



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this end of term issue of Meadowside Matters we would like to give you a rundown of what's been happening here at Meadowside and Buttercups. It's been another busy term, and the children have settled in very well into their new classes. We have welcomed many prospective parents to school as part of our Reception open evening intake tours and presentation, along with parent consultations, Harvest Festival, Family Reading time and of course the Great Meadowside Bake Off! We hope you have an enjoyable and restful half term.

Best wishes

Road Safety



As the dark mornings and evenings approach we ask that you be mindful and consider everyone's Road Safety around the school, we have a number of pupils who cycle or walk to school and their safety is of the utmost importance. Whilst we appreciate that the school run can be a hectic time, we encourage you to 'Think!' take your time and consider the impact of driving a few miles too fast, parking on a blind bend or corner, small things like this can save a child's life. If your child does cycle to school please ensure that their bicycle is road worthy and they have all the necessary equipment; Hi-vis jacket, lights etc. We have also had complaints from local residents regarding parking at the start and end of the day, please park courteously with consideration for our neighbours. Parking on corners, on yellow lines, over drive ways and in bus stops can create a number of hazards to everyone.

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 term our attendance was **95.67%**

Reminder

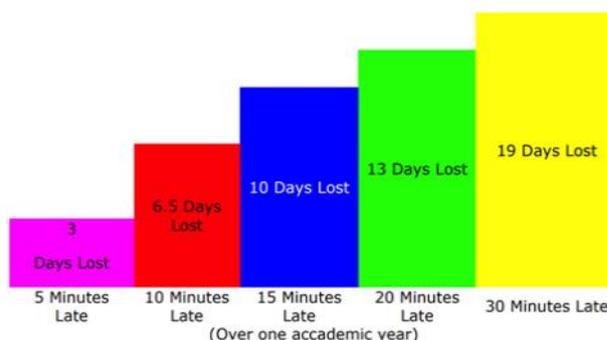
**School reopens on Monday 31st
October 2022**

Lateness

AM registration takes place at the start of Lesson 1 at 8.55am. **Registers close at 9.00am.** Pupils are expected to be on site by 8.45am to avoid them being late for registration. Pupils who arrive after 8.55am must sign in at the school office and will be asked about their reason for their late arrival.

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.





Buttercups

We have been learning about Diwali (festival of light) we made our own Diya lamps and Rangoli patterns. We have also been learning about "Habitat and Hibernation."

We discussed where different animals and insects live and why some sleep through winter. We collected sticks, leaves and logs, to create our hibernation house; The Buttercup Hedgehog House. We also celebrated Harvest Festival by making vegetable soup. We discussed how vegetables grow, where we get them from, how to prepare them. Buttercups helped us to wash, peel and chop them up before boiling and blending them into a soup!



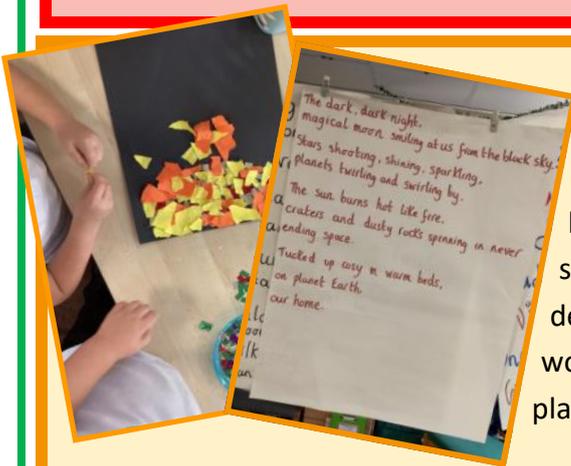
Reception

In Reception we have had a very busy few weeks learning our set 1 sounds. In Art we have explored colours and enjoyed mixing various shades and getting very messy with the paints! During science we learnt all about our body parts and in personal social and emotional development we talked about how to be a good friend, and to be responsible in the classroom. Please check out our school twitter account to follow our reception adventures.



Year 1

This term in Year 1, Rook and Lark Class have been learning about 'Space'. We wanted to share with you our whole class list poems and our amazing artwork on this topic. We created space pictures by tearing pieces of paper. We have also been designing and making Earth cookies - They were out of this world! We can't wait until next term when a planetarium will visit Meadowside.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about The Great Fire of London. In Music we learnt how to play 'London's Burning' on glockenspiels. This week in Design & Technology we measured, cut and glued wood to make a frame. After half term we will work in groups to glue our frames together to make a model of a wooden house. Then we will recreate The Great Fire of London by setting fire to our wooden houses to see how quickly the fire spreads just like it did in 1666!



