



# Meir Heath Academy Newsletter

## January 2018

### Principal's Message

I would like to wish you all a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope that you all managed to have lots of family fun over the festive period and that you all feel refreshed and ready to embrace your New Year's resolutions. I must admit after a tiring, but most enjoyable and rewarding first term as Principal, I made an extra special effort to find time to recharge over the Christmas break and I am now raring to go with all of our exciting planned activities for the Spring Term! Tigger comes to mind!

On behalf of the staff at Meir Heath, I would like to thank you for your Christmas cards, generous gifts and kind wishes — we are very grateful and overwhelmed by your generosity! Thank you for such kindness!

### Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to all of our parents who completed the survey. As you can see from the data, we have had lots of positive comments along with some very useful and constructive suggestions. I will be adding some of these comments on to the school website. We will also be discussing the findings of the survey at the next governors meeting and spring term parent communication meeting. If you would like to attend the 'Parents Coms' termly meeting, then please do let me know so that I can add you to the group email.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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| My child is well looked after  | 98.3% ( 1.7% did not complete this section) |
| My child is well taught at this school   | 99.2%                                       |
| My child makes good progress   | 98.3%                                       |
| Meir Heath Academy celebrates success  | 98.3% ( 1.7% did not complete this section) |
| Meir Heath Academy makes sure that pupils are well behaved   | 98.3%                                       |
| Meir Heath Academy's teachers are always approachable and open to discussions about my child                     | 96.7%                                       |
| My child receives appropriate homework for their age   | 96.7% ( 0.8% did not complete this section) |
| Communications from Meir Heath Academy are timely and relevant   | 93.3%                                       |
| I am given adequate notice of school events and activities   | 93.3% ( 0.8% did not complete this section) |
| There are sufficient opportunities for me to be involved in school events  | 95.8%                                       |
| I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress   | 88.2%                                       |
| I receive the right information to ensure that I can support my child in being organised and prepared for school | 90.7%                                       |

### Treasure Island Theatre Trip (Y1 to Y6)

Both children and staff are looking forward to our annual trip to the theatre. I have already seen the show with my family and know that the children are in for a real treat again this year. The music stood out to me as one of the highlights and is truly spectacular; this includes lots of drums and even the electric guitar! The cast are extremely talented and it always amazes me how they can turn their hand to dancing, singing and play a number of different instruments!

Staff are busy planning writing units and topic work based on the story, and I am looking forward to the creation of the corridor and entrance displays to showcase the children's work as well as the topic doors, which are proving to cause great excitement as they are 'dressed' with each new topic.

**Please note: letter about costumes for the trip will follow shortly**

We are also looking forward to the Theatre Workshops lead by the theatre staff, in school week commencing 15th January. We are extremely lucky again this year, as the PFA have funded these enrichments for the second year running. Thank you once again to the PFA for your hard work and support to enable our children to have these exciting opportunities and enhancements, that are otherwise unaffordable due to school budget constraints.



### Forest Schools

We have had excellent feedback from all classes and they really enjoyed the opportunity to 'go outdoors' and experience 'woodland' type activities.

Following on from the success of the taster sessions, we are delighted to have been able to secure an additional 3 enrichment sessions, initially for Y3 and Y5, and I hope to extend this to other classes throughout the year.

Y3 Treasure Island Themed Sessions  
11th, 18th, 25th Jan

Y5 WW2 Themed Sessions  
1st, 8th, 15th Feb

Letters have been handed out.



## New Year's Resolutions

### Please ensure all items of clothing are named

Last term we did a really good job of keeping our cloakrooms tidy, and KS2 children taking their kit bags home really did make a difference....

**BUT.....**

**We still ended the term with a gazillion items in our lost property boxes (mainly KS2)**

Year three worked hard and did a really good job throughout last term to look through the box on a weekly basis and return named items, and yet so many were not named and therefore could not be returned.

It is so much easier for your child and us to help find any items lost if they are named, so please help us to help you.

### Meir Heath Uniform

I am so very proud of our new school uniform and your children look very smart.

Polite reminder: Please can I ask that all nail varnish and jewellery (plain earring studs only) is removed and that hair is tied back with school colour or natural hair bobbles and clips (no Jojo bows).

#### **Our local high school's uniform policy states:**

'We do not allow extreme hair styles such as, lines or steps shaved into the hair, unnatural colouring of hair or holiday braids.'

'All students should wear sturdy, flat black, leather/leather-look school shoes.'

Platform soles and high heels and trainers are not part of the school uniform.

In preparation for our children's transition to high school, we will be adopting this policy at Meir Heath over the next few months and propose that we have this firmly in place by the summer term.

### Medicines

Polite reminder: It is school policy, that only medicines prescribed from the doctor can be administered in school along with a completed and signed medicine administration form. Thank you.



Polite reminder that the dates for spring and summer term have already been set at the start of the school year and that these can be found on the school website 'calendar' section.

## Our Meir Heath Magic has moved to Twitter



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