



The Meadows Primary School



Newsletter No.5

15th Nov 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to term 2!

The children have settled in well to the new term and are enjoying their new topics.

On Monday 4th November all staff attended the annual WMAT conference held at WellsWay school. We had an excellent keynote speaker James Shone from 'I can I am' charity who focussed us on the importance of building confidence in young people. We then had the opportunity to have some training on areas of our choice. A big thank you to Miss Burt and Mrs Robinson for running one of the workshops.

Last week was anti-bullying week which was launched with an assembly and a reminder of what bullying is. The children then had a range of activities in their classroom that gave a clear message on why bullying is unacceptable. This message is shared with the children throughout the year and not just during anti-bullying week.

We ended the week with Children in Need and the children wearing spots to school for a donation of £1. The School Council were amazing in organising and running the cake sale and a big thank you to Mrs Holmes who works hard with the school council.

On Monday, the Year 5 and 6 children went to a remembrance service at St Mary's church. This is something the school has taken part in on previous years when remembrance falls on a school day and something the school will continue to do to honour the veterans who died for their country.

Joy Mounter Headteacher

Focus, Flourish and Fly

This fortnight we celebrate

Values certificates

Year R – Molly Sands

Year 1— Jessi Hawkins

Year 2— Connie Varley

Year 3— Ada Haskins

Year 4— Finley Wixon

Year 5— Jamie Wong

Year 6— Gracie Baker

Attendance Awards

**Week commencing 4/11/19 – Bluebell Y3
and Daisy Y1 with 98.4%**

**Week commencing 11/11/19 – Bluebell Y3
100%**

Meadows Pride Trophy

**Week commencing 4/11/19 – Buttercup Y2
Week commencing 11/11/19 – Poppy YR**

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School Term and INSET Dates click [here](#)

Change to bank holiday from 4th May to 8th May 2020

Sports News

GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

On Wednesday 6th November 2019, The Meadows girl's football team played in a tournament and came 3rd out of 16 teams. The girls who played were: Jess (yr6), Esme (yr6), Leah (yr6), Gracie (yr6), Freya (yr5), Ruby (yr5), Lola (yr5) and Bella (yr4).

We played against: St Saviour's B who we beat 4-1, St Philips we beat 5-0, drew 0-0 against Chew Stoke. That got us to the top of our pool / group. Then, we reached the quarter- finals and knocked out Oldfield Park A team 1-0, which sent us to the semi –final! It was tough, but we drew 3-3 against St Stephens.

It went straight to extra time (5 minutes) where no goals were scored. Then it went to penalties, which was very stressful. During penalties, some people scored and some didn't, which didn't matter because everyone played fantastically. It went on for a while until we sadly lost during sudden death!

All the girls did really well especially Gracie, who got lots of footballs to the face and was even winded twice in goal. Team playing was amazing, even though we had never practised as a team.

Everyone in the team should be so proud of themselves.



By Jess, Esme and Gracie (yr6)

Friends of the Meadows (PTFA) Update!

There's lots of fun planned for the **Christmas Fair - Friday 13th December 3.30-5.30p.m.**

New this year - Santa's Photo Booth - meet and have your photo with the big man himself!

Loads of games, our super Christmas Raffle, 'Homemade' stall, Craft room, Pocket money toys, Glitter tattoos, our ever-popular Cards and Books, Food, Refreshments and lots more!

We need your help:

- **Friday 6th December is 'Jolly Jumper' Day** – Children can wear a festive jumper to school in return for donations: Key Stage 1 – a **jam jar filled with sweets**/ Key Stage 2 – a **tombola prize**
- **Friday 13th December is the day of the Christmas Fair** – Children can come to school in their own clothes in return for a wrapped '**Mystery Gift**'. You wrap a gift and stick on the label to show whether it is for a boy/girl, Key Stage 1/2 or both! Labels will be coming home in book bags soon.
- Can you donate a **Raffle prize**, or do you work for a company that could? Please get in touch via our Facebook page (Friends of the Meadows, Bitton) or the school office.
- We would love some more donations for our '**Homemade**' stall! All sorts of festive homemade items welcome.

Thanks in advance for all your support, which will help raise money towards fantastic new IT equipment to support the children's learning.

Other news...

- The Halloween Disco raised a super profit of £375.59! Huge thanks for supporting this event.
- Thank you for ordering the children's designs through 'Cauliflower Cards' - we've raised £82 commission :)
- The PTA have purchased a Children's Scrapstore membership for the school, to support the teachers in enriching learning even more with exciting and creative resources.



Matched Funding-can you help? (May also be called Matched Giving) 😊

This might help you to understand it better.

What is matched funding?

It's when one group raises money and another group agrees to match the amount that's been raised – or a percentage of the amount raised.

Is it just big businesses that match? No. Matched funding has tax benefits for companies, so lots do it.

What can you do to help? Check if your employer's name is on the list below. If not you can still ask your HR or payroll department if your company will match fund.

Friends of the Meadows (PTFA) Update continued!

All you need to do is help at a PTA fundraising event. That might be manning a stall at the Christmas or Summer Fair. Some companies will match the income from a whole event while others might just fund the stall you helped on.

Potentially we could make lots of money for our lovely school, and it's very easy. Thank you in advance! 🙏

To tell you how easy it is we have a testimonial from a parent who has helped us raise £1000 in the last 2 years 😊.....

I knew my company matched charity fundraising and contacted the HR team to find out more. They told me that once I had taken part in the fundraising event I needed to complete a form. The form was very short and simple. I needed to detail what part I had played in the event, the amount of money raised and include the PTA bank details and charity number. My company allows £500 per employee per year to be claimed (can be over many events or in one event).

The money was paid within weeks into the bank account!

If you can help please contact us. Thank you 😊. It would be amazing...

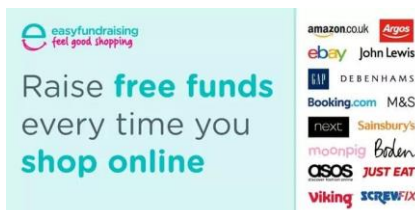
Easy Fundraising

We have registered with 'easyfundraising', it's a great site where you can help The Meadows Primary School PTA - raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping!

Over 3,600 big name retailers are included, such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boden and M&S. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you!' It is completely free and over £27M has been raised for similar organisations so far!

We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/meadowspta/>



Dates for your Diary Term 2

Friday 22nd November – 9.15am - School Tours for Reception Starters September 2020

Wednesday 27th November - 9.15am and 2.30pm – School Tours for Reception Starters September 2020

Friday 29th November – 9.15am - Christmas craft morning. Parents and carers welcome to join us for craft making and tree decorating.

Tuesday 3rd December – 3.45pm – 4.30pm - Stay and Play session for Reception Starters September 2020

Friday 6th December – Dress-down Day with a Jolly Jumper in exchange for Christmas Fair Donation (KS1 sweet-filled jam jar and KS2 Tombola Prize)

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December at 2:00pm - EYFS and KS1 Christmas performance – parents and carers welcome

Wednesday 11th December – School Christmas lunch

Friday 13th December – 3.30pm - School Christmas Fair

Wednesday 18th December – KS2 Carol Concert 2:00pm at St Mary's Church – parents and carers welcome

New dates in bold



School Commission code of **23281**