

### Message from Principal

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well.

Again, we have experienced another challenging few terms for everyone and the school has been required to take some very difficult decisions to keep everyone safe including reverting some classes to Home Learning and the reintroduction of face masks in communal areas and for visitors. However, throughout all this, the staff and pupils have still continued to smile and produce some amazing work. I and my colleagues are appreciative to parents/carers for your continued support and co-operation with the changes that Covid related issues have thrown our way.

This resilience was demonstrated on World Book Day when not only did our pupils enjoy a day of fun but the staff let everyone know just how 'incredible' they are and I am sure you will join me in seconding this sentiment!

I wish you all a safe and happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



Warmest wishes.  
Jill Palmer, Principal

### Message from Chair of Governors

As we reach the end of another term, Spring is in the air. Let's hope the weather is kind to us all over the Easter break.

We have continued to meet online for our full governing body meetings, with monitoring happening individually. We continue to attend training opportunities, also online and contribute to KsENT. Hopefully the Governing Body will all be able to get back into school to visit our children as soon as infection rates drop to acceptable levels.

We are keen to offer parent support events and Friends of Meadowfield events. If you are interested in being involved, look out for the flyers after Easter.

Roberta Kane, Chair of Governors



### Snowdrops Class

This term the Snowdrops have enjoyed learning all about *Castles and Knights*. We have worked hard to sequence and retell the story of King Arthur, writing some fantastic sentences in English.



The Snowdrops have been very busy in maths; exploring time, number bonds to 10, doubling and halving. We had lots of fun using timers, clocks and numicon to solve number bond and time problems. The children particularly enjoyed exploring halving through cutting cakes, sweets and shapes in half.



For History Day, the Snowdrops were very lucky to be visited by WW1 soldier Corporal Knight. We had lots of fun learning interesting facts about the First World War and tried on lots of uniforms and helmets. The Snowdrops were very enthusiastic and asked some brilliant questions. Well done Snowdrops – I hope you all have a super Easter.



### Buttercups Class

Our Theme this term was the imaginary world, so we've read *The Jolly Postman*, *Aliens Love Underpants* and *Spot's First Easter* as our topic books. We have enjoyed developing mark marking and writing abilities.



We also really enjoyed exploring beans and seeds and had a go at planting them using tissue and food bags. Look at them now- they have grown so much. We need to now pot them up.



We are looking forward to the Easter Holidays and we are also excited for Term 5's topic of Animals and Insects.

### Daisies Class

Daisies' class focus text book was *Little Red Riding Hood* this term, below is our story tuff tray that we used as we were exploring *Little Red Riding Hood* story. Daisies' also showed that they are beginning to know some of their body parts eg ears, eyes, arms and teeth.



In PSHE Daisies' were looking at healthy eating. They have been naming and sorting food stuffs into healthy and unhealthy, and we also helped Little Red Riding Hood to pack the basket for her grandmother.





### Nightingales Class

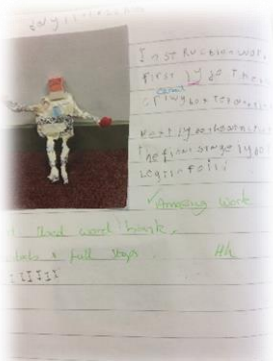
Nightingales class have been very busy this term with a wide variety of activities and learning. Harry won a £5 voucher for the work he did during the Healthy Eating Day, making a copy of his face using fruit and vegetables.



We enjoyed circuit training as part of our PE, Cailan holds the class record for the amount of sit ups.



We made robots and then wrote instructions on how we made the robots.



And we even found time to make Mother's Day cards.

### Back to the Future

Three musicians from Kent Music came to Meadowfield as part of the Kent Music 'Back to the Future Roadshow'. Key Stage 2 and 3 pupils spent a very entertaining and enjoyable 45 minutes listening, watching, singing and dancing along to a wide variety of music. They showed us the origins of the instruments using a bucket, straw and tube then played songs and music from films that we knew. We hope they will come back soon.



### Kingfishers Class

Kingfishers, we have had a busy few terms. In Science, we have been searching for materials around the school and in the sensory garden. We collected data on how many materials we could find. We have also travelled the school searching for danger as part of our PSHE lessons. We have been learning how to stay safe at school.

Our theme was 'The Lion King' and we made lion masks and lion biscuits. As well as this we have also learnt lots in Literacy and Maths within our 'traditional tales' theme including time and money, and we made the houses for the 3 Little pigs.



