



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we end our year, staff have been reflecting together on our successes and celebrations as a school, this being our first year as a 'Good' School rated by Ofsted. I'd like to use this final newsletter to share and celebrate our school achievements with you. This month we received our KS2 SATs results. We are delighted with the results achieved by our pupils. We are proud of the achievements of our Year 6 children and know that we send them on to their new schools having had some wonderful, memorable learning experiences, with strong basic skills.

We value many things here at Meadowside, but not all are measurable – sports, music, the arts and citizenship skills are embedded in our curriculum and celebrated widely. These events were also reflected in our highlights of this year.

Last weekend was our Summer Fair. The PTA, as always, worked tirelessly to organise and ensure this was a fun event for all. Despite rain and wind, it was a great success. A massive thank you to them.

Thank you once again for working with us to ensure our pupils are safe and happy and encouraged to work towards their goals and ambitions. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all staff, without exception, everyone has gone above and beyond in an exciting and rewarding year. Thank you also to Governors who have worked continuously behind the scenes, providing great support.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Best wishes

Mrs Garnham, Executive

Head Teacher

Attendance

Meadowside Primary School aims to encourage every pupil to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them.

The School adopts the Government definition of good attendance as being 97% or above.

This Academic Year our attendance overall was **94.49%**

***Reminder* School reopens to pupils on Wednesday 6th September**

Health & Fitness Goals at Meadowside

Meadowside Primary
School Games GOLD
Mark Award



Go Team Meadowside!

We are delighted to announce that we, Meadowside Primary, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- More children have met the end of KS2 swimming criteria since the pandemic.
- More local sporting events have been attended than ever before, including the swimming gala.
- An improved attitude towards health and fitness, during and after school.
- An improved timetable of sporting clubs and activities delivered before, during and after the school day.

With a large total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to Mrs Flavell, Mr Reilly, Ms Hover, Mr Tranmer and the Sports Crew. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

Summer Reading Challenge: Ready Set Read!



JOIN TODAY!

The Summer Reading Challenge is ON.

Ready, Set, Read! is the name of the game and this year, you guessed it, our theme is sports and games.

Take part in your local library or online, right here. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock some digital goodies.

Join today!

Summer Reading Challenge 2023
Ready, Set, Read!
Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

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It would be great to have lots of Meadowside pupils taking part in the 6 week summer reading challenge. To join in please click on this link for more information <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Don't forget to share your reading challenges with your new Class Teacher in September.

THANK YOU

Meadowside Primary Walk to School week held Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd June.

Thank you for all your support during Walk to School week. The children were very enthusiastic despite the odd shower or two! Each child's active journey was logged by the class teacher and by the end of the week we had totalled a whopping...**1,234** active journeys across the whole school. Well done and thank you again for your support.

Mrs Flavell, PE Lead



Science Afternoon at Latimer Arts College

Our Year 5 pupils were given a fantastic opportunity to visit Latimer Arts College on 3rd July. Where they participated in an experiment which involved mixing different chemicals and then measuring the rate of their reaction times. They all had a very enjoyable afternoon, thank you to Latimer for hosting the event and providing our pupils with the opportunity to explore different scientific matters in a Science Lab.



Changes to School Uniform

From September 2022 as part of our transitional arrangements our current Year 5 and 6 children have been trialling wearing school ties. We have to say that the children have looked very smart and as discussed it will be compulsory for our Year 5 & 6 children to wear ties according to their houses from this September. If your child will be in Years 5 and 6 from this September they will be expected to wear a tie that can be worn with a white shirt and a v-neck sweatshirt. Please

visit

[Meadowside Primary School - Cool Cats Clothing](#)

On the website you will be able to see all of the tie colours linking to our houses and will be able to purchase a V-neck jumper if required. We look forward to seeing the children in their ties when we return to school after the summer break.





Buttercups

What a busy but fantastic Summer term the Buttercups have had. Firstly, the Buttercups had a lovely sports day joining together with our KS1 friends for the first time. They got on so well taking part in all the sporting activities on offer with great confidence. Well done Buttercups! We have also enjoyed learning about British values, as part of this terms Creative Mission. The children learnt what the five British values mean and the importance of each one. Working



as a team they created a British values collage to be placed on display within the nursery.



Reception

The year has gone by so fast, and we have grown in so many ways. Our Robin and Owl children are leaving us with lots of knowledge about the world around them and not forgetting the bugs we find in our garden. They loved the trip to Sywell Country Park. They have shown great understanding of numbers to 10, shapes in the environment and number bonds. They have written thousands of words throughout the year using their phonic knowledge. They have definitely grown in height too and are very ready for their Year One classes. From all the Reception staff, we want to wish them luck in Year One and happiness in the summer holiday and finally we want to say a huge well done for the resilience and responsibility they have all had this year.

