

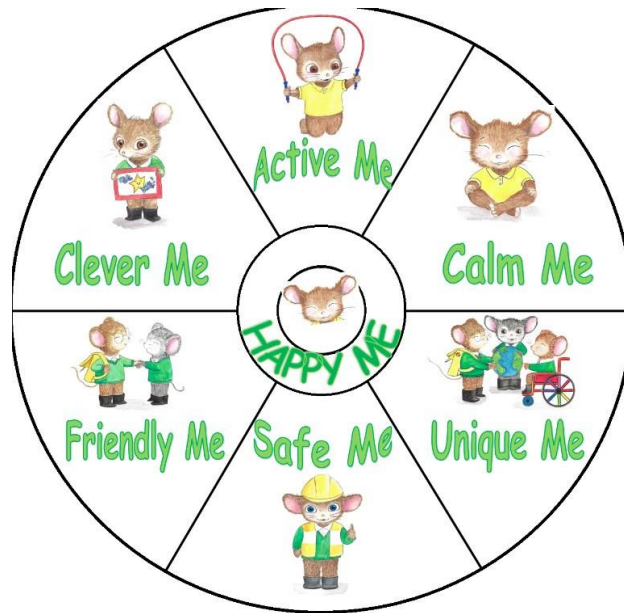


## ***Meadows First School***



### **A message from Mr Satchwell**

A warm welcome back to everyone after what was hopefully a restful half term break. The children were all raring to go on Monday morning which was lovely to see. Every Monday, I deliver the first assembly of the week which is always linked to one of the school's values. The focus for children this week was kindness which is closely linked to Friendly Me from our Well Being Wheel. The children were all set the challenge of finding ways to be kind to each other in school and out and we have seen lots of examples of this throughout the week.



You will have hopefully noticed that the look of the newsletter has changed somewhat this week. The reason for the change is to find a digital format that improves the readability of the newsletter so that you as parents and carers are fully aware of everything that is going on in school. We will be trialing the new format this half term with the plan to gather your views about this change as well as the school's wider approach to communication in the coming weeks. I know the school works hard to ensure that communication is effective but we always strive to improve things further.

## Latest News 23rd February 2024



### **Mosque visit**

This week Year 3 visited the Birmingham Central Mosque. The children were given a guided tour around the mosque and they were able to see first hand a Muslim place of worship. It is always really important for our children to visit places of worship so that they can develop a deeper understanding of different faiths and cultures. The children really enjoyed the visit and were so interested to find out more about their most recent RE topic.

## Football Festival

On Thursday, a large group of Year 2 girls headed over to Bromsgrove School for a football festival. We were really pleased to be invited and the girls that attended the event had a great morning. Girls' participation in football is really on the rise which is a really positive change. Hopefully we are inspiring future Lionesses!









