all their hard work and dedication during the COVID pandemic.





## New bikes!

This is class 4.1 and 3.8 enjoying the new bikes purchased this year. As well as being a lot of fun, using the bikes is also helping to develop children's social and emotional needs, physical development and number skills. We look forward to using them a lot more.



## Class 2 & 4 Art

Class 3.6 have loved settling back into school life! This half term we have been focusing on learning 'All about Me.' During an Art lesson, we concentrated on self-portraits and focused on how we see ourselves. Students used mirrors and we were able to draw fantastic 2D self-portraits. Look at our fantastic work!!





# 'Hello Yellow' Week

Following on from our focus on PHSE and our 'Recovery Curriculum', we took part in the 'Young Minds UK Hello Yellow' fundraising campaign during the week of 5th-9th October, which supports mental health in children and young people. We held a 'wear something yellow to school' and a 'sale' day on the Friday. Students were tasked with creating baked items, creative goods or performing a talent, which was then judged by Governors.



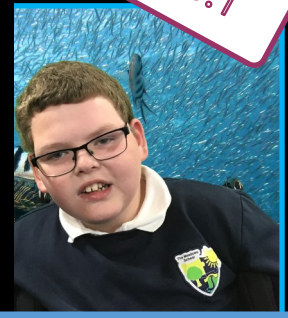
Class 3:1



We had a Hello Yellow party with yellow hats, yellow food and yellow music!



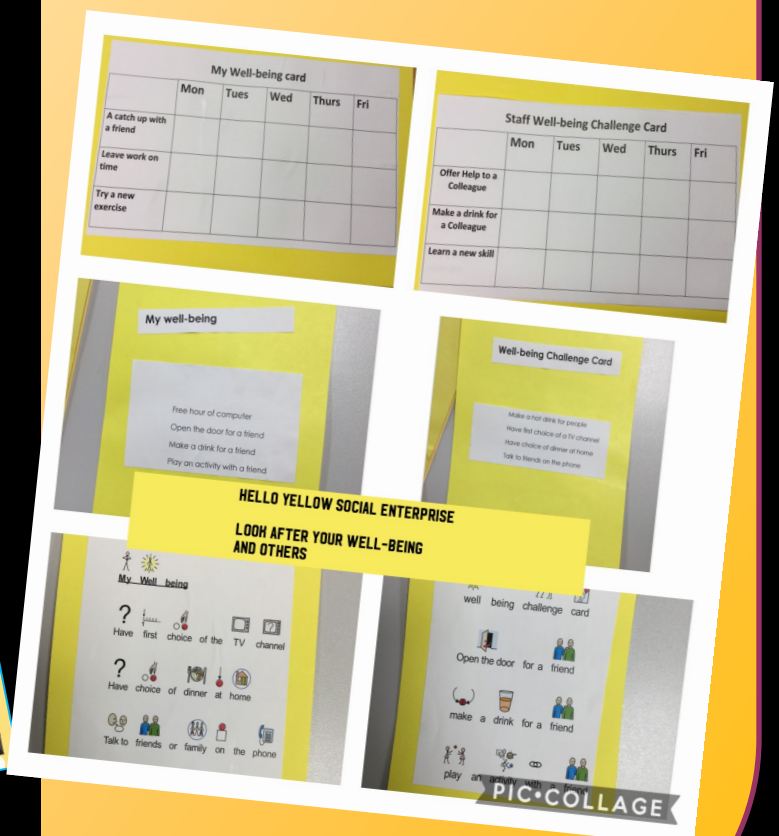
We all helped to make a yellow flower for the school display.



We used a green screen to make it look like we were at the relaxing aquarium. Relaxing is important for mental health.



Class 3:5



Class 5:4

Yellow flowers represent joy and light heartedness.

They are also a symbol of friendship, new beginnings and happiness. These were shared by all classes to spread the joy.



Class 3.4 have enjoyed being back in school, and taking part in a variety of experiences, including Drama with Open Theatre, here is just some of the great work we have been doing so far...



Class 3:4

## Parental Engagement Project

A BIG thank you to the families of Noah Harvey, Alistair Shepherd, Nathan Hooper, Tin Nguyen and Jace Khan for agreeing to trial our new Parental Engagement Project. We will let you know how the project is progressing.



# Important Updates

## Staffing Updates

We would like to offer our farewells to a number of staff, who have left for pastures new at the end of last year. We wish Kim Hart, Inny Choudhury and Mark Humphries all the best in their new roles. We would also like to say a big farewell to our Assistant Headteacher, Helen Rose, who left us at the end of last half term for a peaceful retirement. She will be greatly missed by all and we thank her for all that she has done for the school! Congratulations to Kevin Hurcombe, he has been appointed to be the interim, part time AHT following on from Helen's departure.

The best of luck to Georgia Barham in October and Radeah Fara and Leanne Norton in November, for the safe arrival of their babies. We wish them well in their maternity leave. We also welcome back Jordan Savell-Boss from her maternity leave this new academic year.

Finally, we would like to say a big welcome to our new staff this term; our two new teachers, Kieran Bradley and Leonora Curtis and our three teaching assistants, Penny Blake, Jade Cope and Katie Broadhurst.





# The Meadows School

'Getting it right for everyone'

STRAPLINE

Every student reaches their potential and is fully prepared for life after The Meadows

MISSION STATEMENT

Personalised approaches to learning

Working in partnership

Change  
Challenge  
Evolve

All-encompassing  
Inclusive approach

VISION

Safe

Happy

Independent

Nurtured

Engaged

VALUES

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**Friday 13th November 2020**

We're supporting  
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in Need**



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