



Message from the Principal

What a start we have had to this term, so good in fact that we decided to produce an interim newsletter with some of the highlights. We will, of course, produce our end of term newsletter with a round-up of other activities that have taken place in school during Term 2.

Jill Palmer
Principal



Happiness Awards 2018 – Amanda Perfect

On Friday 18th November, The National Happiness Awards were held in Manchester. We had the pleasure of being shortlisted in the category - 'Happiest School' and Rhys was shortlisted in the category of 'Happiest Pupil'. This was a tremendous achievement as these are national awards and hundreds of initial nominations were made in each category.

Jill Palmer sent out an invite to staff who would like to go and celebrate with Rhys and represent Meadowfield and 6 members of staff accepted the invitation!



We travelled up by train and got our 'glad rags' on, including Rhys who looked very smart in his suit and attended the Awards at Media City.

It was a very exciting night, with some really inspirational stories about people who have gone the extra mile to ensure the happiness of others. While we didn't win, we were highly commended in both categories and Rhys was awarded with a giant cheque to spend on books of his choice.



We are all incredibly proud of Rhys and what he has achieved and it was a privilege for us all to celebrate on this exciting night with him.

Well done to all the staff and the wider community who all make Meadowfield a happy school.



KM Charity of the Year 2019 – Liz Hymus

Great news, as our school charity 'Friends of Meadowfield School' has been chosen as the charity of the year for the Kent Messenger for the Sittingbourne (Times Guardian) area.

We will be meeting with the Editors of the paper in the next few weeks to put together a plan for 2019, but rest assured there will be lots of exciting events throughout the year.

Look out in future newsletters for further information or if you have any fundraising ideas or good news stories about the school, then please contact Liz Hymus on 01795 477788 or by email liz.hymus@meadowfield.kent.sch.uk



ARTSMARK Update – George Taylor

Following the beautiful display of brightly coloured recycled plastic flowers and butterflies in the sensory garden, which was created by our pupils in collaboration with local artist, Sioux Peto. We are delighted to be taking part in a very special show at the Turner Contemporary. It brings together artwork created by 13 Special School across East Kent, professionally exhibited within the gallery. Our flowers and butterflies have been reused again to create a wonderful hanging sculpture and we also have several large prints on display of abstract painting.

Entry is free and the display will be there until the 6th January. We hope many parents and friends of Meadowfield will be able to visit, it is a really uplifting experience, a first for the gallery and for our school.



INVITATION

VIEW THE YOUNG ARTISTS WORK INVOLVED IN YAASS

YAASS: Empowered

13 NOV 2018 - 6 JAN 2019

TURNER CONTEMPORARY, MARGATE

An exhibition celebrating the work of the Young Arts Advocates Special Schools project working in collaboration with KSENT, Kent Special Educational Needs Trust.

Family Food Friday – The Community Chef – Liz Hymus

Mike Spackman and The Community Chef team visited the school on Friday 16th November along with their fabulous food truck.

Students from the Sixth Form worked alongside Mike and his team to prepare delicious sweet and sour chicken and eggy fried rice take-away dishes. Parents, carers and families were invited to come and sample the food. The team made 150 pots and they were a complete 'sell out'!

Even though the weather was a bit grey and overcast the students and their families had a lovely time and the food was enjoyed by all.



A big thank you to everyone involved with the day.

Commemorative Concert – Susan Farrington

Last year the CAPA group worked on the setting of a war poem to music, the final recorded and written version was entered in the Sittingbourne Orpheus Choral Society competition. We were pleased to hear the news that our entry received the following comments:

"A class composition in six short sections by the CAPA group led by teacher Susan Farrington. The words of "Dulce et Decorum est" are imaginatively explored in music to reflect on warfare".

The judges consider this entry to be an outstanding class composition and we won an award and prize which was presented to the school last week.



Whole School Upcoming Events – see schedule for all upcoming events

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 14th December

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 19th December

Last Day of Term – Wednesday 19th December (normal finish time)