## Coming into school in the morning for Year 3 and 4

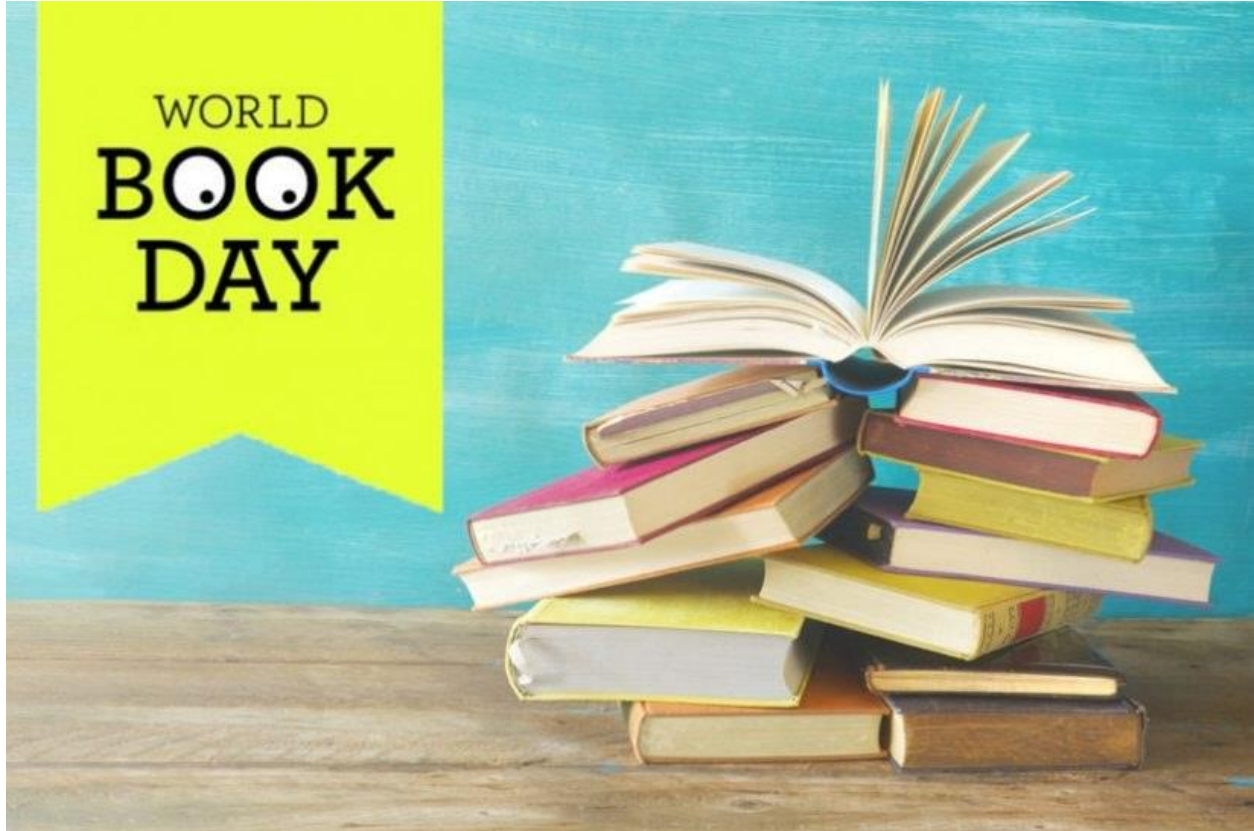
From Monday 26th February, we would like the children in Year 3 and 4 to come into school as soon as the door is opened, without the need to line up on the playground. There is no change to the timings so door will open at 8.45am with the expectation that all children are in the building by 8.50am. Either Mr Satchwell or Mrs Dwyer will be available to take any urgent messages which will be passed on to the teachers. The children will head up stairs and they will be greeted by their teachers. We are making this change to speed up the start to the school day and further maximise the morning learning time.

## Friends of Meadows Event

Friends of Meadows are organising a sale in school for children to purchase a Mother's Day gift, below is the link to order. Please send payment in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked. Cheques to be made payable to Friends of Meadows.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ei473JFA65?origin=lprLink>

## World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Instead of dressing as a favourite book character, we are inviting the children to decorate an item however they like, as long as it relates to a book they love. The idea is that you select an item such as a paper plate, potato, pebble, wooden spoon, shoe box, lolly stick, pillowcase, t-shirt or poster - the options are endless. We want the children to find whatever they can and have fun imaginatively creating a character from a story. Then on the 7th of March they can bring them into school to share with their teachers and classmates.

## Meadows Mouse Awards



### ***Cygnets***

Paul K - his hard work in recognising phonics sounds.

Darcey H - brilliant writing on Australian animals.

### ***Goslings***

Freya - great independent writing about Australian animals.

Luna - lovely Aboriginal art work.

### ***Caterpillars***

Isabelle T - making great progress with her reading.

Evie-Mae - working really hard in Maths.

### ***Dragonflies***

Finley - great writing and clear sentences in English.

Harley - beautiful presentation with writing.

### ***Owls***

Eleanor - being really supportive and a super sports person in PE and at our KS1 girls' football festival.

Lockie - super enthusiasm and problem solving in Maths.

### ***Hedgehogs***

Penny - her amazing independence in Maths.

Grayson S W - wonderful advert writing in English.

### ***Sharks***

Freya L - determination and focus in netball.

Khalifa W - impressive skills and good team work in netball.

### ***Dolphins***

Theo S S & Oliver D - great enthusiasm and hard work in our new Science topic.

### ***Jaguars***

Leo - For excellent partner work in Maths

Aidan W - for super work on perimeter in Maths

### ***Tigers***

Ezekiel - having a great attitude to learning and always working hard.

Freya B - being a happy member of Tigers class.



## Church Story Time

SATURDAY 9 MARCH  
10.30-12NOON

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Join us for a morning of storytelling!  
Second hand bookstall \* Refreshments \*  
Storytelling for young and old \*  
Browse the Saturday papers \* Bring your  
favourite book to share  
FREE ENTRY!

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All Saints Church,  
Burcot Lane



## Diary Dates



Wednesday 28th February

Year 2 Warwick Castle

Monday 4th March

Year 1 Animal Man visit

Tuesday 5th March

Year 4 Harvington Hall

Tuesday 5th March

Year 1 Parents Phonics meeting, 2.15 pm

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Thursday 14th & Friday 15th March

Year 4 Residential trip to Blackwell

Friday 22nd March

Break up for Easter holiday

Monday 8th April

Return from Easter holiday

*'We are determined'.*

