

# Meadowside Matters

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Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. Let me start by giving a warm welcome to all our new families including those who have just joined us for the first time in Reception and other years. The children have had a strong start back at school, especially our reception and new starters. The children are smart, polite, and happy and have demonstrated a great attitude towards learning.

Best Wishes, Mrs Garnham

## Introduction to Pastoral and Safeguarding Team



**\*DSL**  
**Mrs Hammond**  
Pastoral Support  
Manager



**Mrs Garnham**  
Executive Head Teacher  
**\*\*DDSL**



**Miss Lewis**  
Head of School  
**\*\*DDSL**



**Mrs Astley**  
Assistant Headteacher  
**\*\*DDSL**



**Mrs Mills**  
SENDCo  
**\*\*DDSL**



**Ms Tomkins**  
Executive Business Manager  
**\*\*DDSL**



**Mr Mount**  
Safeguarding  
Governor  
**\*\*DDSL**

## **Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility**

We all have a statutory duty to report any incidents where we have cause to suspect that a child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm.

**Report any concerns immediately to the designated officers named above.**

## **JLT Manifestos**

At Meadowside Primary School, our School Council is an integral part of our whole school and local community.

A new school council is elected every year in the Autumn Term. This allows our pupils to experience the full democratic process, which is an important part of British Values. It ensures that pupils at Meadowside Primary School have a genuine pupil voice. The process is that each pupil who wishes to stand for election will produce a manifesto. Voting slips are prepared, and candidates

deliver an election speech. Pupils vote and place their folded voting slips into a ballot box. The JLT, Head boy and girl and deputies will oversee the whole process, from giving out voting slips to counting the votes cast. The newly chosen class representatives will be announced in a whole school assembly and receive their new School Council badges. Future meetings will be held every 4 weeks.

**Manifestos to be returned to school Monday 25th September**

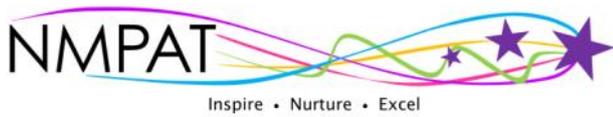


## Apply for a Blue Peter Book badge

Blue Peter have an exciting new book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn

your badge, just share your love of books with Blue Peter by answering some questions! You can apply online or by post, just fill in a form. Follow the link or search Blue Peter Reading Badge for more information. We would love to see some of you wearing your badges around school and please bring them in to celebration assembly too.

To apply please click the following link: [Apply for a Blue Peter Book Badge](#)



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Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust have been delivering music lessons across the county for 50 years.



Our county music ensembles are some of the best in the country, and we have a national reputation for excellence.

If you are interested in your child having instrumental music lessons at school with an NMPAT teacher, email us at [lessonsdirect@nmpat.co.uk](mailto:lessonsdirect@nmpat.co.uk) with the subject heading 'want to learn', giving us:

- the name of your child
- the school they attend
- the instrument they would like to learn

...and we will send you all the information you need to register for lessons.

## Calling all prospective choir members!

We have 2 exciting singing projects this year, a Seasonal Concert at the Castle in November and Young Voices in the new year. Please sign up your KS2 child to choir if they are interested in these fabulous opportunities.

Mrs Letts and Mrs Nouredine



# School Notices

## You are amazing!

A big well done to everyone back at school this term, in particular all our new Reception intake. You have all done so well! They have amazed us with their independence and have settled in really well. We are ready for a great year ahead. Our Year 3's have been amazingly resilient too and have settled in beautifully into KS2! They are already getting to grips with new year groups rules and expectations.

## Thank You!

The Summer Fair raised a total amount of **£2791.53**, which includes a generous match fund donation from Aveva of £300.

Thank you to everyone for your support. If you have been contacted by the PTA, don't forget to collect your raffle prize from the office.



## Love Food

As you may know we have a new lunch provider; Love Food. We have had some really positive feedback from the children and they have been enjoying the varied selection of delicious meals on offer. If you are yet to register or are having problems registering please contact the school office.



## School Tours & Open Evening

We will be holding school tours and an open evening at Meadowside for children starting school Sept 24, please call the school office to book. Children are welcome to attend a school tour, the open evening will be for parents/carers only

**Tours w/c 9th October - 1st December**

**Open evening 1st November @ 6.30pm**

## Moved House? Changed email or phone number?

If you have changed your contact details recently, please contact the school office to let us know on [admin@meadowsideprimary.org](mailto:admin@meadowsideprimary.org)



## In our thoughts...

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Miss Geraldine Hardwick, a former teacher at our school. Miss Hardwick taught at Meadowside from the 1970's through to 2005 when she retired. Teaching really was her life, and Meadowside was a huge part of that. She is remembered fondly around the school for her stories and her guitar playing. Many parents who attended Meadowside we are sure will remember her too., her family are in our thoughts at this time.

