



## Meadows First School 8th March 2024



### A message from Mr Satchwell

World Book Day has been celebrated this week with an amazing visit from the published poet and author Spoz, who spent the day with us on Wednesday. He delivered a different performance and workshop for every year group and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They wrote poems, sang songs and even performed some raps! Having a working author in school is such a valuable experience for the children as meeting them can increase children's interest in books, help them understand how books are produced and boost the confidence of any aspiring writers we have in school.

In addition to Spoz's visit, the children also produced some brilliant puppets, models and picture representations of their favourite stories and books. It was obvious from the sheer volume and variety, that they enjoyed taking part in this activity. They have shared their work with classmates and there is a plan in place to create some displays around school. Thank you so much for all your support in helping your children produce such lovely work. We hope you enjoyed the activity too.



I spent sometime in Forest School this week with Cygnets who were taking advantage of a sunny morning in our largest Forest School area. They were having the best time exploring and working on a whole range of activities. They were climbing trees, playing hide and seek with toy frogs, swinging on our new large swing and building dens. The list goes on! The benefits that children gain from high quality Forest School sessions are immense and it was wonderful to see this happening here at Meadows. At our recent parent's forum, the possibility of our older children taking part in some sessions was discussed and we are looking in to how this could happen.

The parent forum that took place last week and was very valuable. A number of topics were discussed and we are going to take some time to consider the feedback and look into some of the suggestions. I have put a copy of the minutes on the website if you want to read about what was discussed. My thanks to the parents for attending.

[Parent forum minutes](#)

Have a great weekend.









## Latest News 8th March 2024



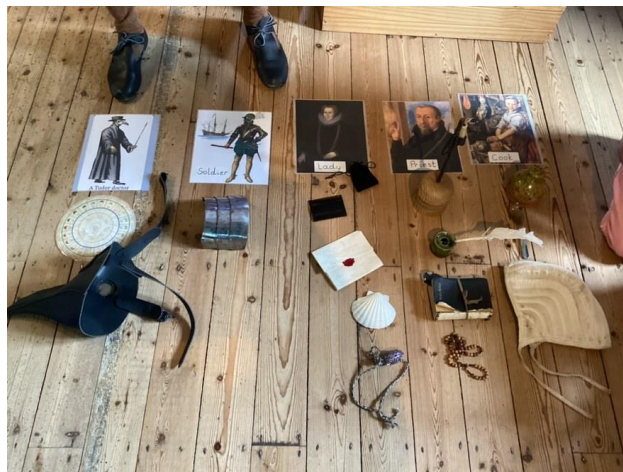
### Year 4 History

This half term Year 4 have been studying The Tudors as part of their local History Topic. On Wednesday, they went to Harvington Hall to find all about Tudor Life. They looked at Tudor food, dancing, clothes and games. In the afternoon, they had a tour of the hall and had a great fun looking for priest holes!

The children had a really valuable day exploring what is an amazing example of a Tudor building. We were really pleased to receive an email following the visit which was extremely complimentary about the children.

*"Your students and staff were a complete credit to you and your school. The students were engaged, polite, courteous and well behaved throughout the visit. They asked meaningful and engaged questions, showing a good amount of prior knowledge as well as skill in their interrogation abilities".*

Well done to all of Year 4.





### **Mother's Day**

The Friends of Meadows have been working hard this week to get the treats ready for Friday. The children have really enjoyed spending time selecting gifts for their loved ones and your donations are very welcome. Thanks for your support.



## Meadows Mouse Awards



### ***Cygnets***

Isabelle G and Ava H - always being so kind and helpful.

### ***Goslings***

Kairo - great focus and enthusiasm in lessons this week.

Shidra - always working so hard in everything she does.

### ***Caterpillars***

Penny D - listening carefully in lessons and answering questions.

Oscar H - working hard to count in tens and write bigger numbers.

### ***Dragonflies***

Ellie - super scientific knowledge (animals).

Riley James - great progress in writing.

### ***Owls***

Sadie - writing a super recount in English using lots of grammatical skills.

Joshi - always being so enthusiastic and working hard in all of his learning.

### ***Hedgehogs***

Robin - wonderful ideas and vocabulary in her writing.

Leo - enthusiasm and always joining in.

### ***Sharks***

Oliver B - excellent work on fractions.

Jax H C - super story writing

### ***Dolphins***

Zach A and Ollie C - great sportsmanship and effort in P.E.

### ***Jaguars***

Rosie & Noah - excellent focus and interest on our History trip to Harvington Hall.

### ***Tigers***

Ted B - being an enthusiastic and knowledgeable member of Tigers class during our trip to Harvington Hall.

Abithera - excellent work in Maths lessons and always being focused and determined.

## Diary Dates



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
Monday 15th April	Reception trip to Atwell Farm (details to follow)
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday - school closed
Friday 10th May	Class photographs
Tuesday 14th May	Year 4 Bell Boating Journey Day (details to follow)
Wednesday 15th May	Year 3 Botanical Gardens (details to follow)

We are really pleased to see children arriving at school on bikes and scooters but could we please ask that they dismount and push them once inside the playgrounds for safety reasons.



**Cyclists  
please dismount  
at this point**

*'We are focused'.*

