



Meadows First School 12th April 2024



A message from Mr Satchwell

It has been great to welcome the children back into school this week as we begin our summer term together. It is clear that everyone is refreshed, looking smart, eager to learn and I have already been impressed with lots of the work I have been seeing in classrooms. On Monday, all the class teachers spent time sharing the science homework which had been set and I was so impressed with the examples that I saw. It was clear that the activities had really appealed to the children and that they took great pride in presenting the results back to teachers. Many of the activities required adult support and I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone for helping the children.

We have been taking part in British Science Week all this week, a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that takes place between 8 - 17 March 2024! This year's theme is **Time** and all week, the children have been taking part in a whole range of activities and investigations which they have thoroughly enjoyed. The activities have been carefully planned to ensure that they align with the

school's own science curriculum so that they have really enhanced the the learning outcomes for the children.

Attendance really matters as I am sure you are aware. We are just in the process of updating our attendance policy to reflect all the work that we do in terms of ensuring that our rates of attendance remain as high as possible. Within the policy, there will be information to highlight what the real impact of missed days and late arrivals have on a child's education. I thought I would share it with you as I feel it is quite eye opening.

If attendance over the school year is:	...a pupil will miss this many days:	...and this many lessons:
100%	0	0
95%	10	50
90%	19	95
85%	29	145
80%	39	195
75%	49	245
70%	58	290

Minutes late per day...	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year...	Which means this number of lessons have been missed...
5 mins	3 Days	15 Lessons
10 mins	6 Days	30 Lessons
15 mins	9 Days	45 Lessons
20 mins	12 days	60 Lessons
30 mins	18 days	90 Lessons

Thank you for all your support to ensure that your children come to school and arrive on time.

We do know that for some families issues can arise from time to time that mean regular attendance and punctuality can be a more challenging. If this is the case, please get in touch to see what support might be available.

Latest News 12th April 2024

School Uniform Stall

On Monday 15th April (next Monday) at the end of the school day, the Friends will be holding a uniform stall for parents and carers. The friends and staff in school have worked hard to create complete sets of uniform that are all packaged up and ready to take away.

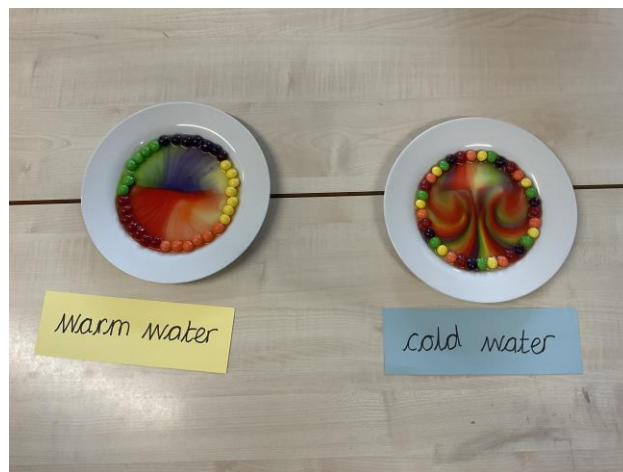
As we approach a new school year, this is an excellent chance to get your hands on some new uniform. The uniform can be taken for free or if you wish, you can make a donation. The most important thing is that it gets used. Not only is it a really sustainable approach, it can also save everyone money. Please come and see what is available. Everything must go!