Year 1

This term Year One have been super busy learning all about the seaside. We had a visit from 'One Day Creative' and had a full Victorian seaside experience, followed by a hands-on beach day, including Hokey Pokey Ice-cream and a water fight. We would like to say how proud we are of the children, as they confidently carried out their phonics screen check and achieved great results. We will miss you all very much and look forward to watching you grow over the coming years.



Year 2

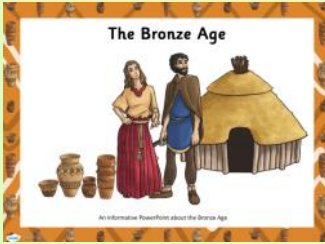
What a fantastic final term in year 2! The children have continued to make us proud daily with their enthusiasm and increasing independence in lessons. The children have been working hard in English lessons writing stories, poetry and leaflets. They have been learning to join their Kinetic Letters, ready for year 3! Everyone enjoyed a wonderful, sunny day at Woburn Safari Park to learn more about animals. The assembly was a great end to the term and an opportunity for the children to show off their learning from the 'Circle of Life' topic.

We wish all the children the best of luck as they move up to Key Stage Two!



Year 3

Wow, what a busy term! We had a fantastic trip to Flag Fen on 4th July where we learnt a lot about the bronze age artifacts found there, got to be experimental archaeologists and had a tour of the causeway that was discovered there. We developed our understanding of the British Values during our Creative Mission week and had a great day during our KS2 Sports Day. We have spent a lot of time learning about Judaism this term and will end the year asking the question, 'How do Jews show their faith?'. To answer this, we will draw on what we have learnt about a number of different Jewish festivals. We have thoroughly enjoyed our learning throughout the year and are really looking forward to Year 4!



Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed learning about the Romans and had a fantastic time last Thursday at Bosworth Battlefield and heritage centre where we met Queen Boudicca and a Roman soldier, as well as exploring artefacts which were discovered in the local area. We loved the fact that we were handling items which Romans had held 2000 years ago! We have continued to work hard in the classroom, becoming dragonologists and inventing new species to write non-chronological reports about. We finished our work on coordinates in maths and revisited some learning from earlier in the year. We've had a great time in Year 4 and are looking forward to moving to Year 5 in September - our transition morning was successful for all.



Year 5

On Monday Year 5 pupils had a fantastic Tudor Day! Everyone had a unique experience and stepped back in time. Pupils were doing many crafts such as making ink and writing with quills, soap and scent bag making, sewing and using leather. There were opportunities for drama, the Tudor dance and celebrating queen's Anne Boleyn's death with 'wine'.



Year 6

It has been a busy, productive and emotional last term for Year Six students. We completed SATs and the results look very good! We knew they were an intellectual bunch! We had a great time on our final trip together, to Old Hunstanton Beach for a fun day on the sand, and a paddle in the sea. The whole school, but especially the Year Six team, Miss Smith, Mr Reilly, Mrs



Holyhead, Mrs Wood and Mrs Harding would like to wish all our leaving students the very best for the future and hope they build on the success and learning they started while being Meadowside Primary pupils. We will miss you all.

We will miss you

Head Teacher's Afternoon Tea

Congratulations!

Well done to all of our children who enjoyed our last Afternoon Tea of the academic year with Mrs Garnham in the Pen Palace. Mrs Garnham and the children's teachers are very proud of how hard these children have worked this term and they fully deserved this special treat.....

What a lovely way to end the term!



School Notices

School Lunches

As we discussed in the May half term edition of Meadowside Matters we will have a new lunch provider in September. Please bare with us whilst we finalise the arrangements. We will be in touch shortly with more information.



Safeguarding Information

If you have a concern about a child in the holidays you can refer to the following agencies

NSPCC Tel: 0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk

MASH: 0300 126 7000

DSL Sarah Hammond: 07719 076 172

Information is also available on our website

<https://www.meadowsideprimary.org/>

Mobile Phone Free Zone

Please can we remind parents that the school is a mobile free zone. When you are picking your children up from school or dropping them off please can you refrain from using your phone until you are outside of the school grounds. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



Medical Plans



If your child has a medical plan this was emailed out to you on Friday 14th July. Thank you to those parents who have already emailed us. If you have any changes to make please email the school office admin@meadowsideprimary.org no later than Friday 21st July. If we do not hear from you your child's plan will move up with them to their new Year Group in September.



Well, what a fantastic academic year we have had!
Wishing you a wonderful Summer Break
We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 6th September