

Message from Principal

I can't believe the summer holidays are upon us and another academic year is done.

These past few years have been especially challenging due to COVID and all the different ways this has affected families and school life.

In the past few months we have seen school life return to something that is beginning to resemble the old normal which is extremely welcome and human connectivity is being re-forged between school, families and the community at large.

In recent months too, I have been overwhelmed by the creativity, positivity and energy of our staff through the various whole school events and fundraising initiatives. The PE department have shown incredible determination in their series of grueling 24-hour challenges and this has been met with enthusiastic participation and incredible generosity from staff and families alike.

Meadowbury, our annual music festival, has made up for its absence after COVID, by coming back bigger and brighter than ever before with a huge range of voluntary contributors and participants and has attracted considerable media attention, thanks to our dynamic music department and also a wider team of staff volunteers who have brought ideas and a real 'can do' attitude to proceedings.

We also had a team recently travel to North Wales to hike Snowdon, the highest mountain in England and Wales as part of our ongoing fundraising. There was a combination of members of the Senior Leadership Team, Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Midday Meal Assistants that made up a team of 7 dedicated and motivated people.

I couldn't be prouder of the staff and children of Meadowfield School and the positivity and contribution made by all of our families which has helped in our mission to reestablish our school as a centre of our community.

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has played their part however big or small in rebuilding and reestablishing our connectivity, whether that be through day to day interactions or grander gestures.

I would like to thank everyone for the support I have been shown in my first few months as Principal and I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Summer holiday.

Warmest wishes.
Dan Zaccheo, Principal



Message from Chair of Governors

A full complement of governing body meetings has taken place and a review of governance. We need to recruit a parent and a staff governor; these elections will take place in Term 1. There are also spaces on our board for co-opted members which we will advertise on Inspiring Governance and locally.

It has been great to see our families back in school for open afternoons, fundraising events and coffee mornings and long may it continue in September too. It has also been reassuring to have whole school events back, like Meadowbury.

I hope you all have managed to endure this week's heatwave and those in school on Wednesday enjoyed their ice creams too.

Have a great summer, stay safe (lots of sunscreen) and hydrated and we look forward to seeing you all in September.


Foxes

During this term the children have been extremely busy in all their subjects. We have been looking at seasons and trees looking at the different types of seasons and how they affect the environment. All children have enjoyed making leaves out of clay by creating a print to go on the clay of their chosen leaf. They then painted these before they went in the kiln. These will be displayed within the school sometime in September. They also had fun making clay pots, which they can use as a fruit bowl, or for a decorative plate. The children had so much fun doing these!



In Maths, they have been looking at Statistics this term, they have focused on Tally Charts, Picture Graphs and Bar graphs. To find out certain information like what is our favourite chocolate? We had to taste test all the chocolates before we asked our friends what they liked the most! We found out what is our favourite fruit, cakes and animals. Oh, not forgetting ice cream on these very hot days.

Tally Chart for Chocolate

Fruit	Tally	Total
Rolo 		3
Toffee Cris 		7
Kit Kat Chunky 		2
Aero mint 		2
Yorkie 		
Munchies 		



Sunflowers

This summer Sunflower class has enjoyed our PE sessions. We have been able to use the bikes. Some of us learnt to ride the three-wheeler bikes and some of us enjoyed having a ride in the specially adapted bikes. The PE teacher told us to wear helmets to keep our heads safe and to have the belt fastened if the bike seat had one. It was great fun!



Kingfishers

This term in Kingfishers, we have been learning all about plants and water. In Science, we have been investigating parts of plants, and we have planted our own beans and helped them to grow. We explored different types of seeds and how these can become different plants, and we experimented with some cress seeds.

We celebrated History Day. We learnt all about the Fire of London. We made houses and we stuck on flames to represent the Great Fire of London.



Ducklings

This term we have been looking at the topic 'the seaside'. We have loved exploring water and sand. We have mark made in sand, rescued sea animals from water and created our own mini beach!

We have been looking at filling and emptying in maths and have used our new learnt capacity skills to empty our cups of water over our teacher! We have all been working really hard on our skills learnt over the past year. We have been practicing forming all of the sounds correctly in our name, increasing our attention and focus levels and all joining the group input and doing what ducklings do best....getting messy!