Year 3

In addition to our Maths and English lessons, we have been exploring Forces and Magnetism in Science and have taken part in lots of practical activities.

We have learnt how to do a running stitch and created leaf shaped coasters in DT. In Geography, we have been learning about

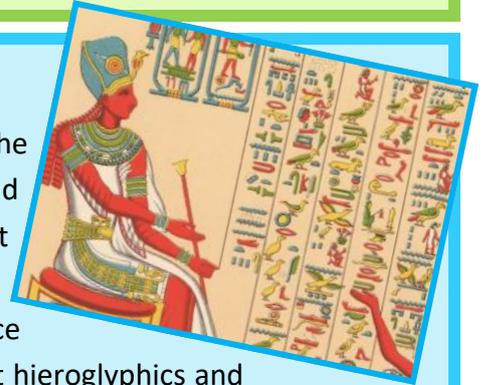
Rainforests and Climate Change. Our RE topic has been Hinduism and this week there has been a focus on Diwali. As part of our Diwali celebrations in school, we had a go at drawing Rangoli patterns and Mrs Prince put on her Indian dress.



Year 4

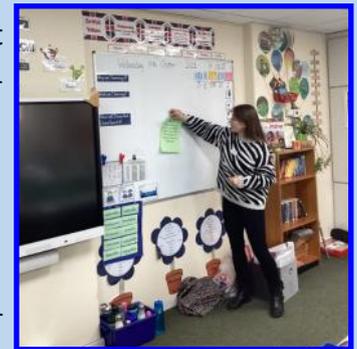


In Year 4 this term we have been learning about the landmarks of Egypt, such as The Valley of Kings and The Valley of Queens. We have also learned about Tutankhamun and his tomb. This linked to our art and making his mask from milk bottles, we all showed our resilience in these lessons because it was quite tricky! We also learned about hieroglyphics and how the Ancient Egyptians used these as writing. This linked to our class novel, 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll.



Year 5

This term Year 5 pupils have celebrated Diwali. We learnt about Rama and Sita story, we have discussed and compared the other religious festivals. Pupils enjoyed creating their own Rangoli and Mehndi patterns. We also had a visitor, Ellen Rufus from charity HopeU who led a PSHE lesson about drug awareness. Pupils had discussions and asked many questions about drugs, energy drinks, caffeine and alcohol use.



Year 6

Since the last edition, Year 6 have been on their annual Residential Trip. This had been the first extended trip since the COVID pandemic. Pupils and staff alike were really excited about the list of activities which included, Zipwires, Raft building and Abseiling. The trip was a great success, pupils worked in teams and supported each other through every challenge! Well done Year 6!





MASC

5 Year Anniversary



We are delighted to celebrate our 5th anniversary of our MASC wraparound care facility; we have watched our numbers grow and our children enjoy a range of activities, which are all child led. During the holidays we welcome children from surrounding schools, and this year we have also introduced HAF sessions to support families.



JLT News

Introducing Our Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy

Hi, My name is Evie, and I am one of the members of the JLT. At our school I have many responsibilities. I am also an amazing animal lover, I have 4 animals, guinea pig, cat and 2 dogs. I love art too. When I am older I would like to be a hairdresser as this is my dream job.



My name is Bradley and I'm the Deputy Head Boy here at Meadowside. I am a big fan of rugby, football, golf and swimming. When I am older I would like to be involved in sports.



Sports Scene

This term has seen Meadowside Primary enter two football competitions. We currently have year 5/6 mixed teams in second and third place in the Kettering Town Inter Schools League. Our mixed boys and girls team took part in a KSSP one day football tournament. We were knocked out of the quarter final by a late own goal. With Cross Country and Athletics coming up, this will be a great opportunity for our sports stars in all year groups to achieve their best.