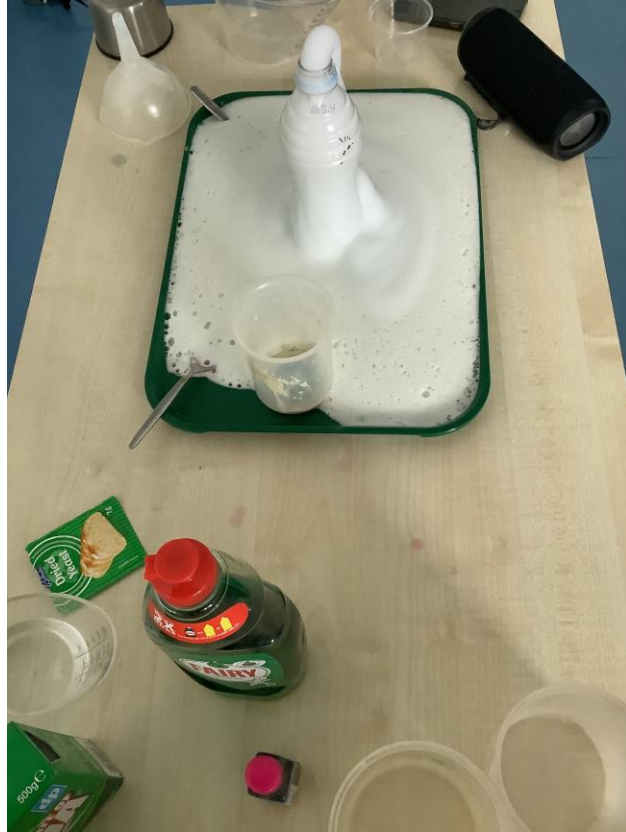


Advice on Gaming

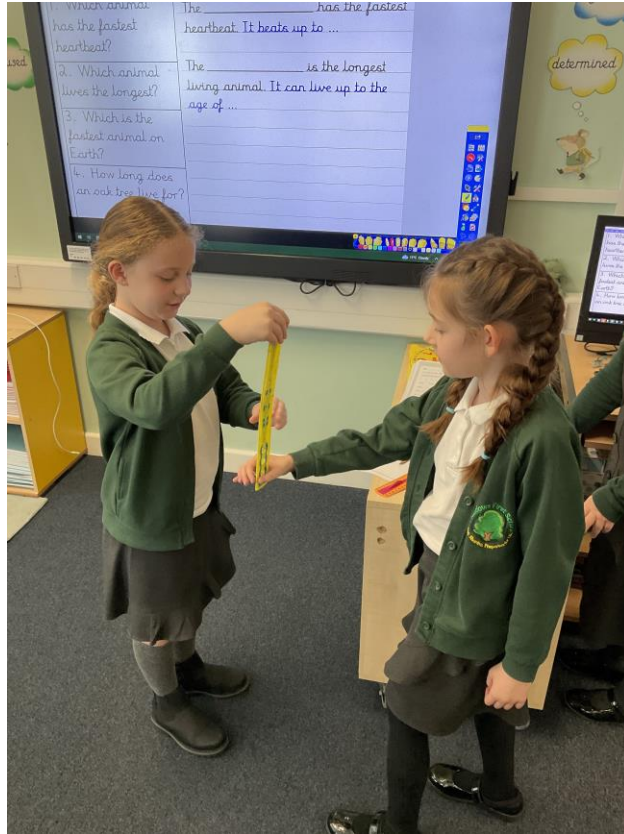
This week, we have learned of a really useful site providing parents with the information to better understand why children game and what those PEGI ratings mean. The gaming world can sometimes appear daunting for parents and carers with the vast amount of choices their children can engage with. As gaming continues to evolve, including how we play and who we play with, it's important to develop a better understanding of the games children play and the language they use whilst playing.

If you want to know more, here is the link to [YGAM](#)











Meadows Mouse Awards



Cygnets

Arthur M - working really hard with his letter formation.

Robin J - focusing really hard on his pencil grip.

Goslings

Leo B - super writing about life cycles.

Orla Blu - super coordination, focus and strength in PE.

Caterpillars

Parker P - working very hard writing sentences.

Ellie H - making careful measurements when comparing weights of objects.

Dragonflies

Lucy - super science.

Ferne - excellent maths.

Owls

Josh - being so enthusiastic and sharing lots of ideas, particularly in Science this week.

Poppy-Mae - always being focused and determined to do her best.

Hedgehogs

Ethan - enthusiasm in Science Week.

Ada - amazing determination when long jumping in PE.

Sharks

Tom L - confidently sharing his amazing science homework with the whole class.

Harry T - excellent contributions to our science week work.

Dolphins

Zachary L - showing great sportsmanship and skill in PE.

Esme H - trying so hard in every lesson

Jaguars

Jess - excellent demonstration of skills in Science week.

Jack - excellent ball skills in PE lessons.

Tigers

Anna D - working hard in all lessons and being a brilliant asset to Tigers.

Reuben - being a brilliant scientist during Science week.

Diary Dates



Monday 15th April	Reception trip to Attwell Farm
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)
Friday 24th May	Break up
Tuesday 4th June	Return
10th & 11th June	Year 4 Bikeability (details to follow)

Festivals and Celebrations

This week it was EID.

"Eid Mubarak" (عيد مبارك) to all those celebrating.

Staying Well at Meadows

