



A Message from Mr Satchwell

It has been another very busy week in school with lots going on in all the classes. The weather has been bitterly cold but this has not stopped the children from accessing all that has been planned for them. First thing on Monday morning, Caterpillars and Dragonflies dressed up warmly, put on their high vis jackets and headed off on a walk into town. This was planned to inspire and excite the children about their new geography topic all about where they live. The children thoroughly enjoyed the adventure, and not only did it support their learning in geography it was also used to inspire their history, science and design technology learning this term.



Nursery and Reception also braved the freezing weather and headed off to Forest School to enjoy our outside areas. Forest School continues to be an important aspect of the Early Years curriculum as it offers the children the chance to develop so many of the key skills they need to be successful learners.

I attended a full School Council meeting this week which gave me a great opportunity to listen to the children and find out more about how the children see the school. It was great to hear the children speak so positively about school. Miss Pritchard opened the meeting by asking the children to tell me the positives about the school. Answers included: It's a good school, teachers are kind, everyone's friendly, there is no bullying, it's interesting and fun, we are a gold Rights Respecting School and we know our rights. Discussion then moved to what the children want to focus on this half term and it was agreed that they would look at improving the playground equipment. The School Council is just one of the ways that children have the opportunity to take on a leadership role in school as we want pupils to play an active and positive role in all aspects of school life. As a Rights Respecting School, this is an integral part of our school's ethos and there are a number of other opportunities for pupils to take the lead, such as the Eco Council, Sports Leaders, Digital Leaders. This term we are reviewing this element of the school's offer and hope to add even more leadership groups soon.





Cost of Living Information

If you are struggling with the cost of living crisis, Bromsgrove District Council has a handy webpage that provides links to support and advice that is available. This is advice from a wide range of agencies. Even if you don't claim any benefits you may be entitled to support you weren't aware of, and not just monetary support, but good advice from legitimate sources you can trust. Have a look and please share the links with anyone else who may be struggling financially.

www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/costofliving



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Hunter H – working really hard with his letter formation. Danny F – excellent maths work finding 1 more and 1 less.
Goslings	Didac – always being a kind and caring friend. Cooper – setting himself challenges and always being motivated to learn.
Caterpillars	Rory G – producing beautiful cursive letters. Sienna S – using all her writing skills in a recount of our walk to Bromsgrove.
Dragonflies	Romy – positive attitude to learning and kind behaviour. Jack B – working hard on his writing presentation.
Owls	Alfie – being so enthusiastic and sharing so many amazing ideas with the class. Robyn – always being focused, determined and for writing an amazing story retell about the 'Disgusting Sandwich'.
Hedgehogs	Aurora – constant enthusiasm and always putting her hand up. Charlie – focus with handwriting.
Sharks	Benjamin D & Oliver P – both for excellent focus and knowledge in maths lessons.
Dolphins	Zavier G – amazing progress in reading and writing. Ella B – presenting her work to such a high standard.
Jaguars	Martha – super effort practising sewing and designing a stuffed animal. Tom – increased determination in problem solving and independent working.
Tigers	Anna T – working incredibly hard in all lessons and always trying her best. Othneil – being an incredibly enthusiastic member of Tigers class and growing in confidence.



Mr Tunnicliffe needs you!

We are after parents to join our Parents Forum! This is an opportunity to put forward your ideas to support Mr Satchwell running the school. We meet once a half on Friday Morning (tea, coffee and biscuits provided!). If you are interested, please let the school office or Mr T know! First Meeting Friday 1st March.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 25 th January	-	Year 4 Young Voices
Tuesday 6 th February	-	Parent evening
Wednesday 7 th February	-	Reception hearing tests
Thursday 8 th February	-	Parent evening
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	-	Half term holiday
Wednesday 21 st February	-	Year 3 Birmingham Mosque
Wednesday 28 th February	-	Year 2 Warwick Castle
Tuesday 5 th March	-	Year 4 Harvington Hall (details to follow)
Thursday 14 th – Friday 15 th March	-	Year 4 Residential trip to Blackwell

Reminder to book your Autumn Parents' Meetings for years R, 1,2,3 and 4.

Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Thursday 8 th February 2024
3.30- 5.40pm	3.30-7.00

These take place in person in school. Each appointment will be for ten minutes. To book an appointment on the appropriate day we have a simple online booking system. Please go to <https://meadowsfirst.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>

You will then need to enter just a few simple personal details. These details should be of the person whom we hold as the main contact in school. Please ensure that the information you input is exactly the same as the information that we hold in school (e.g. Ms/Miss/Mr etc).

The booking system is available from 12.00 today until 12.00 2/2/24. Due to time restrictions it is only possible to allow 1 appointment for each child. The system links to the first contact's email address for each child. Hence, if you are not the first contact, and cannot attend at the same time, please contact the School Office to arrange a telephone appointment. If you wish to have an appointment with the SEN team, please email them and they will arrange a meeting- senteam@meadows.worcs.sch.uk. Also, if you cannot attend in person, please contact your child's teacher and they will offer you a telephone appointment.



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Meadows Take Over Junior Parkrun

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find overleaf the sponsor form for our third junior parkrun takeover event. We are inviting all children from Meadows First School to take part in the Bromsgrove junior parkrun on Sunday 4th February at 9:00am.

This is a 2km course, which can be walked, jogged or skipped – you can run with your child, or they can run by themselves as the course will be well marshalled. We would be very grateful if you could return the sponsor form and money back to school by Thursday the 8th February.

Volunteers – we need you!

Marshalling is really easy, and anyone can do it (Grandparents, Aunts/Uncles). Just wear a provided high vis, clap and cheer every child that runs past you! Marshalls meet at 8.40am on the day, the event finishes around 9.30am. Please e-mail: friendsofmeadowsbromsgrove@gmail.com by the 25th January if you can help.

Info for participants and volunteer.

Runners and volunteers must register with parkrun before the event and print out a copy of your barcode or have it on a phone to bring to the run. Please check out further guidance from the course site here:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/bromsgrove-juniors/course/>.

Register to attend park run here - <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

Many thanks,

Friends of Meadows



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Junior Parkrun sponsorship form		
Name of pupil:		
Name of sponsor	Amount donated	Paid
Thank you for your support		

*****Every participant gets a medal*****



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Please see information below from Public Health

You may have seen in recent news that measles cases in the West Midlands are rising. Measles is a very infectious viral illness and usually starts with cold-like symptoms which can include a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, sneezing, a cough, sore red eyes and a rash. It spreads very quickly to non-immune children and adults who are unvaccinated or have not previously been infected. Most people will recover completely within a couple of weeks however the virus can cause very serious illness and sometimes this can lead to permanent disability and even death. People in certain at-risk groups, such as young children, people who are pregnant and those with a weakened immunity, are at increased risk of complications if they catch measles.

The best way to prevent measles is by having the MMR vaccination however the West Midlands MMR uptake rate is below national targets. The MMR rate is higher in Worcestershire however not at 95% for 2 doses which is the target rate set by the World Health Organization. We are encouraging children, parents and staff to check that they, and all family members are up to date with their MMR vaccine and if required arrange for a free MMR catch up vaccination via their GP.

It is also worth considering that if adults or children are unvaccinated and have been in contact with a confirmed measles case, on risk assessment, they may be asked by UK Health Security Agency to remain away from a place of work / educational setting etc for 21 days. If anyone has symptoms of measles, please stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. Do not go to GP surgeries or A & E departments so the illness isn't spread to others.

For more information on measles and the MMR vaccine please visit: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)