



# The Meadows School

## October Newsletter 2022



### Headteacher Welcome

Dear Families,

I would like to offer a huge warm welcome back to all our students and families this academic year and an extra special welcome to those who have joined us new this September.

We have had a busy half term already and with even more staff and students this year, there is lots going on around school!

There have been some positive changes being made in the last few weeks. We welcome our new Deputy Headteacher, Theodora Papaspyrou, who is our new Designated Safeguarding Lead and has been driving some great initiatives already.

We have had a fantastic time celebrating the Harvest Festival on the last day of term. Classes decorated their areas and got stuck in to some brilliant activities on the day. A big thanks to our amazing staff who organised it!

We look forward to what the rest of the year has to come, but for now, I wish you all a well deserved half term and holiday!

### Staff Updates

I would like to welcome all our new staff who have started with us this new academic year and are happy to have you all joining the team. We welcome three new teachers; Lauren Bicket, Daniel Day and Nathalie Thomas, eight new LSPs; Kaishah Green, Teri Samrai, Sheila Bailey, Elizabeth Bailey, Kristina Flavell, Sam Stanton, Monique Oladujoye and Maggie Moore, our new housekeeper, Becca York and our new cleaner, Phetsurin Reeves.

During the holidays, we also bid farewell to Julie Turner, Chris Coombes and Tracey Coates. We thank them for all their work and wish them the best of luck in their next steps.

A big congratulations to our LSP, Kirsty Francis, who welcomed two baby boys in September and Karen Moore on the safe arrival of her baby

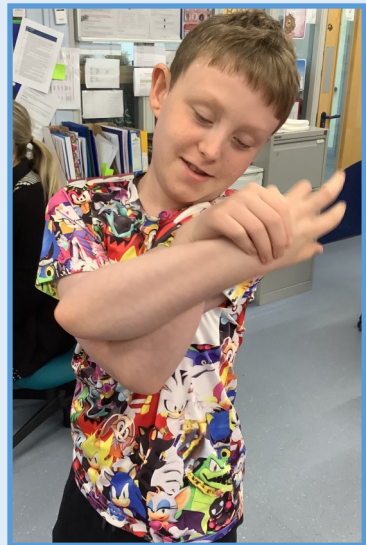


# What's been happening?

## Superhero Day



Students in Class 3.3 launched their Superhero Topic with a non-uniform day where staff and students had lots of fun dressing up as superheroes!



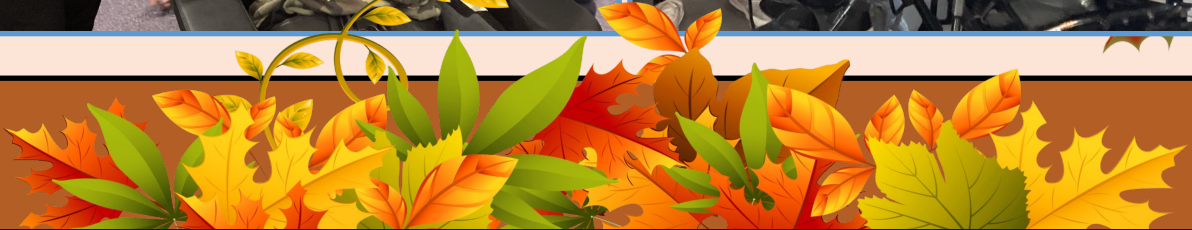
**BOOM!**



## West Bromwich Albion Players Visit



On Tuesday 27th September, the school was lucky enough to receive a visit from three of West Bromwich Albion first team players; Matt Phillips, Adam Reach and Freya Smith. Students had the opportunity to meet with the players and show off what they were up to in class. The school has strong links with the West Bromwich Albion foundation, who come in to deliver sessions to our students. Our students were thrilled to be able to meet the players!



## Class 4.1

Class 4.1 have been busy this half term and as part of their learning, have been on a number of educational visits. Along with other classes, Class 4.1 make weekly trips to Malthouse Stables in Tipton where they have fun canoeing with the instructors.

The class has also been fortunate enough to visit Warren's Hall Riding School on a weekly basis this term. As you can see, the students love getting out into the community and enjoying these experiences.



## Class 4.5

As part of our Recovery Curriculum, Class 4.5 have been cooking, visiting the Nature Trail and using the Outdoor Gym and Fitness Suite for their well-being. They have also been participating in Drama and visiting the local park.



## Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings

On Friday 7th October, the school held a coffee morning for parents and carers of our students who are leaving The Meadows this year. Pam Brown, our Professional Careers Adviser from Connexions and Ashley Furness, our Head of Sixth Form, were on hand to answer any queries and talk through our students' options for when they leave school.

Our coffee mornings are a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers, engage with the school community and receive helpful information about various topics.



Coffee mornings run from **9.30am – 11.30am** at The Meadows School on the following dates:

### **November 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup>** - Respite advice with Kelly

**15<sup>th</sup>** - Chat

**29<sup>th</sup>** - Hypnotherapy and Meditation (David and Eileen)

### **December 2022**

**13<sup>th</sup>** - Hypnotherapy with David, Christmas Craft with Paula and Christmas Buffet (everyone bring a dish). This meeting will be 3 hours so there is time for everyone to have some Christmas fun together!

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2022

Half Term: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct

Students Return: Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

Last Day of Term: Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Spring Term 2023

Inset (Training) Day: Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Students Return: Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Jan

Half Term: Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Students Return: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

Students Last Day: Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

Easter Holidays: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr - Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Apr

### Summer Term 2023

Students Return: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr

Inset (Training) Day: Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Apr

May Day Bank Holiday: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May

Students Last Day: Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun

Students Return: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jun

Last Day of Term: Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July

### Contact Details

Just a reminder to ensure that your contact details are up-to-date.

Please inform the school if any of your details change so we are able to contact you!

### Student Council

We're thrilled to announce that we have a brand new student council this year made up of some fantastic representatives from across the school.

Our new team is Liam Embley, Lashly Tonks, Kiara Loddo, Gurnoor Singh, Raad Radman and Nathan Kanyangu.

We can't wait to share some of their initiatives!



### Safeguarding

We have updated the safeguarding information section on our website, which has been divided for you to be able to easily access relevant information relating to our safeguarding practices and procedures within school. On there, you can find information about Safeguarding at The Meadows, Online Safety, PREVENT and Pastoral Support with lots of useful links and information for you to use at home.

You will also be able to access our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and other key policies which you may want to refer to.

Please visit our school website for all latest news and updates –

<https://www.themeadows.sandwell.sch.uk>

