



Happy Easter

It has been an incredibly busy term with so much to be proud of and celebrate, as this newsletter goes on to show! Lots of fantastic learning has taken place both for pupils and staff. As always, please can I thank the entire school community for your continued support.

The consultation of Green Shoots Partnership; the formal federation of Great Doddington Primary School and Meadowside Primary School came to an end on 15th March 2024. We now await the final decisions by the separate schools' governing bodies on the 28th March, having viewed any comments and questions made during the consultation.

For those of you who will be marking the holy month - Ramadan Mubarak! For everyone celebrating Easter, I hope you can take the time to reflect on the most important event in the Christian Calendar. I hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 15th April, ready for our Summer Term.

Best wishes, Mrs Garnham
Executive Head Teacher



**SEASONAL CHANGE:
Spring Photo Competition**
Get out and about during the 'Spring' season and be inspired by the beautiful colours on the trees and flowers, as well as all the lovely new animals being born.
Don't forget to send me your photo!
There will be a small prize for each entry and a larger prize for the overall winner.
The deadline will be Monday April 22nd, so you will have half term to get out and about.
Have fun!
Mrs King



Please send all submissions to the Year 5 email address for the attention of Mrs King. Happy snapping!

year5@meadowsideprimary.org



Time to Celebrate

This term has seen the first girls Kettering Football league tournament, and with one week to go there has been a dramatic change in Meadowside teams. Meadowside A were top of the league and B were fourth. Going into the last week B are 1 point off the top and A have dropped to fourth but still only 3 points off the top place. To make this tournament more tense the last game of the season puts Meadowside A v Meadowside B. Could it be more exciting?



Meadowside Primary School Reads!

In March 2024, students have read...

424 Books

2,663,262 Words

for **17 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE
Accelerated Reader™

Well done to the Key Stage 2 children for reading over 2 million words in March so far. Can we beat it in April?



Thank You PTA

A massive thank you to the PTA for purchasing a range of books for each year group to help support learning across the curriculum. With reading as one of our priorities we have carefully selected a range of beautiful books to help engage the pupils in their learning. These books will help to develop the pupils as readers and also help expand their vocabulary and understanding.

Head Teachers Afternoon Tea



Miss Lewis and the children had a wonderful time at the Head Teachers Afternoon Tea. Miss Lewis enjoyed listening to the children speak about all of their achievements and enjoyable moments from this term. Well done Tommy, Darcie, Archie, Oakley, Madhuri, Jack, Phoebe, Hanna, Ryan & Jackson!



Buttercups

Buttercups have had so much fun this half term. We went on an adventure for our WOW day of princesses and pirates. We pinned the parrot on Pete the pirate and went on a treasure hunt to find the treasure Pete had left us. We have been out in the garden a lot this term exploring and finding lots of bugs. We have started to plant some seeds for our vegetable patch which is slowly being built.



Reception

This term the Robins and Owls have been practising their story telling skills. We have learnt the story 'What the Ladybird heard'. Please ask your child to tell you this story, we had lots of fun rehearsing it and performing it to our friends. The storytelling has helped the children to develop their writing skills. By saying what they have heard, they are now able to write what they have heard. In Computing the children are becoming more familiar with the various keys on a keyboard. During P.E the children have participated in gymnastics, learning how to jump and land safely, as well as moving in a range of ways. To finish our topic learning: 'Wiggle and Crawl' the Robins and Owls dressed up for a bug ball, showing off their favourite minibeasts. We looked for bugs, danced liked bugs and learnt lots more facts about minibeasts. The children have worked hard this term, have a wonderful and restful Easter break. Thank you for support.

Year 1

We have been very busy in Year 1 this term. A highlight for us was our trip to Sacrewell Farm. The children enjoyed participating in a tour of the old mill, a tractor ride and having free time to explore the different animals and parks. They were extremely well behaved and made us very proud. In Science, we have been learning about garden plants and wild plants and what they need to survive. We have planted our own green bean plants and have enjoyed watching them begin to grow. We have also conducted an experiment about whether a seed will grow with no water! We have had class pets this term in the form of caterpillars! We studied the life cycle of a caterpillar and watched carefully to see them get bigger and bigger and transform into chrysalis! We are excited for them to become butterflies soon! In English, we have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk and have come up with some brilliant innovation ideas to create our own stories. In Music we have had fun learning how to use glockenspiels to play a tune to our 'Bread is Baking' song.



