

British Science Week

This week Meadowside School pupils have had a brilliant time completing lots of activities to mark 'British Science Week' The picture below shows the children competing in a paper aeroplane competition, as you can see they had lots of fun! They also took part in exercises where they had to measure their pulse rates and played a game called 'Metamorphosis Mayhem' where they re-enacted the life cycle of a frog. It was a fantastic week where the art of science was brought to life!



Creative Mission Week

During the week beginning 4th March Meadowside Primary School experienced some exciting afternoons as we celebrated Creative Mission Week. The theme for this Creative Mission was 'Celebrations', where children learnt about religious and non-religious celebrations. The staff planned exciting activities and engaging learnings for the afternoons, integrating religious education with cross-curricular subjects. Using a creative curriculum approach presents a holistic educational experience, enriching pupils' learning by connecting spiritual perspectives with academic knowledge across various disciplines. This helps to foster a deeper understanding and respect for diverse beliefs and cultures, while simultaneously enhancing critical thinking, empathy, and global awareness. Here are some photos of the children's learning where you can see them celebrating different festivals.



Meadowside's Basketball

Super Stars

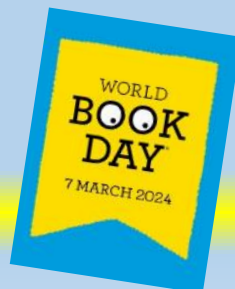
This week, our year 6 Basketball team took part in an interschool competition at Latimer Arts School. After some incredible individual performances our team came second on points. There were games where our team were throwing the ball continually at the hoop while the other team could only watch. We suspect the hoop had an invisible line blocking it off or maybe it was smaller than normal! Either way, if they had gone in, we could have set a new points record. The team were great and gave an outstanding account of themselves as young sportspeople.



World Book Day Thursday 7th March

Thank you to all the pupils and staff who made an effort to dress up and celebrate World Book Day with us. It was great seeing so many different characters and books represented across the school. The massive turn out for the family reading time was amazing and as a

school we would like to say a big thank you for all of your support. Well done to Anna and Marie who won the read your way competition by showing themselves snuggled up in bed sharing and enjoying a book together. A prize will be with you shortly.



Ramadan 11th March to 9th April 2024

Ramadan



When is Ramadan?

As the Islamic calendar is based around the lunar cycle, the Holy month of Ramadan rotates by approximately ten days each year. This year, Ramadan began on Monday 11th March and will end on Tuesday 9th April, depending on the sighting of the moon.

How is Ramadan celebrated?

During this month, Muslims observe a strict fast from dawn until sunset. They are not allowed to eat or drink (even water) during daylight hours. Fasting is a private act of worship bringing about nearness to God, as well as a form of spiritual discipline and a means to empathize with those less fortunate.



Terminology

Suhoor - means 'of the dawn' and is the name given to the meal that Muslims eat before sunrise.

Iftar - means 'break of the fast' and is the meal Muslims eat after sunset.

Sawm - the Arabic term used for the act of fasting. This is the title of one of the pillars of Islam.

What does this mean for parents and pupils at MPS?

During Ramadan, some parents and pupils may be fasting. This means that they may be slightly more tired throughout the day, especially toward the afternoon; they will have been awake before sunrise to eat. Fasting during Ramadan is a commitment and needs to be supported.

What can you do to support those fasting?

Be mindful that fasting could potentially impact some learning, e.g. being able to concentrate fully or use lots of energy. Please be mindful of lessons or assessments. Sleep patterns may also be affected as some go to the mosque at night to offer prayers or take part in reciting the Qur'an. Avoid negative language or questions such as 'How do you do it?' or 'Would anyone know if you ate something?' Please don't ask somebody if they are fasting - this is a private and personal commitment.



Save the Date



21.3.24	Year 4 Ukulele Concert 9.15am KS2 Hall
22.3.24	House Afternoon
22.3.24	Inclusion Coffee & Chat 9.15am
27.03.24	Head Teacher Afternoon Tea
28.3.24 End of Spring term	
Summer Term	
26.4.24	Year 3 Assembly AM
1.5.24	Open Classrooms Phonics & Reading
WB 6.5.24	SATS
10.5.23	Year 1 Assembly AM
14.5.24	New Starters Welcome Evening
17.5.23	Year 5 Assembly AM
23.5.22	Year 6 Trip to Duxford
27.5.24–31.5.24 Half term	
3.6.24	Training Day
4.6.24	Training day
12.6.24	Open classrooms Maths
14.6.24	Year 4 Assembly AM
WB 17.6.24	Creative Mission Health Living
17.6.24	Online Safety Workshop
19.6.24	KS1 Sports Day - PM
20.6.24	KS2 Sports Day - PM
3.7.24	Year 5 Tudor Day TBC
4.7.24	Year 2 Assembly AM
5.7.24	Reports go Home
8.7.24	Move up Day
8.7.24	Parents Open Classroom from 3.30pm
12.7.24	FS Assembly - AM
19.7.24	House Afternoon
23.7.24	Year 6 Leaver's assembly PM
23.7.24 End of Summer term	



School Notices

Mobile Phone Free Zone

Please can we remind parents that the school is a mobile free zone. When you are on school site please can you refrain from using your phone until you are outside of the school grounds. If another adult is collecting your child please can you remind them of this information.



Lost Property

Have you or your child lost any glasses? We have several pairs unclaimed in the school office. If you think some might belong to your child please pop in to take a look at what we have.



Materials Required for Reception

Reception are on the hunt for some natural materials for their outdoor areas. If you have any of the following we would gratefully receive it.

- cable reels
- pipes or guttering
- hats, bags, jewellery,
- crockery
- baking trays, pots and pans
- fabric: curtains, table cloths
- tins
- crates
- artificial grass
- planks of wood
- Tyres



Thank You, Reception Team

Parking

THINK!

We have noticed some incidents of unsafe and illegal parking outside school (for example, cars parked on the yellow zig zag lines along Park Road). Please could we remind parents & carers to park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. We would ideally request that you park away from the school and ask your children to walk a short distance to or from school to reduce congestion.
Thank you for your support.