This year Ducklings class has been a joy to teach, I am so proud of how far they have all come and can't wait to see them all around school in September!



Ducklings and Fawns trip to Wildwood

This term Ducklings and Fawns went on a school trip to Wildwood. This is the first time they have left the school and they made us all so proud! They went on a bear hunt over the bear enclosure, while repeating the words from the story by Michael Rosen! They all sat beautifully and ate their lunch while watching some squirrels! The children were amazing the whole day and were an absolute credit to Meadowfield and did the school proud! We are so proud of our reception children!



Snowdrops

This term the Snowdrops have enjoyed learning all about *Animal Habitats*. In English, the Snowdrops worked incredibly hard to plan and then write their own versions of *The Gruffalo*. We had fun reading our stories to an audience.

In Science, the Snowdrops categorised animals into different groups and learnt lots of new vocabulary such as predator, prey, mammal and reptile.

The Snowdrops especially loved our trip to Wildwood. Although we were tired from all the walking, the Snowdrops explored every area of the wildlife park, went over the Bear Bridge and saw so many fantastic animals, including bison, snakes and wolves!



Kestrels

This term in Kestrels class we have been finding out where food comes from. We have found out about healthy and unhealthy foods and how food affects our bodies and helps us to grow. We named all of the different body parts and thought about what we might need to do to keep our bodies healthy. Kestrels class have grown cress seeds, sunflowers and planted marigolds. The children have made healthy sandwiches and pizzas and then sequenced these activities to remind ourselves the steps needed to prepare food. We thought about paying for food items at the shops, made shopping lists and practised waiting our turn in the queue.

The children loved having their parents in to visit for the parent open afternoon and are now thinking about transitions to new classes for September. It has been a fantastically successful term for Kestrels class who are looking forward to a nice rest over the summer after all of their hard work this year.



Ladybirds

This term we have been learning about the 'Seaside' and have focused on developing our vocabulary. We have explored stories linked to the sea and really enjoyed the story Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, where we made our own zip wire (for the basket of food) and also tried mustard in our ham sandwiches!

Our role play has been a café and ice cream parlour, which supported communication through acting out. We have some great waiters and cooks! This also embedded the concept of money and to understand the value of different coins, as well as working out prices and giving change.

We have been very proud to participate in the sponsored activities, such as rowing, cycling and dance; which has given us opportunities to try new challenges.

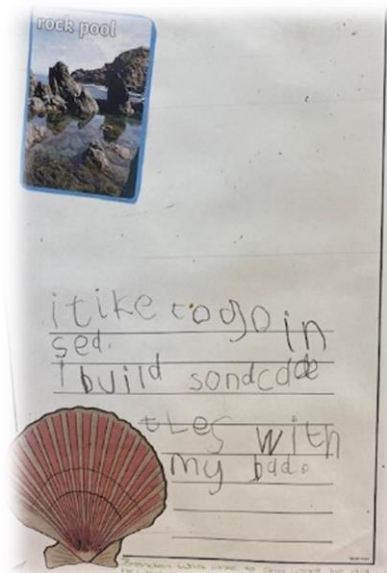
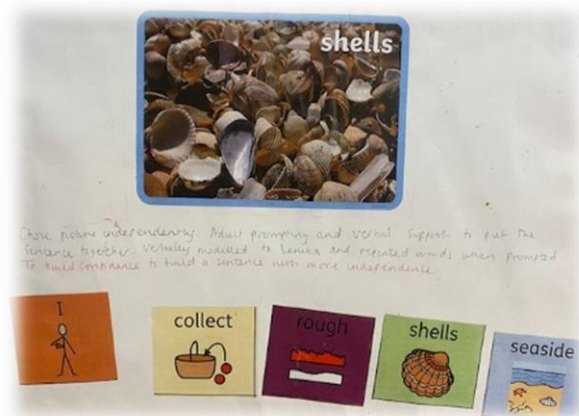


Poppies

This term in Poppies class we have been learning about the Seaside and our story has been 'Sharing a Shell'. The class have enjoyed engaging with different activities such as making sea turtles from plastic bottles and making clay shells. We have had some great descriptive sentences describing the characters using adjectives to say what they would do at the beach.

