



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, that's another jam packed term under our belts, we've had lots of wonderful activities at school including Easter Egg Hunts, Book Fair, World Book Day, Art Digital Showcase, Year 1 and Year 5 Assemblies, not to mention school trips to Sacrewell Farm, St Marys Church and the Faith Tour which tied in with our Creative Mission this term. I'd like to extend a big thank you to all involved with the organisation, including parent helpers and our PTA. It is definitely time for a well-deserved break. The children and staff have worked so hard this term! Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on

Monday 17th April.

Happy Easter!

Sam Khan



Thanks to the PTA/Parent helpers

We would like to express a big Thank You to the PTA for all their efforts in recent weeks in particular with all the organisation regarding the Easter Egg Hunt, and all that goes on behind the scenes. Thank you to the parent helpers also who assisted with the chocolate tombola.

Thank you to all those that took part in the sponsored read during the February half term. £281 was raised in total and will be added to previous fundraising, with a cheque of £424.50 being forwarded to Diabetes UK. Congratulations to Tommy in Year 1 who was the lucky prize winner of the Amazon voucher.

JLT in collaboration with
the School Council.



Attendance

Meadowside Primary School aims to encourage every pupil to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them. The School adopts the Government definition of good attendance as being 97% or above.

This half term our attendance was **93.68%**

Reminder

School reopens on Monday 17th April 2023

Year Group Round Up



Buttercups

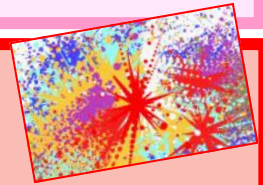


This term's Creative Mission was all about faiths from around the world and we focused on Christianity. We learned about Easter, designed our own stained glass windows and we also worked alongside our friends in Reception to create a Rainbow of Hope. We learned about bell ringing, and spent time listening to the church bells, listening to different services, songs and researching the meanings. We have also been participating in bell ringing to perform and share what we have learned. During the term we have been busy practicing our Kinetic animal poses, there are five animal poses called the Penguin, Meerkat, Lion, Bear and Lizard. These poses are designed to help the children strengthen their bodies to support the development of fine and gross motor skills.



Reception

Reception enjoyed a walk to St Mary's church in Burton Latimer. We listened to the Easter story and created crafts to represent the important parts of the story.



To accompany our Easter learning we all researched stained glass windows and made delicious stained glass shortbread biscuits. All of the children have shown fantastic responsibility when using the garden and shared area this term. During understanding the world we have been learning about minibeasts and what creatures we can find in our garden. The children already had a fantastic knowledge of minibeasts and their habitats but we wanted to find out more! Some of our questions; Why do ladybirds have spots? Why have spiders got 8 legs? Why do bees die when they sting you? Across Robin and Owl classes all the children have continued to wow us with their reading and number knowledge. Well done everyone. Our term was rounded off with digital art day and an Easter egg hunt, thank you to the PTA.



Year 1

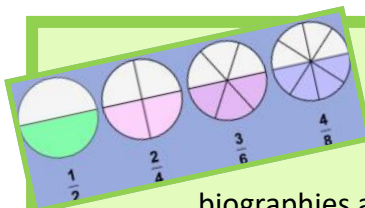
Wow! What a busy term we've had in Year One. We had a great time visiting St. Mary's Church and learning about the Christian faith. We also made a class promise tree and yummy chocolate nests. This week Year One went on their first school trip to Sacrewell Farm. They were able to see a working mill and dug for worms. They enjoyed exploring, looking at the animals and old farming artefacts. We finished the term with an amazing assembly that showcased all the children's learning. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We are super proud of you all!



Year 2

This half term the children in year 2 have been busy learning about character change stories and have written their own stories. This term's learning linked to Around the World in Eighty Days has included learning about the expeditions of Captain Scott and Captain Cook, as well as learning about Antarctica and Australia. This week the pupils engaged in a whole day about Australia by making Anzac biscuits and learning traditional Australian songs. Year 2 have also been inspired by Australian artist Ken Done by creating their own abstract landmark drawings and colouring them in with bold, bright colours.





Year 3

Wow! What a busy term! In year 3, we have been spending time looking at fractions in maths which we look forward to coming back to and writing biographies about Alexander the Great in English. History and Geography has been delightful as we discover more about the Ancient Greeks. We really enjoyed our Faith Tour to Bedford where we were treated so nicely and learnt so much about Islam, Sikhism and Christianity. We look forward to coming back after Easter, well done for a fabulous Spring Term.



