



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your continued support over this past term. It has been a busy one in school. The school choir have performed at The Castle Theatre, in Wellingborough, at the Rotary Club Christmas Concert. Year 1 have had a visit from the WonderDome and our pupils have visited St Mary's church to learn about Advent. The school has been superbly represented by our many Meadowside teams at a variety of sporting events including Boccia, cricket, and football. Our football teams recently became both the winners and runners up of the Kettering football league. Year 3 attended a Royal Opera House event at the Corby Cube and took part in an operatic extravaganza. We have also welcomed visitors into school including Colin the artist, who ran charcoal workshops for all our pupils. All these enriching experiences, alongside our normal day to day learning that we provide for all our pupils is what makes Meadowside such a wonderful place to be. I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and continued dedication as always, and on behalf of myself and staff at Meadowside Primary School, I would like to thank you all and wish you all a Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Mrs Garnham, Executive Head Teacher



## PTA events



Wow what a term for the PTA! We'd like to say a huge **Thank You** to all of the PTA members and extra volunteers for all of the behind the scenes work they do for us and your children, they are such an incredible asset to our school. We hope they enjoy a well-earned festive rest! The Smarties challenge raised £520.50 with Osprey and Robin winning the challenge, also the Winter disco raised a whopping £948.80 which is the highest amount ever raised from a disco!! Regarding the raffle for hampers, if you are lucky enough to have won you will have been contacted by the PTA.





## Time to Celebrate



Congratulations to our two excellent football teams, who took part in Kettering Town Inter Schools Football Tournament. Not only did Meadowside win the competition, attended by 12 teams from Kettering and Corby, but we also took second place! The first time any school has managed it! A big congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 players who were a credit to our school on and off the pitch. A massive well done to Archie, Myles, Ryan, Acer, Alfie, David, Alex, Freddie, Tom, George, Alfie, Seth and Junior. You may have even seen our write up in the Evening Telegraph also!! Thank you to Mr Reilly and Mrs Mounir for attending, and also the Admin Team for coordinating the transport.

### Football Stars Take Top Spots in competition



### Hotshots Competition Winners

A selection of Year 3 & 4 children took part in a basketball competition and were lucky enough to be crowned winners!  
Well done to all who took part!



## Head Teachers Afternoon Tea



Mrs Garnham had an enjoyable Head Teachers afternoon tea earlier this week with the invitees; Franky, Ernie, Veda, Amelia, Luna, Teddy, Junior, Ava-Rose and Maisie.



## Buttercups

What a busy but amazing term the Buttercups have had. We took part in a fabulous Charcoal workshop with local artist Colin. The Buttercups had such fun and learnt how to use the charcoal to shade, create shapes and marks to form an image of a snow man. The children have also spent the term learning and



practicing their Christmas Boogie, which they performed in front of their family wonderfully. The Buttercups team are so proud of all the children. We hope you have the most magical Christmas and fantastic new year!



## Reception

Wow what can we say..... We are so proud of all the Reception children completing their first term at school. They have worked so hard, shown lots of resilience in their learning and made some fantastic progress. The Nativity was AMAZING and we hope that you enjoyed the show. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support.



## Year 1



What a busy Autumn term we have had in Year 1. It started off with a trip to space in our WonderDome followed by an alien invasion in the Year 1 shared area! We've worked really hard on our writing about Beegu and changing the middle part of the story. We've been pirate dancing in PE and practising different ways of sending and receiving a ball. Our resilience was tested in DT but we persevered to create some fantastic moon buggies. We enjoyed spending a week focusing on our creative mission of Resilience. We practiced our cutting skills whilst making split pin puppets and discussed how making mistakes allows us to learn. We learnt about different celebrations and enjoyed making clay Diva's for Diwali. We also explored Christianity and learnt about the Christmas story. We have been busy practising our performance and learning different songs. In Geography and History we focused on The Space Race and British Astronaut Tim Peake. In the Spring term we are looking forward to starting our next topic Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots.

## Year 2

Year 2 - What another very busy term! We have had a couple of trips out to the War Memorial and the Church. All the pupils were well behaved and were a credit to the school. We have enjoyed our artwork by experimenting with different mediums including collage and paint. Recently we have been busy getting ready for the Christmas celebrations by sewing decorations and using hot and cold colours to make a calendar. We are all looking forward to a rest so we can be ready for the new term in 2024!



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5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
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### Year 3

What a way to end 2023! Year 3 had a fantastic performance of 'Christmas Through History' and have ended the term learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world in Religions and World Views. We have written some lovely Christmas themed Journey Story's in our English lessons and have begun to learn our 4 and 8 times tables.

### Year 4

We have had a super term in Year 4, working hard and learning lots of new things. The children have demonstrated great learning skills in our Ancient and Modern Egypt topics and finally painted their Tutankhamun masks. We have enjoyed singing our hearts out for our Christmas concert and visiting St Mary's church where the children were extremely respectful. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and restful break and look forward to seeing the children fully refreshed in January.



