



# Meadows First School

## Weekly Newsletter

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## *A Message from Mrs Hewitt*

We have had another great week in school. Thank you to the year one teachers for leading a phonics lesson and a phonics workshop for the year one parents. We hope you enjoyed it and found it informative. Year 2 had a snowy day at Warwick Castle this week as part of their topic on Castles. It was not quite the weather we had hoped for when booking the trip, but it was still a great day out. The MAB children enjoyed their trip to Cadbury world.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief Day. This year's theme is 'Dress Up For Joy.' Children can dress up in bright clothes, bright socks- anything that makes them happy for a donation to the [Comic Relief Charity](#). Click link to donate via the Just Giving app.

There is a Speech & Language Parent Workshop for Reception parents with Jacqui Woodcock (our Speech and Language specialist) on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9 - 10am. If you are interested in attending please contact [senteam@meadows.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:senteam@meadows.worcs.sch.uk)

### Headteacher recruitment:

I hope you have had a lovely few weeks since half term and managed to stay safe despite the challenges that the recent weather has given us. By now I'm sure you are all well aware that we have reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mrs. Hewitt and would like to make public our thanks for the amazing work she has done during her time both as Deputy Head and recently as Headteacher. To lead the school with such vision, humility and commitment for more than 10 years - including getting our children through a nationwide pandemic - Sue has been nothing short of remarkable.

We will as a community be forever indebted for her work and will miss her greatly. I wanted to inform you all that we have begun our recruitment process which involves a sub committee of our Governing Body working with the Local Authority in order to recruit the best possible candidate for our outstanding staff, learners and community.

We will keep you updated where we can throughout the process and would once again like to pass on our thanks to the staff for their dedication, our children for being superstars and our families for your ongoing support.

Many thanks  
Andi Lynch  
Chair of Governors of Meadows First School.



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#### IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

Monday 13th March	Year 1- Animal Man visit
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Friday 17th March	Comic Relief
Sat 8th April	Easter Picnic



## Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Oscar & Mylah – making such great progress with Phonics.
Goslings	Lazar – amazing talking and writing in English – Wow! Charlie – brilliant attitude to working independently.
Caterpillars	Penny L – working hard at her reading and spelling. Leo S – trying hard to master place value.
Dragonflies	Asha – excellent enthusiasm in all lessons. Toby – well done for doing lots of good writing in English.
Owls	Khalifa – being so focused & determined in Maths. Lily-Jane – always having such a great enthusiastic attitude to her learning.
Hedgehogs	Jack – focus on fractions. Olivia – hardwork with her handwriting.
Sharks	Leni M & Zac L – amazing energy and effort in PE.
Dolphins	Reuben D T – great skills and hard work in hockey. Oscar R B – working very hard on his handwriting.
Jaguars	Marley – enthusiastic participation in activities at Harvington Hall. Jessica – trying really hard with her handwriting.
Tigers	Kaius- for excellent work in history when finding out about the Tudors. Tegan- for working hard in all lessons and trying her best.

Internet Safety: I have been given some information about a useful website called common sense media (<https://www.common sense media.org/>). It's an online resource that enables parents to age check films, TV shows, apps, books and computer games etc. Both parents and children provide their honest opinion as to what age something is appropriate for. You get three free searches a month.



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## World Book Day- our Vocabulary Parade





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The headteacher from North Bromsgrove High School contacted me this week with the news that they were awarded 'Good' in all areas by OFSTED. I have attached the letter sent to parents below.



#### **North Bromsgrove High School: 'GOOD' Ofsted Inspection Press Release**

Students, staff and governors at North Bromsgrove High School are celebrating after the school was judged as 'Good' across all areas in its recent Ofsted Inspection which took place on 25 to 26 January 2023.

Mr Gibson Headteacher stated 'We are so proud of our North family and we are thrilled with our Ofsted report in which inspectors recognise all the hard work, achievement and high standards taking place across our fantastic school.'

The report appears after four years since the last inspection in 2019 in which it was judged 'Requires Improvement'. Ofsted rated every area across the school as 'Good' and cites the many rapid improvements that have taken place since the previous inspection under Mr Gibson's Headship. The report's findings are particularly impressive given the two years of disruption to education caused by the Covid pandemic.

Inspectors were quick to recognise the work across the school stating 'Leaders and staff work tirelessly to realise their vision of an inclusive community school. All are reaping the rewards of their collective endeavour'.

Many supportive parents also provided positive feedback in which one family cited 'we have been delighted to witness both our son and his school develop together over the past five years'.

Mr Gibson added 'We have a talented and committed staff who have worked hard to achieve the accolades cited in the report. Equally, the Ofsted report combined with an excellent set of exam results, together with the school being oversubscribed is testament to the dedication and expertise of our staff'.

Chair of Governors Sue Milsom cited 'Governors are extremely pleased with the report and we are delighted that Ofsted has recognised all of the excellent work which takes place across North Bromsgrove High School. We can be extremely proud of the judgements shared in the report as it highlights the many successes achieved by staff and students'.

Mr Gibson stated 'When I first took Headship four years ago, I set out our simple mandate that NBHS would be 'the school of choice across the area'. The future of North Bromsgrove looks very exciting, and I would add that the 'Good' Ofsted judgement together with a strong set of examinations results and high demand for student places puts the school in a very strong position going forward'.