Year 4

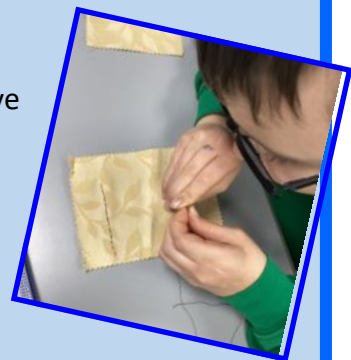


Year 4 have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum, tackling fractions and decimals in maths, and writing disaster stories in English. These stories also provided an opportunity to apply our geographical knowledge and vocabulary. During creative mission, we focused on Sikhism and enjoyed learning new facts. We even prepared and cooked vegetable curry with chapatis which we ate in the same way as we had learnt Sikhs do in the langar. The faith tour to Bedford was the perfect opportunity to visit the gurdwara and seeing this magnificent building for ourselves really helped bring our learning alive.

Year 5



In Spring Term, Year 5 pupils were very busy. In RE we learned about Islam and Easter; everyone enjoyed Creative Mission week too as they have got to make some salad and deepened their understanding of the Five Pillars of Islam. In History lessons we learnt about the Vikings; and in D&T lessons we made Viking purses which was both challenging and great to learn backstitch.



Year 6



Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this term in the lead up to their SATs, with a particular focus on arithmetic. We are so proud of all that they have achieved! They have also enjoyed finishing their WW2 topic and have been busy planning their menu for our WW2 themed day in May. During Creative Mission, a range of fantastic prayer flags were created using textiles and the pupils are looking forward to seeing them displayed in the KS2 hall after Easter! They also had a great time on the Faith Tour and the staff were very impressed with their knowledge and behaviour.



Winter Photo Competition Winners



1st Place

Thea – Year 2



2nd Place

Sophia – Year 6



Mrs King would like to say a big thank you to everyone who entered the Winter Photo Competition, it was incredibly hard to choose our winners, but I'm sure you will agree that we have some budding photographers at our school.

Well done everyone!



Third Place

Freya – Buttercups & Amber Rose Year 3

School Notices

School Lunches

Please ensure, if required any school lunches are booked no later than 08.55 on the day required.



Safeguarding Information

If you have a concern about a child, you can refer to the following agencies

NSPCC Tel: 0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk

MASH: 0300 126 7000

Information is also available on our school website [https://](https://www.meadowsideprimary.org/keepsafe/safeguarding)

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING EASTER HALF TERM 2023

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL



ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of Easter 2023

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 3rd until Friday 14th April 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day at YO! Sushi with any adult £10 spend from April 3rd 2023

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S, Tesco and Farmhouse Inns

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Save the Date

In order to help you plan and be aware of upcoming events in the School Calendar here is a handy rundown of next half term's events and activities. Subject to change

Summer Term	
17th April	
Beginning of Summer Term	
1st May	
Bank Holiday Monday	
4 th May	Reception – Sywell Country Park Trip
8th May	
Bank Holiday Monday	
9 th – 12 th May	KS1 & KS2 SATS Week
12 th May	PTA Royal Disco
15 th May	Year 6 WWII Cooking Afternoon
17 th May	Whole School Photo
19 th May	PTA – Tuck Shop
w/c 22 nd May	Smarties Challenge
22 nd May	Reception & Year 6 Screening
23 rd May pm	Family Reading Time
25 th May	Year 6 – Duxford War Museum Trip
Half term: 29th May – 2nd June	
5 th June	Training Day – School Closed
6 th June	Training Day – School Closed
7 th – 9 th June	Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Check
16 th June	Year 4 Assembly
w/c 19 th June	Creative Mission 3 British Values
19 th – 22 nd June	Year 5 Bikeability
21 st June pm	KS1 Sports Day
22 nd June	Year 2 – Woburn Safari Park Trip
23 rd June pm	KS2 Sports Day
30 th June am	Year 3 assembly
7 th July	Reports to parents
7 th July am	FS assembly
13 th July	Parents consultation / Open Classroom
14 th July	Year 2 assembly
14 th July	House Afternoon
15 th July	PTA Summer Fair
17 th July pm	Family Reading time
18 th July	Year 6 – Hunstanton Trip
21 st July pm	Year 6 Leavers assembly
21st July	
End of Summer term	