### Year 5



Year 5 pupils were very busy this half term. In geography pupils learnt about rivers and coasts, some types of biomes (marine and freshwater) and the water cycle. We located and named world rivers and rivers within the UK. In the last 2 weeks pupils have been rehearsing their Christmas Carols and delivered an outstanding performance to the parents.

### Year 6

Autumn term has come to a close with lots of activities taking place. We wrapped up the year creating "luxury" Christmas Tree decorations. We are sure that parents were as surprised as staff at the outcomes. There was also a Christmas business initiative, supported by the Meadowside PTA who gave groups a £10 start up



and encouraged them to make goods to sell on a Christmas stall, with all profits going to the Year 6 leavers fund. We are just waiting for the final total raised. We are looking forward to next term when we will be taking part in Badminton, Girls Football and Cricket competitions! Roll on 2024!

# Meadowside Arrivals and Departures



## It's a Boy!

Huge Congratulations to Mrs Prince and family on the safe arrival of baby Malix, weighing in at 7lb 13oz.



## Buttercups News

We are very sad to announce that Miss Fry will not be returning after her maternity leave; we would like to take this opportunity to wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

Her maternity cover Mrs Perkins has also started maternity leave! We would like to wish her all the very best for her impending arrival!



## Welcome to Mrs Sumner-Andrews

We'd like to welcome our new Teaching Assistant Mrs Sumner-Andrews to Meadowside Primary School, who will be based in Year 4.



## and finally.....Goodbye to Mr Appleford

### Retirement Announcement

After 8 years of dedicated service at Meadowside Primary school, Mr Appleford is putting away his tools and paint brushes for a life of rest and relaxation in retirement. We hope not completely however, as we do hope to see him around doing little jobs in both Great Doddington and Meadowside Primary Schools.

All the best Mr Appleford, wishing you a long and happy retirement, from everyone at Meadowside Primary.

## Meadowside in the Spotlight



On 7th December, we had a Safeguarding Audit from Richard Ward Learning. **The findings were very positive.**

***“Leaders at Meadowside Primary School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children at the school. They are receptive to challenge and reflective of their own practices to ensure that safeguarding policies, systems, and processes are kept under continuous review. Staff are well trained and aware of their safeguarding responsibilities and are committed to the school’s high profile culture of safeguarding. The school staff providing support to vulnerable children and families are highly valued by colleagues, well known and visible to pupils and families”***

## Parent Feedback

We wanted to share a lovely letter that was passed to our Governors recently, we are all so touched to have received this.... Thank you so much for sharing it’s very much appreciated.

*“I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about how amazing I think Meadowside school is and everyone that works there, from the receptionists, teachers, lunch supervisors, PTA members and classroom assistants, my son only has the most kind and wonderful things to say when he returns home, he tells me about the small funny and personalised conversations he has over the lunch table, how he’s helped in the classroom when he doesn’t know what to do, and how he absolutely adores everything that he is learning with his teacher.*

*The way the school makes a child feel welcome from the moment they are greeted at the gates, I watch as he walks up the path greeted with smiles and warm welcomes, giving him the confidence to do what I imagine for some is a very daunting experience.*

*He has only been in reception for a term, but he has excelled like I never thought would be possible and I know this is down to the dedication and hard of his teacher and the classroom assistants for this I will always be grateful.*

*Recently we attended the nativity play which was utterly magical, the children were all so excited, confident and beaming with pride, which again is shows the hard work the amazing teachers and everyone involved puts in, not only did the children have their nativity that day they then also hosted a winter disco afterwards, for me this was something I was incredibly anxious about, however I was made to feel at ease, my questions were answered and my nerves were calmed, not to mention that he had a fabulous time.*

*I feel that my son whilst at Meadowside is safe and has quality and significant learning experiences, he is confident, and is given the ability to share his ideas and thoughts, he’s made true and meaningful relationships with his class friends and everyone else and I truly feel he is a valued member of the school and I want to thank every single person for this.”*



## Save the Date

In order to help you plan and be aware of upcoming events in the School Calendar here is a handy rundown of next terms events and activities

Spring Term	
8.1.24	Phonics presentation – 6pm
24.1.24	KS2 SATS presentation – 6pm
13.2.24	Parents Consultations Times TBC
15.2.24	Parents Consultations Times TBC
16.2.24	Training Day (School Closed to pupils)
19– 23.2.24 Half term	
WB 4.3.24	Creative Mission Religion and Worldviews
22.3.24	House Afternoon
27.3.24	Head Teacher Afternoon Tea
28.3.24 End of Spring term	

### 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 term our attendance was **96%**

### Spring Term 2024

#### **School re-opens to pupils on 4th January**

Reminder that AM registration takes place at the start of Lesson 1 at 8.55am. Registers close at 9.00am. Pupils are expected to be on site by 8.45am to avoid them being late for registration. Pupils who arrive after 8.55am must sign in at the school office and will be asked about their reason for their late arrival.

### 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](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

**MASH: 0300 126 0000**

**DSL Sarah Hammond: 07719 076 172**

Information is available on our website <https://www.meadowsideprimary.org/keepsafe/safeguarding>