

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2022



## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you for the cooperation and patience you have shown this half term with regards to class closures. It has still been an extremely challenging period as we cross the peak of COVID and we hope that the following half term will see things get back to normal.

There have been some exciting developments around school; with an independent living suite nearing completion in our Sixth Form bungalow and the new build housing three new classrooms due for completion in the coming months.

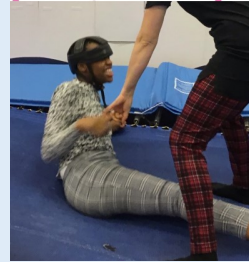
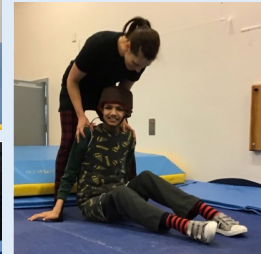
There have been lots of classes participating in work experience around school, which is fantastic to see. The students have enjoyed learning new skills and partaking in tasks that form part of the school working day. We look forward to celebrating Careers Week next term following this hard work.

I wish all of you a restful and enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you back in the second half of the Spring Term!

# What's been happening?

## Class 5.1

Class 5.1 students have really enjoyed restarting their Rebound sessions, after a long break. Each student has had the opportunity to participate with the staff support and team work from others. They have managed to successfully hit targets on their individual physio/movement programmes and have lots of fun along the way.



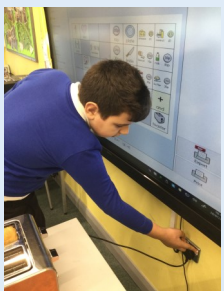
## Class 3.1

Class 3.1 learnt about Chinese New Year during our Bucket Therapy sessions last week. Each student independently created a tiger (it is the Year of the Tiger) using their kit. Class 3.1 students are now becoming increasingly confident and independent in completing their own work during these sessions.



## Class 3.7

This term, Class 3.7 have been very busy! We have been tidying Meadowland as part of our work experience and we have been learning how to use electrical and household items safely. Class 3.7 have been navigating around school on-site and they successfully navigated to Forest School without any adult input. In PE, Class 3.7 are working with Harry, our Sports Co-ordinator, where the students worked in groups to problem solve and follow instructions, whilst remaining safe.

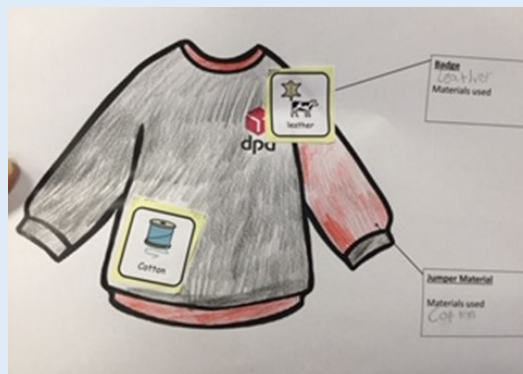
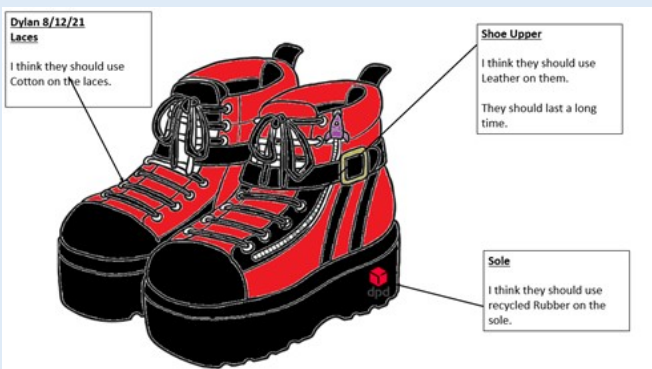


## Class 5.4 Competition Success!

### Class 5.4 place 2<sup>nd</sup> in DPD Sustainability Competition

The Meadows were asked to be part of a DPD Sustainability Competition. DPD want to have a more sustainable company and asked schools in the area to put forward ideas help the environment. The original idea by a Sixth Form student was sustainable footwear, which then developed to sustainable clothing. The students have used text and symbols to label their work to share their ideas on what DPD could do to be kinder to the environment.

To support other Green initiatives the school has been awarded £2000. When this project has started we will let you know our progress.



## Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Mascot Visit

On Thursday 17th February, we received a special visit from the official mascot of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, Perry the bull. Perry officially opened our new outdoor gym with the help of our School Council and our Sports Coach, Harry. Perry also paid a visit to a number of classrooms around the school. The students loved having him visit and are looking forward to seeing him when the Games start.



## Careers



Thinking about the future is scary. In the parent questionnaires, you were asking for information about Post-19 provisions.

We have updated The Meadows website and there is now information, which you can view. Look in the updated Parent/ Carer section as well as the students section for further information.

Any question please do not hesitate to ask.

### **Careers Week - Monday 7th March - Friday 11th March**

This is the week we will be celebrating National Careers Week at The Meadows School. Our young people will be experiencing a wide variety of different jobs as an introduction to the world of work.

We will be having a visit from the animal man as well as creating a whole school enterprise project. This will be a tea towel celebrating 2022 at The Meadows which will be available for families to purchase. More details of this will follow.

### **Staffing Updates**

We offer a huge welcome to Loretta Slater, Sarah Collins and Samantha Crofts who have joined The Meadows team as Student Support Practitioners. We also would like to say a big congratulations to two of our Learning Support Practitioners, Zoe Jackson and Katie Broadhurst, who have been successful in being appointed as Higher Level Teaching Assistants in school.

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