In maths we have been learning about position and direction and have used our bodies to show where we are (on top, next to, behind etc.) using classroom objects such as the table and chair. We have also learnt about direction and have learnt how to move forwards, backwards, left and right and had lots of fun dancing to the song the Cha Cha Slide to support this.

We would like to wish your child all the best and we hope that their transition into their new class is positive. Have a lovely summer holiday.



Robins

This term has been a busy term for the Robins, from visiting Forest School to designing our own clay sea creatures; they have all been busy bees.

Robins have been looking at The Natural World, in particular beside the sea. In English, we have been looking at a book called *Flood* and tried to imagine how we would feel if our house had been flooded. In Maths we have continued to look at statistics and number and how these can help us to read the world around us. Clay modelling has been the focus of our Art sessions and in Science we have conducted multiple investigations into the life cycle of plants, animals and insects.

Forest School days continue to be the most popular day, even the adults want to be like the children and get involved! Robins have enjoyed an excellent term; their progress has continued to impress us.

We hope our little team have a restful break and we wish you well in the future! With love Robins staff team.

Nightingale

Nightingale class have loved Forest School this term and have now all achieved their Chief Scouts Silver Award. We have linked our Forest School work to our science topic of minibeasts.



Badgers

Badgers have been looking at the Rainforest. They have looked at the different layers and the animals that live there. Students added to the display as we learnt about the ecosystem. They were very proud as they added to it each week.



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been very busy this term visiting Kent Animal attractions. We first visited Kent Life, where some pupils fed an Alpaca. We rode on a tractor and saw baby animals on the farm. In the cuddle corner, we stroked baby rabbits and found out they were called a kit. Then later in the term, we visited Fenn Bell Zoo, we were very lucky because we had the whole zoo to ourselves and were given the opportunity to explore independently. We watched the meerkats, and the flamingos and chatted to the parakeets.

In class, we came back and explored the life cycles of some of the animals we saw. As we near the end of term we have been enjoying extra sports sessions including Pop Dance and enjoying water play as the weather got hotter.



Wrens

Wrens class have really enjoyed their 'Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside' topic this term. The children have looked at all the interesting creatures that live in and around the sea and have also explored the seaside. We hope you like our seaside themed displays.



Kahlo

I know I am biased but Kahlo form has been a real pleasure to lead this year; such a lovely group of pupils that have worked so well together. Their recent contribution to Meadowbury demonstrated their fantastic teamwork skills, creating hundreds of sausage rolls, led by Kyle, pitta bread pizza and leaf decorated fairy cakes. All served with a smile and hundreds of litres of squash!

It has been fantastic to see the pupils grow in confidence, reading, writing and working on their individual targets. Highlights for me have been seeing Lewis overcoming his fears, Louise's kindness, helping others and Hannah showing me her latest drawings. Alfie's warm welcome and David's smile have kicked off every day and we have had many laughs and fun times involving elf's, domino's and sleeping beauty! With half the group completing year 9 and moving into predominantly Key Stage 4 classes, change is in the air but I have every confidence they will continue to go from strength to strength and pleased that they will all be within the same building with much to look forward to.

Big thanks go to the Kahlo team - Dawn, Caitlin, Jack, Harley and Connor who have all contributed so much to the daily routine, encouraged and cared for each pupil. Thank you Kahlo for being the best!



Forest School

What an amazing year 1st Meadowfield Cubs have had at Forest School. Each class has successfully completed the Silver Badge, which is the highest award a Cub can earn. Simon & Clare have awarded a total of 96 certificates and badges to the children who attended. This is a huge achievement, well done to everyone!



Fawns

And so, our school year has come to an end! As term 6 draws to a close, and the summer holiday beckons, it is important for us to reflect on our learning and achievements.

At the beginning of term, we were fortunate to visit Wildwood along with Ducklings class. For some of us it was the first time travelling on a minibus and for everyone the first school trip since starting school. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and all the children were a credit to Meadowfield. We were so very proud of them!

