



A Message from Mr Satchwell

On Wednesday morning this week we held an open morning for some of the school's Governors to visit and spend time in school. Whilst they were here, they listened to presentations given by three members of staff on how the subjects of science, writing and PE are being developed and improved across the school. Once this was completed, a group of Year 4 children took the Governors on a learning walk around the classrooms so that they could see first-hand what lessons look like at Meadows. The children did an amazing job at showing the adults around and explaining what was happening in each area they visited. As a school, we look for as many opportunities as possible for Governors to spend time in school as it is vital that they see the school at work so that they are able to fulfill their responsibilities. Even at this early stage of my time at Meadows, I can see how supportive the school's Governors are and how proactive they are about understanding the school's strengths and continuous improvement priorities. I look forward to further discussion and feedback at my first Full Governing Body Meeting next week.

Yesterday afternoon our Year 4 children headed off to Young Voices in Birmingham to take part in this year's concert with thousands of children from schools all across the area. Young Voices is always an amazing event and the children have been preparing for the event by learning the songs and accompanying actions for a number of weeks. As always, the children and staff had an unforgettable day taking part in all the singing and dancing but also enjoyed the live performances from a range of artists. I am very grateful to Mr Tunnicliffe for organizing and leading the trip alongside Mrs Quinn and to all the other support staff for giving up their time to accompany the children.



As I'm sure you are aware, regular attendance at school is vitally important and at Meadows First School we are very proud of our high rate of attendance. As a school we currently have a whole school attendance percentage of 96% which is meeting the aspirational target we set ourselves. We also monitor late attendance very closely and where we feel there is an issue, we contact parents and carers to discuss the matter further. Doors open promptly at 8.45am and we expect children to be in immediately.

Teachers and support staff here really do live the principle of 'Every Second Counts' and all children have early work to complete before the register is taken. This time is so valuable and the children really do make learning gains as a result. I have been really impressed with the school's morning routines and I wanted to thank you for your support in ensuring your children arrive on time. If you do arrive after classroom doors close, please escort your child to the school office where they need to be signed in. In recent weeks we have had some children arriving without adults and this is a safety concern. Finally, if your child is ill and can't attend, please call the school office before 9am and leave a message and if you are planning on taking holiday in term time, you must make a request in writing which will then be considered. Forms are available at the school office.



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Lilith – excellent history work. Autumn S – determination and focus with writing.
Goslings	Theia – amazing independent writing about penguins. George – always being focused and ready to learn.
Caterpillars	Georgie J – understanding problem solving in Maths in the number line. Jack R – enthusiastic reading.
Dragonflies	Elaina – excellent presentation and handwriting in your English. Ronnie – well done for being so focused and determined in all your lessons.
Owls	Edward – super focus, excellent problem solving and always trying to challenge himself in Maths. Amelia – always being a super Meadows Mouse, showing enthusiasm, focus, determination and organisation in everything that she does.
Hedgehogs	Sami & Amelia H – incredible Disgusting Sandwich stories!
Sharks	Ella T – always focussed and enthusiastic with a lovely smile every day. Lily-Jane E – super work with her writing with subordinate clauses.
Dolphins	Everlyn S – beautiful art work. Jack S – answering so well in class
Jaguars	Ella – fantastic sewing skills when making a rainforest animal. Leni – using her excellent sewing skills to support other children in DT.
Tigers	Zach R – wonderful sewing and having a positive attitude. Joseph W – excellent work in Maths and being a times table champion.

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

Tuesday 6 th February	-	Parent evening
Wednesday 7 th February	-	Reception hearing tests
Friday 9 th February	-	Non uniform day - Children's Mental Health week
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
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-