



Growing at Meadowside Primary School

COVID Update

In light of the new Government Guidelines which took effect on the 24th February please find the links below where you can find out more information on testing and getting covid vaccinations.

[Testing for COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination](#)

An updated school risk assessment will follow shortly.



Healthy Eating

Here at Meadowside Primary School, we like to promote healthy lifestyles and with this in mind we feel it is important that all children have a well balanced and healthy diet. Children should be involved in the decisions around what they are eating to help them understand the importance of a healthy diet. Our Junior Leadership Team have put together a school policy setting out a guide on what should be in a child's lunch-box. You can access the policy below.

<https://www.meadowsideprimary.org/our-school/people/meadowside-school-council>

Weekly 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 week our attendance was **95.05%** This includes absences due to COVID. Please see the link below which will take you to our Attendance policy which details in full our expectations.

<https://www.meadowsideprimary.org/for-parents/policies-reports>

Dates for your diary



- * **Wednesday 2nd March** Family Reading Time
- * **Thursday 3rd March** World Book Day
- * **W/C Monday 7th March** Careers Event
- * **Friday 18th March** Comic Relief Mufti Day
- * **Wednesday 6th April** Head Teacher's Afternoon Tea

Meadowside's own Strictly Stars

Lola and Ellie both 10 years old, from Kingfisher class had a fantastic opportunity during the half term break to dance in the Ball Room at the spectacular Blackpool Tower in the All England Championship. They competed against 100 other dancers from all over the country. Lola made 4 solo quarter finals and Ellie won 4th place with her partner Summer in the Boston Two step. We are all so proud of you!

Keeeeeep Dancing!!



Relationships and Sex Education

Relationships and sex education (RSE) is a life-long process of acquiring information and forming attitudes, beliefs and values about sexual identity, relationships and intimacy. At primary school level, it is about laying the foundation for teaching in the context of feelings, friendships and relationships with a backdrop of understanding biological processes. Please find below a link to our RSE page on the website which explains in more detail how this subject is taught in school.

[PSHE website page](#)

There is still time to have your say on the topic of RSE Please click on the link below which will take you to the survey.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4Rlgg1ntD0m0X6I571_MBmsaFZOSG11JzF7G4HnwWN



Inside View

Girl Guide & Scout World Thinking Day

On Tuesday 22nd February, members of the Girl Guide and Scout movements celebrated World Thinking Day. It's a day when they think of each other and give thanks and appreciation for international friendships. It was lovely to see so many children proudly wearing their uniforms to show support for this wonderful initiative.



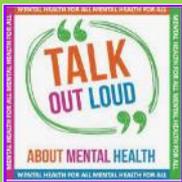
Governor Visit



Our Governor Sarah Knight met with the science ambassadors and talked about what they are learning in science and how that relates to their lives and interests in future study/career paths. Sarah was very impressed with what learning she observed.

"I found the pupils very excited to engage and share with me what they were learning about. Subjects included soluble/insoluble, the human heart, the structure of plants and flowers, and natural disasters. The pupils listened to each other and were able to identify some common science-related themes across all of their lessons for example- how the human heart oxygenates the blood, and plants need oxygen to grow and thrive, and fire also needs oxygen. While some students were set on professional football as a career choice (of course), nearly all of them could understand how the study of science would be integral to careers in medicine, botany, sports science, and more'.

"I look forward to meeting with Mrs King, Science Lead to discuss the science curriculum and actions to mitigate any areas of opportunities within the curriculum for future learning across the school". Mrs Knight.



Children's Mental Health Week

7th -13th February

We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week just before half term. During our PSHE lessons we focused on how we felt on the inside as we were promoting 'Talking Out Loud about Mental Health'. Children wrote down their feelings and these were collected so that they could be displayed at the Northampton Museum in rainbow coloured boxes to create a permanent display to show 'how we feel on the inside' Children were also invited to dress inside out to symbolise their internal feelings.

Afternoon Tea

Here are our children enjoying their well deserved Afternoon Tea in the Pen Palace with Mrs Garnham. All the Teachers were very proud of all the pupils' achievements!



Buttercup News

Buttercup Nursery have enjoyed reading Supertato this week, and just wanted to let you know that there is an escapee on the loose. He looks like this:



If you see him, please put him back in the freezer where he belongs. Thank you!

JLT News

We have been busy coordinating the whole school councillors to ensure we have a representative of our student voice from Year 1 through to Year 6. We look forward to extending this to our Reception classes from the summer term. We will be able to announce the successful candidates soon.

The children have also been working hard on Meadowside's water policy and have designed and displayed posters to promote this.

We are also delighted that the reading buddy scheme is now up and running and are proud of our part in making this happen.

Our 'personalise the school values' competition is still open for those last minute entries. Please ask your children to speak to their teacher who will be able to give them an entry form to take part. Finally, to support this year's comic relief, JLT have elected for a non themed mufti, as there is so much going on this half term already!



School Notices

PTA Events



- *Friday 11th March KS2 Tuck Shop
- *Friday 25th March Easter Mufti day
- *Tuesday 29th March PTA AGM



Parent Volunteers

We would love to welcome parent volunteers back into the school. During COVID we have really missed the value that our parents can offer to supporting our children's learning in the classroom. If you do have a few hours to spare and would like to help then please contact the school office who will be able to organise this for you.



Wishing
You
The Best Of Luck!!

Today , sadly we will have to say goodbye to Mrs Curchin, a valued member of our staff. We wish Mrs Curchin the very best in her new career opportunity. We will miss her very much.

Don't forget!!

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Children are invited to come into school as a book character or wear their pyjamas. They can also bring in their favourite book to share or bring in one that they would like to swap for a different one. They are also welcome to complete the 'share a story reading star challenge' at home and on completion they will receive a certificate.

