



JULY 2019

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As we are nearing the end of the school year and we are just thinking about all the wonderful things that have been undertaken this year. There have been a lot of great achievements made,

- There have been many off site visits, including an invited visit to the Houses of Parliament. The students certainly enjoyed being “MP’s” for the day with so many stories to talk about on their return about their adventures.
- Parents Evening was extremely well supported by families and very positive feedback has been received following the survey that was sent out.
- Our sports day this year was on 4th July and it was an American Independence themed day with red, white and blue being the colours for the day. It was a great pleasure to see 106 family members supporting our students for this event. A tremendous effort was made by all the students, families and staff.
- We are extremely grateful to the parent of a student in KS4 for their very kind donation following a sponsored 100 mile cycle ride. Thank you so much.



TERM DATES 2018/2019

Students break up for the summer holiday's

Friday 19th July 2019

Student's return

4th September 2019 @ 8.50am

Half Term

Monday 28th October—

Friday 1st November

Last day of term

Friday 20th December 2019

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Visit to The Houses of Parliament 28th June 2019

The Meadows School were lucky enough to be invited to take a group of students to The Houses of Parliament SEND Education day in Westminster, London. The purpose of the visit was to find out about democracy and how laws are made.

We had a tour of The House of Commons, where we were invited to sit on the ministers' benches and in the Speaker's chair! We also explored The House of Lords, Westminster Hall and Central Lobby, finding out about the history of the building and how Parliament works.



It was an early start and a late return, but we all had a fabulous day!



On sports day, Students had the opportunity to learn how to do archery.

Malt house staff supported the students to ensure that the correct techniques were used when aiming at the targets. Staff also had the opportunity to have a go.



The students in class 3:7 had a lovely day out at Sandwell Valley on Monday 8th July.

We visited the Woodlands Area, where we identified the different trees and leaves.

We also created tree and leaf rubbings using crayons and pastels.



The day was completed by students enjoying themselves in the park and having ice creams!

CLASS 3.7 VISIT TO SANDWELL VALLEY

Class 3.3 Trip to Sainsbury's

As part of our new curriculum students in class 3.3 had the opportunity to shop at a local supermarket.

Some of the class walked there learning how to cross roads and use power chairs safely in the community.

The students enjoyed eating their snack in the cafe and paying for items they had located around the store.



Class 3.4 visit to Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple



The students in class 3:4 have been visiting our friends at the Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple.

They have been in various holy buildings on the temple site where they were able to see and experience the shrines of the temple.

The students have enjoyed their visits and were made to feel very welcome. Some students were offered food, some of the students were able to feel and explore sculptures and religious items.

In the main temple the students had a range of experiences including witnessing a Namakaran (Hindu naming ceremony).



Class 3.1 Visit to Legoland Windsor

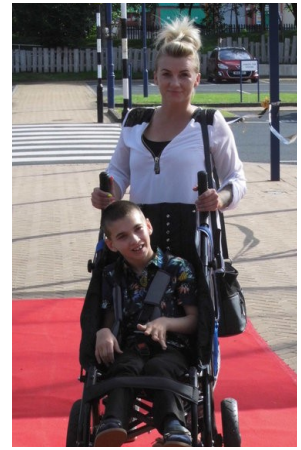
Throughout the year, class 3.1 have worked hard and raised enough funds for the whole class to enjoy a day out at Legoland.

We went on lots of rides and the students had an amazing time. We all passed our Lego car driving test and earned our driving licenses.



CLASS OF 2019

Thank you to everyone that attended the Meadows Prom 2019.



What a great way to finish off the year.

All photo booth pictures can be viewed using the unique code you received on the night.

WHOLE SCHOOL PROM NIGHT FRIDAY 12TH JULY

Class 5.4 Visit to Pizza Hut and Bowling



Students in class 5.4 have been able to go on the school mini bus and used their paths in travel training to get to the bowling alley. Students followed the rules so that they could play independently.

After bowling, they went to Pizza Hut where they enjoyed a range of different pizzas considering their own dietary requirements with the support of staff members.

Staff Updates:

We wish a very warm welcome to,

- Thomas Rowley—
IT Apprentice
- Leanne Norton—LSP
- Kirsty Francis—LSP
- Jas Kallah—LSP

We wish them a long and happy career at The Meadows.

We say welcome back to the staff below who have returned to work following maternity leave,

- Louise Golden
- Rebecca Clifford
- Radeah Fara

Class 3:5 visit to Dudley Zoo—3rd July



The students in Ruth Harrison's class had a fantastic day out at Dudley Zoo on 3rd July.

The students enjoyed seeing all the animals and playing in the park area.

The weather was lovely and everyone had a great day.



The students in Class 5.4 have worked hard to weed, brush, plant and water all the plants ready for the Sixth Form

Allotment open day. Students from across school will be invited to view the garden. When the beds have been labelled the students will have a tour of the allotment and find out what has been grown.

Sixth Form Allotment - Progress so far

QAC visit

On 26th June, a group of sixth form students visited QAC in Birmingham as part of their careers curriculum.



We enjoyed having a look around and seeing what opportunities are available. Two of the students had a go at presenting

to the rest of the group and we all tried the travel training at 'Independence Street'.



We are looking forward to building stronger links and planning further visits to the college in the next academic year.



Silver Award

Students completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh on 12th—14th June. They travelled to the Wyre Forest to complete two nights of camping and expedition walking. Whilst on the trip the students built tents and a small gazebo to protect themselves from the rain. All students slept on roll mats and in sleeping bags which kept them nice and warm throughout the night. Unfortunately, the weatherman did us no favours on this trip and it is safe to say it was a very muddy and wet trip. The first day after setting up camp, students proceeded to follow picture maps and navigate themselves into Bewdley Town Centre, luckily the river did not rise high enough to wash us away. The walk took around 4 hours with different stops on route to take in nature and the countryside whilst resting our legs.

On returning to camp students enjoyed making hot chocolate and even enjoyed toasting marshmallows next to the fire. The students were really well behaved whilst away and really adapted well to sleeping in tents. The next day after finishing breakfast, students put walking boots and wellies on and set off walking again, this time to Knowles Mill, located in the middle of the woods. Students stopped for a break here before completing the rest of the walk on the difficult terrain back to camp. All of the students did so well whilst away and did a fantastic job of supporting each other.



Student Council

A big thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for the Summer raffle.

A grand total of £219 was raised and the money will go towards new outdoor equipment and forest school.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

STUDENT COUNCIL

During the month of June KS3 students enjoyed being given the opportunity to go camping in a local adventure centre called Aztec Adventure Park in Upton Warren. Students and staff were taken by minibus to a garden centre in Bromsgrove and from there navigated their way to Sanders Park.



Here students were collected for lunch and enjoyed eating their lunch under the parks Band Stand to shelter from the rain.

Once the rain had stopped, we all went and enjoyed some time playing on the park. We enjoyed the swings, birds nest and

loved climbing on the different climbing frames. After this we returned to camp where we set up the camp. We loved eating our fish and chips for dinner and then settled down for the night in our beautiful tent. The next day after eating breakfast, we were able to go canoeing in the big Canadian canoes. We canoed round the lake and even had a race with another local school and we won!!! Once we dried off we returned to school. Students were fantastic whilst away and behaved so well.