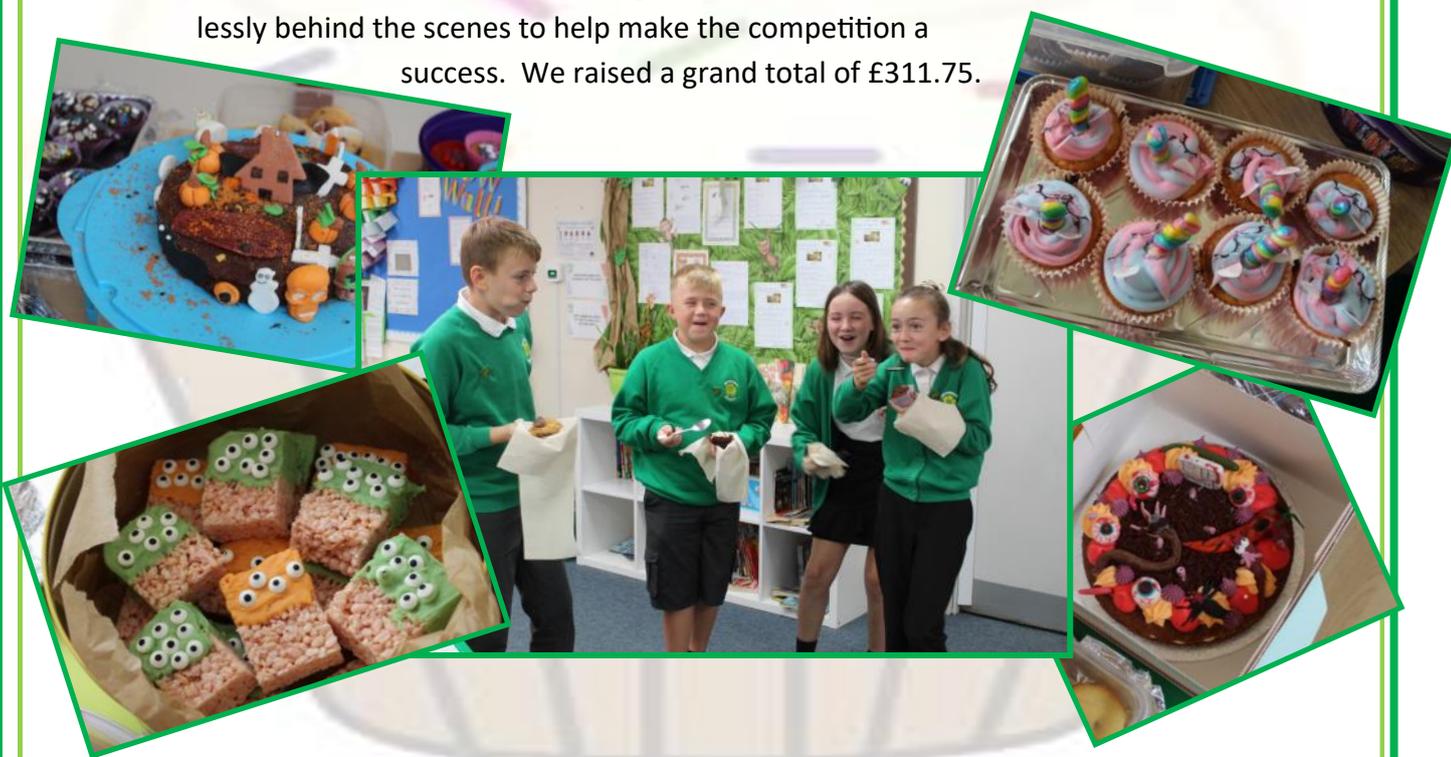
Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful donations received for our Harvest Festival celebration. Thank you also to Tesco Kettering for the donation of fresh produce.



Great Meadowside Bake Off

Thank you all for the time, generosity and talent you have shown supporting the Great Meadowside Bake Off. We were overwhelmed by the entries and thoroughly enjoyed judging (and tasting) your bakes. It was an extremely hard decision, so much so that an extra winner for each key stage was added. The Head Teacher Commendation awards will be received shortly. In the meantime, after lots of deliberation we would like to extend our congratulations to the winners Hollie (EYFS), Jamie (Year 2), Ben (Year 5) and Keren (Year 6). Also, a special thank you to Mrs Langton, Mrs Mounir, Miss Tomkins, Mrs Harding and the wonderful Year 6 helpers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help make the competition a success. We raised a grand total of £311.75.



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 terms events and activities



Autumn Term	
Half term 24 th - 28 th Oct	
WB 31 st Oct	Creative Mission 1 Meadowside Family Values (see email sent 10.10.22)
1 st Nov	Individual School Photographs
1 st Nov	Raise the ECO Flag (see email sent 10.10.22)
9 th & 10 th Nov	Buttercups Parent Consultations
WB 14 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
14 th Nov	World Diabetes Day / Mufti Day
9 th Dec am	FS Nativity
12 th Dec am	Year 1 Nativity
12 th Dec am	Year 4 Christmas Production
12 th Dec pm	Family Reading Time
13 th Dec am	Year 2 Nativity am
13 th Dec am	Year 5 Christmas Production
14 th Dec am	Buttercup Boogie
15 th Dec am	Year 3 Christmas Production
16 th Dec	
End of Autumn term	