This term in Kingfishers, we had a special visit from Oily Cart. We loved playing the instruments and experiencing the sensory story with lots of sensory props. We also had fun completing a sponsored rowathon for charity.

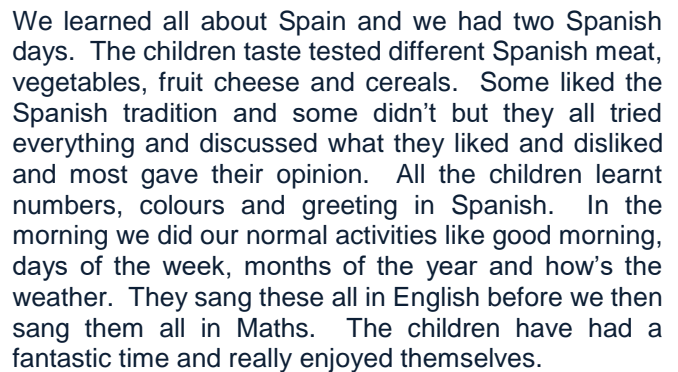
In science we had fun experimenting with magnets. We found out which magnet was strongest and which could hold the most paperclips. In PSHE we have been learning internet safety and how to log onto safe sites.



This term Robins have continued to explore the imaginary world, this time we have looked at traditional and non-traditional tales. The children have been looking at the traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs and the non-traditional tale of The True Story of The Three Little Pigs. We have incorporated this theme into every piece of our curriculum from writing a newspaper article in English to creating our own junk model houses to keep the big bad wolf out in Design and Technology. In scientific enquiry Robins have been looking at materials and their properties, they explored the three little pigs houses to be able to understand which house is the most waterproof and which one absorbed the most water.

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Over the last couple of terms Foxes class have been learning about castles and they have been reading the book Knights and Dragons Unite. The children have read the story and identified the keywords within the story by matching symbols to symbols and words and symbols to words and symbols or words to words. They have really enjoyed doing this as this has helped improve their reading. After this they have written their beginning and middle of their own Knights and Dragons Story by choosing their own symbols or writing their keyword or even dictating the sentence to the teacher and then copying the sentence on to their work.





Our Forest school sessions have sadly been reduced owing to the pandemic since the beginning of the academic year.

Well done everyone.



Our cohort had their Spring residential which was a great success, well done to everyone.

Last week we had our first awards night for two years that was well represented by both families and staff. Our own trooper Charlene was promoted to Lance Corporal and also took the top student award from four participating schools. Well Done Charlene.



Hawking has had a good term, we have spent time measuring all kinds of things, from our shoes to classroom objects, furniture and even the main playground.

The pupils have really been enjoying maths this term, building their own 3D objects, Angry Birds and learning all about shapes. In another lesson things got really messy when we made symmetry art. Hawking class had so many lovely ideas, it was a joy to see them around the classroom. As always, clearing up was far less popular, but with everyone chipping in, we were done in no time!

It was not all about maths though, Hawking has also worked on kindness and teamwork this term, so our class can be a place where everyone can be safe and happy.



**Parks Class** has shown great resilience, having dealt with a lot of change this term; including a new Form Tutor and a new classroom! We have spent some time getting to know each other, and making our classroom a lovely space we can relax in.



We were very interested to learn the true story of Rosa Parks, after whom our class is named. It was hard for us to believe that things were so unfair. We were amazed to find out about segregation, and are very glad that life has changed since then.

We've also been sharing Story Time in our 'Morning Meeting' and are already on the second Mr Gum book. Mr Gum is AWFUL but, luckily, his dastardly plans are always foiled in the end, and the shenanigans in the book make us laugh out loud!

In English, we have been retelling the story of La Luna, a short Pixar fictional film, which is full of beautiful images and ideas, and a little boy, who saves the day. We've used lots of adjectives to describe things, and made our stories interesting and engaging to our readers.



We've also enjoyed some wonderful enrichment opportunities, from the History Expert who came in and told us all about World War I, with all of his authentic equipment – to Kent Music, who treated us to a wonderful morning of music-making, dance, and lots of happiness.

All in all, a marvellous term at Meadowfield! Team Parks wish you all a happy and restful Spring Break,



### Bluebells Class

In Bluebells Class we have been reading traditional stories. The pupils have enjoyed using the story props in the classroom, engaging with their peers and sharing resources. They have been practicing writing letter shapes and constructing sentences and some of the pupils have been working hard on their speech and language targets by learning how to communicate using symbols.