Year 2

This term in our topic "Around the World in Eighty Days" we have been learning about three famous explorers, Captain Cook, Captain Scott and a recent explorer Preet Chandi. The children enjoyed learning about their expeditions and the problems they had to overcome. In Art, we have used mixed media to create an A3 sized piece of art using bright colours to create a scene of Sydney Harbour. In English we have been learning about information texts, the pupils have written questions, researched using chrome books and created an information text about Emperor penguins. In Maths we have been learning about measurements including length, height, mass and capacity. We will be moving onto fractions and time soon. If you have a few minutes over the Easter holidays please start to teach your child about how to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.



Year 3

Year 3 have been extremely busy this half term! They all showed amazing resilience while we were doing assessments and have been looking forward to learning all about how to write a story opening that hooks the reader in for a sequel to a traditional tale. For Creative Mission week Year 3 have been learning about the Jewish celebration of Shabbat. We learnt what Kosher food is and why Jews eat food that is Kosher. As well as experiencing a shabbat meal on the Tuesday afternoon and designing their own table for the celebration, pupils also had fun preparing and cooking latkes (a staple food of the celebration).

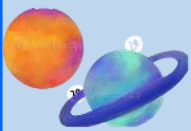
Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy half term. They have enjoyed finding out more about mountains and weather, setting up their own mini weather stations to study the weather at Meadowside. In English, inspired by *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt, they have learnt many persuasive techniques to employ when writing as different classroom objects. Maths has seen them continue to tackle fractions and Osprey have risen to the challenge of swimming. They also showed off their musical skills in their ukulele concert. We have been impressed with their enthusiasm for learning and think they definitely deserve a break. We wish you all a happy Easter.



Year 5

The Year 5 children have had another busy and eventful term. In maths, they have recognised the links between decimals, percentages and fractions and in English they have written non-chronological reports about the planets, that they had already studied in science. As part of history, they have also written reports about the Viking ships. We have finished our term by making Viking purses, which the children are very proud of.



Year 6

Year 6 spent a day recreating a VE Day street party menu. We baked veggie fritters and scones which we ate with cream and jam. Our spicy fritters were made from seasonal root veg and spices such as curry powder. The children had to peel, chop mash and mix using proper kitchen utensils, including sharp knives. The excitement of the day was increased when we had a fire drill and had to abandon the studio. By five past three the last of the batches were taken from the oven and left to cool. By home time everyone had made and tasted their own cooking, to a mixed reaction! Mrs Mounir and Mrs Harding did an excellent job making sure everyone got to complete and taste their goodies.





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.

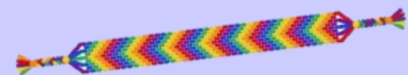


Attendance

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 %**

Meadowside Teacher Led Internal Clubs

A letter regarding next terms free teacher led clubs with be sent to you over the Easter break. Please look out for this in your email. Clubs will be **live to book from lunchtime on Tuesday 16th April**. Please ensure you have a Scopay account to book. Please contact the office if you need to set up an account



Summer Term 2024

School re-opens to pupils on Monday 15th April

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

MASH: 0300 126 0000

DSL Sarah Hammond: 07719 076 172

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



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

Summer Term	
26.4.24	Year 3 Assembly AM
1.5.24	Open Classrooms Phonics & Reading
WB 13.5.24	SATS week
10.5.24	Year 1 Assembly AM
14.5.24	New Starters Welcome Evening
17.5.24	Year 5 Assembly AM
23.5.24	Year 6 trip - 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 Healthy Living
17.6.24	Online Safety Workshop
19.6.24	KS1 Sports Day - PM
20.6.24	KS2 Sports Day - PM
3.5.24	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 Assembly PM
23.7.24 End of Summer term	