



Meir Heath Academy Newsletter

November 2017

Principal's Message

Time flies when you are having fun!! When I think of the things that we have achieved already, we have so much to celebrate. A very successful first half term—even if I do say so myself!!

With the introduction of our new style celebration assembly, the children look forward to Friday mornings! Not only to dance our way into the hall, to see who will be nominated and take a walk on the red carpet, but to see their teachers' receive a treat or a task—Mrs Cameron can now juggle, Mrs Crump is a 'master hula hoopa', Miss Barker has had the whole school in stitches with her impression of Mr Wilkinson and we look forward to Mrs Reed counting to ten in German. What fun we have had!

Our whole school theme 'Worlds Worst Children' inspired by David Walliams, has also been a big hit! SO much super writing has taken place in classrooms. Many of the children have visited my office to share their achievements with me—I've been extremely impressed with the quality of their work, but what has pleased me the most is how much they have enjoyed their topic. Did you get to see our Worlds Worst Children classroom doors? If not, check them out on twitter or our website (Meir Heath Magic section).

We have had some great opportunities for parents to join us with our exciting new learning. Y2 Parent Go Outdoors resulted in some carefully crafted Mandalas. Y1 Big Art had fun making a collection of fabulous clown masks and are now on display. Y3 Big Art have crafted in a fabulous collection of 'much loved' bears—I think the children ask each day if they can take them home yet. Y5 Harry Potter goblins magically appeared during their Big Art session.

Many parents have caught me on the yard and have shared some lovely comments about the great things that have taken place this half term. It is heart-warming to hear. Please look out for my parent questionnaire, as I am keen to give parents as many opportunities as possible to input into our school's future development- thank you for your support.

KS1 Harvest

The KS1 performance of

'The Huge Turnip' was a HUGE

success (sorry for the pun). Well done to all children and staff who were involved in the performance — a great job!

THANK YOU so much for your dried produce donations. The People's Pantry, Alice Charity have collected all of the donated goods and have presented KS1 with a framed certificate.



KS2 Harvest



Thank you to our school council and KS2 children who informed us about our chosen charity and the great work that they carry out.

KS2, you sang beautifully!

Thank you for all of your kind donations — we are overwhelmed with your generosity for such a worthy cause.



FOLLOW US on Twitter to check out our latest learning opportunities and celebrations

Follow us @MHeathAcademy

We are still in the early stages of 'tweeting' as staff get used to using the facility, but please sign up so that you can start to share our school celebratory tweets!



2017 Poppy Appeal

During the period of remembrance, our school council will be selling stick-on poppies, wristbands, reflectors, snap bands and friendship bracelets. We kindly ask for a minimum donation of 50p. Thank you



Forest Schools at Meir Heath

Not only are we lucky enough to have our very own outdoor classroom, but we are delighted to announce that Meir Heath Academy will be taking part in a Forest School Project .

We have planned for each class to take part in a taster session this half term.

Each session will be linked to the class topic and will be delivered by Mrs Paylor, our Forest School Coordinator.

If you would like to find out more about the kind of activities that you child will be taking part in then please use the web link below:

<http://www.woodlandwarriors.co.uk/>

Taster sessions will be funded by monies raised by the PFA. Thank you all.

Christmas Family Portraits



On Saturday 11th November,

Tempest, our school photography company, will be holding family photo shoots in our hall, so you can have a family portrait taken for a great price.

Tempest have promised that photos will be delivered in time for Christmas, so you could even bring a Christmas prop or two, and have your very own family photo booth style photograph for your Christmas cards or a framed photo for a gift for Grandparents.

To reserve your ten minute photo session, please pay a non-refundable deposit of £2 to the office and arrange a convenient time.

Meir Heath App Coming Soon

In response to our parent communication group, we are in the process of developing our very own Meir Heath Academy App.

As soon as we are up and running we will let you know.

Parking Safely Keeps Our Children Safe

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE — our children are precious!!

It has been reported to me that we had another near miss at the end of the school day.

Whilst I know that the majority of our parents park safely, there are a small number of parents who endanger our children. **PLEASE TAKE CARE — we do not want a fatality!**

Please park safely and be aware of children near your vehicles at our busy times.

Half Term Rocket Project

Well done to all of our families who have taken part in the rocket challenge.

We have Lift Off!! We are all excited about our rocket launches this week



KS1: 2nd November 2:30PM

KS2: 3rd November 2:30PM

A huge thank you to Mr Hill, Boyd and Isla's dad (Y1C and Y1A), who has kindly created our very own model of Apollo 13 to sit alongside, the soon to be , rocket display in the school entrance.

We will tweet a photo once we have created our display masterpiece.

Maths Success!!

We are delighted that our school has been accepted as part of the Mastery Maths Hub for South Staffordshire. Mrs Turkmen is now an identified Mastery Maths Lead Teacher. This will mean that she will be visiting other schools and sharing her expertise as well as them visiting us and seeing how well we teach the maths mastery approach (the application of maths through problem solving) at Meir Heath.

NSPCC AND O2 'Stay Safe Online' Workshops

O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces and are on a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe.

Meir Heath takes safeguarding our children extremely seriously, and so we have organised for the NSPCC to visit us. They will deliver a 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assembly for each key stage on **Thursday 2nd November**, workshops for Y5 and Y6 on **Tuesday 7th November** and they will also be delivering a parent workshop, on **Monday 13th November at 2pm in the hall**, in order to inform parents how to keep our children safe online.

Parent Workshop: They will be offering useful tools, support and guidance to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about their online lives. The NSPCC parent workshops will focus on areas such as online games, cyber bullying, parental controls and privacy settings.

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US on the 13th November.

As this is a free event delivered by the charities, we will be supporting the NSPCC and intend to raise funds to help children have a safe and happy childhood.

Please look out for a fundraising letter coming soon.



Meir Heath Academy Sports News

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Leadership

A very big thank you to the seven children who acted as 'mini teachers' during the Year 3 and Year 4 tag rugby club. Plus a welcome back to ex-pupil Max Povey who also came along to help. Thanks again to all of you.



Sports Council

Our 8 members from Year 6 will be meeting to discuss future inter house competitions. Watch this space!



School Games Football Tournament

After a number of tough matches against schools in the Staffordshire Moorlands our Year 5 team just missed out on the semi-finals. Our Year 6 team reached the final and after extra time with no goals scored a player from James Bateman just sneaked a goal. Well done to all the boys and to the Year 6 team who are runners up in the Staffordshire Moorlands.

Exciting Times Ahead

Tri-Schools football friendly on 31st October.

St. Bart's Football Tournament on 7th November – 3 teams entered.

School Games Sportshall Athletics Competition on 28th November – a team will be selected from the school club.



Blythe Bridge Cluster Tag Rugby Festival

Well done to the 24 children from Year 3 and Year 4 who were selected to represent our school at the cluster festival. The children had a great day with coaching in the morning and a tournament in the afternoon. Well done to the Year 3 team who showed great promise for the future. Our Year 4 team finished as overall winners and are now through to the District Finals in May 2018!