### The Cart

This term we had the great pleasure of hosting the Oily Cart residency. This was centred around *The Cart* which made its way to classes in Impacts and Extended Impacts. The multi-sensory activities were tailored to the pupils and included: scented handwashing, the story of Fred the parrot nightingale who had his feather taken by the troll who lived in a cave and a walk through the enchanted forest.

Here we have 'Keeper of The Cart, The Cave Dweller and Fred the magical nightingale parrot' after the session held in Diamond class. Also, a photograph of the actors who returned this week to lead the Cart Party.



### Ducklings Class

Ducklings class have been working really hard at working together on tasks and in lessons. We have really enjoyed taking part in musical bumps in a circle and all taking turns with the resources and instruments.

We have made salt dough by following instructions, while working together to mix the ingredients together.

We all really enjoyed taking part in the sponsored walk and we even got to carry the music speaker around with us!

During literacy, we have been looking at the story 'We're going on an egg hunt'. We have really enjoyed turning the pages and lifting the flaps to see what is hiding. We have also been practicing our mark making skills and some of us are beginning to write sounds from our names! We have had an amazing term in Ducklings class with some lovely friendships developing.





### Tadpoles Class

This term in Tadpoles class we have been looking at traditional tales. We engaged in a range of mark making activities to stories related to Elmer, The Gruffalo and We're going in an egg hunt.

Pupils have been working in their communication targets and using SCERTS and communication boards to encourage them to use their words.



### Music Round-up

12 Key Stage 4 music and Art students recently had the opportunity to perform at the Woodeville Theatre in Gravesend and the Colyer-Fergusson Hall in Canterbury. The performance was the culmination of months of work for a performance of a story and play written collaboratively with the Big Reveal and some KsENT schools called Living the Dream. Students created a huge puppet of a Demon Queen for the Gravesend performance, which they manipulated during the show. A different group of students prepared a number of instrumental pieces which were used in the show as underscoring or as an accompaniment to the action and story unfolding on stage.

Students showed huge amounts of creativity during the process, and were very resilient when learning to adapt to new situations, unfamiliar places and new people. Well done KS4 Music and Art students, we are very proud of you!



Two-year 11 Art and Music students manoeuvring the Demon Queen puppet made at Meadowfield for the Living the Dream performance at the Woodeville Theatre in Gravesend.



Two KS4 Music students playing 'The Squid' on Glockenspiels at the performance in Canterbury.



Three KS4 Musicians playing 'The Storm' on Keyboards and Xylophones at the performance in Canterbury.



### **Diamonds Class**

This term has been really busy and exciting;

Oily Cart came to visit. We had so much fun experiencing the story of Fred and his missing tail feather. We went on a sensory trip in search of Fred's feather and went through dark caves and met a troll!

To celebrate finding Fred's tail we had a Carty Party and made bright colourful costumes to wear.



We have also been learning about Spring and Easter through different sensory activities.

We have made number resources using eggs and have created Sensory 'Easter Egg' hunts in work trays. Can you spot the hidden eggs?



We also took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for our chosen charity, to promote the school values.

### **Ladybirds' Class**

We have had a very busy term this term, celebrating special days and charities. This has included 'World Book day, Red Nose day and Sock day.'

We have engaged in finding out about dinosaurs for our topic and can use some Makaton sign language to support vocabulary. We have made dinosaur eggs out of papier-mâché for art and have also enjoyed musical bumps sessions, using percussion instruments.

In PSHE we have focused on friendship and what makes a good friend. We have used role play to act out being friends and stories with consequences of being unkind.





### Curly's Farm

Our Meadowfield farmers have been working hard on Curly's Farm making sure all the animals are clean, fed, and watered. Plus walked in the enclosure of the goats and Alpacas! But they still find the time for some fun at the end of a hard day!



### Badgers Class

In our Maths lessons Badges class have been looking at shapes. Badgers class enjoyed being out in the sun and finding different shapes in their environment. In the class room we have looked at identify the difference between 2D and 3D.



### Fawns Class

We've had another very busy term in Fawns class learning about THE IMAGINARY WORLD. We have all had lots of fun reading and thinking about traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood and The Gingerbread Man! We have used props to help us learn the stories and have used them to re-tell them to our friends. In our EAD and PD lessons we have practiced our cutting, painting and printing skills and experimented with a variety of media, creating woven baskets and mixed media collages. We have displayed our creations in the classroom for all to see!