This term we have been thinking about water and the seaside. In Literacy we listened to and engaged with SHARING A SHELL, HOORAY FOR FISH and WHAT THE LADYBIRD HEARD AT THE SEASIDE. During our EAD and PD lessons we created sea creatures using a variety of media. In Maths we have worked hard on our number skills and our understanding of shape, space and measure in particular capacity. In our PE lessons we have been practising riding bikes which we all enjoyed. We enjoyed building sandcastles and have had lots of water play.

We have loved spending time together as a class, playing, creating, working and sharing food together.



Jays

What an end to the year it has been in Jays class! The lovely weather has worked beautifully in conjunction with the positivity which we have been seeing within the class. We have been thoroughly enjoying riding bikes in our PE lessons as well as regularly visiting the sensory garden to spend some time outside in the shade.

The vast majority of our learning this term has taken place in our outside area which has allowed us opportunities for some very exploratory activities (most of them water based!). We absolutely loved Meadowbury and it really was wonderful to see the whole school community come together as one to experience the festivities.

It truly has been a wonderful end to the year and I wish you all a safe and joyful summer!

Woodpeckers

In Woodpeckers this term we have been really busy learning all about the Seaside! One of the biggest highlights of our term has been having special themed days or activities to celebrate the pupil's interests and personalities.

During our Italian themed day, we made our own pizzas from scratch, cooked them in the food technology room and ate them for lunch! They were yummy. In English we have been looking at different kinds of texts, including letters and postcards. We planned an imaginary holiday and each wrote a postcard from that place to people back at home.

We have been recapping all the topics we have covered in Maths this year and showing off how much we have remembered! In Art we have been exploring different art forms and made our own clay starfish to be fired in the school kiln.



PE Team

This term, the PE team have been developing a focus around positive mental health through physical activity. Together with 24-hour challenges, we have been working hard to bring back a sense of community, beginning with parents and carers and into the wider community around the local area.

This term, the PE team also achieved the Gold Games Mark, demonstrating Meadowfield's engagement with school games as well as celebrating our students staying active.

Other notable achievements this term include, launching the subject-led PE Ambassador roles, 6th Form Sports Leaders building a partnership with Canterbury Road Primary School, completion of the DofE Bronze Award & Ian & Tom's successful application for a grant to support the delivery of Boxing for the whole of next academic year.

Our students' remarkable achievements demonstrate how dedicated they have been to improving fitness; health & wellbeing and we hope to strive even higher next year.

Coffee Morning

Deanna would like to thank all the parents and carers who came for the coffee morning on the 8th July,

It was a successful morning discussing behaviour and giving advice to each other, using ideas to bounce off of one another. A big thank you to Ian for visiting to discuss the new Health and Wellbeing Suite, Helen and Joanne from the NHS Wellbeing team and Gemma and Mark from the School's Wellbeing.

Deanna will confirm dates for a coffee morning in September in the new term.



Term Dates 2022/23

Term	Dates	Development Day
Term 1 Autumn	1 st September 2022 – 21 st October 2022 Half Term Holiday Monday 24 th October – Friday 29 th October Pupils Return 6 th September 2022	1 st , 2 nd & 5 th September
Term 2 Autumn	31 st October – 16 th December 2022 Christmas Holiday Monday 19 th December – Monday 2 nd January	
Term 3 Spring	3 rd January 2023 – 10 th February 2023 Half Term Holiday Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February	
Term 4 Spring	20 th February 2023 – 31 st March 2023 Easter Holiday Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	
Term 5 Summer	17 th April 2023 – 26 th May 2023 Half Term Holiday Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June Bank Holiday 1 st May 2023	
Term 6 Summer	5 th June 2023 – 21 st July 2023	

2 development days are to be arranged

Teaching and Learning Highlights....

- All pupils have continued to make good progress in most areas
- Phonics and Maths interventions have proved very effective in closing gaps in learning brought about by missing school during the Covid pandemic
- The pupil questionnaire results showed Art and PE were favourite lessons
- The nurture principals are being embedded across school to ensure that pupils are ready to learn each morning
- The focus on Executive Functions within the pupils' cognition and learning targets are showing improved focus and attention and independence skills
- Reading eggs has been found to be very popular and encouraging our younger reluctant readers to engage more.



Independently using the scales to solve mathematical problems, through exploratory learning.