Spending time together to share food is really important to us and we have enjoyed cutting, preparing and eating fruit pancakes during that time. Many of us tried new fruits and also practiced using knives to cut the fruit. Our pancakes were piled high with fruit and they were absolutely delicious!

So, as another term comes to an end, we can't wait for the next one for more fun, learning and of course food!





### Caterpillars Class

We have had a lovely time learning and developing our friendships in Caterpillars, this term. We have continued to learn our shapes and numbers and have shared lots of traditional tales. The Gingerbread Man was a big favourite! We all enjoyed joining in with that well-known phrase, "Run, run, as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!" We have also been sharing the book 'We're Going On an Egg Hunt'.

For understanding the World, we made healthy pancakes. We selected the fruit we wanted and cut it. The pancakes were yummy! We have talked about Easter and how we celebrate at home. We also went on an egg hunt around the sensory garden. In our EAD lessons, we have explored paint and collage materials. We have also used the boom whackers to explore sound and rhythm when listening to weather songs.



### Art News

The kiln has continued to be fired regularly with many classes taking part in making pots this term. From pinch pots to coil pots, slab pots to plant pots. Apologies if bags have been coming home heavier than usual and pupils sometimes a little messy! It has been wonderful to teach clay skills and open the kiln to find such beautiful creations. Some of the inventive highlights have been William's bee inspired pot. Naomi's blue girl and the amazing Godzilla made by Reece. Special thanks go to The Arts Society in Faversham who kindly donated £260 towards the art department which enabled us to purchase a clay extruder. It has already been a great time saving device and will make it possible for plant pots to be made in classes across the school next term.

Below is a selection of pottery made by pupils.





### Woodpeckers Class

In Woodpeckers this term we have been really busy learning all about dinosaurs! We listened to 2 different stories; The Dinosaur that Pooped the Bed and Tyrannosaurus Drip. We also started exploring non-fiction and used encyclopaedias to make our own fact files about different dinosaurs.

We have been learning about food and digestion in Science; we even looked at dinosaur poo and identified if the dinosaur was a herbivore, carnivore or an omnivore! In Art we have been making different pieces of art themed around dinosaurs including dinosaur fossils and paper plate dinosaurs.



### Ukraine

In support of Ukraine, Meadowfield donated the PPE that was no longer required. Di and Dave delivered all of the PPE to an address in Iwade ready for collection and distribution to Ukraine.



### Music Department

Recently, the Music department were fortunate enough to be awarded a grant from UMSKF (Universal Music UK Sound Foundation). We used this money to buy a Samba kit!



The 30-piece kit arrived in January and has been printed with the school logo so the troupe will be easily identifiable.

This very exciting purchase will be used to teach students to play in groups, encourage teamwork, collaboration, listening, composing and non-verbal communication skills. Having so many pieces means we will be able to combine classes and work collaboratively when it is safe to do so in the summer term.

We may even be able to do some collaborative work with PE and walking on the playground in procession in the style of a traditional carnival.

This will be trialled with secondary aged students from the subject led department in the first instance but we look forward to being able to roll it out across the school!

### Poppies Class

This term in Poppies class we have been learning about fairy tales and our story has been Jack and the Beanstalk. The class have enjoyed engaging with different activities such as making castles from junk modelling and painting a giant beanstalk. We have had some great descriptive sentences describing the characters using adjectives and discussing a day in the life of a giant.

In maths we have been learning about measurement, weight and capacity where we measured beanstalks and even ourselves using foot prints.

We would like to wish you all a happy Easter.



### Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehog were awarded their Silver Badge this term from Forest School where they participated in tool work. We would like to thank Simon and Claire for our amazing time at Forest School, the experience provided some fantastic learning opportunities which prompted independence.

This term in PHSE we looked at healthy eating where the children found some interesting recipes.

We also learnt about materials in science where we carried out experiments to find out which was the strongest and which kept us the driest.

Have a happy Easter from everyone in Hedgehogs.

### Emerald Class

Emerald class enjoyed the Sponsored Walk to raise money for Values Based Education, promoting the values of Kindness and Understanding this week. They enjoyed seeing their peers from other classes and they had fun as they went around the playground listening to music in a fantastic happy atmosphere.



## PROVISIONAL Term Dates 2022/23

These dates may be subject to change  
and  
5 development days are to be arranged



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