



Meir Heath Academy Newsletter

April/ May 2018

Principal's Message

I would like to say a huge thank you for embracing the new changes this term.

Now that we have a staggered morning drop off, the start to the day is so much calmer, all children are settled in class ready for their school day and they are ready to learn at 9am.

The changes to snack sales have been a huge success, particularly the fruit and veg pots. I must say, they look so tempting and very healthy! Thank you so much to Mrs Bate and her team for helping us to make the switch to healthy snacks, and to Mrs Reed in the Office for collating the records and managing Parentpay.



History Day — Wednesday 6th June

Staff are working hard to plan a full day of learning linked to a historical event (1 per year group) which has its anniversary in 2018.

On this day, children are invited to dress in ANY historical costume. We would like to keep costume ideas simple and inexpensive, so that you can use items that you already have.

Letter with ideas to follow.

Reception Outdoor Learning

You may have noticed that we have moved the railings to extend the EYFS outdoor learning space. The Reception team and children are delighted with the outcome as this has enabled them to widen outdoor learning opportunities. We will be developing the specific learning areas over the next half term, so keep your eyes open to watch this space evolve.

Geography Day — Thursday 14th June



Morning learning on that day will be linked to atlas and map skills, and in the afternoon children will be studying global issues linked to a country that has qualified for the World Cup this year. We also have a competition linked to the World Cup.

Children are invited to wear any colour from their country. This maybe a t-shirt, socks, hair band, face paint - it is totally up to you, but I kindly request that we have no coloured hair. So really, a home clothes day.

Active Playtimes for KS1

On a timetabled rota, KS1 children have now started to use the EFC during lunchtimes. This rota compliments playground leaders where the children, who have been trained by Mr Wilkinson, encourage and lead sporting games with the younger children.

Royal Wedding Street Party (lunch) - Monday 21st May 2018



To celebrate the Royal Wedding this year, we will be having a street party at lunch time!

- *Assorted Sandwiches
- *Chicken Bites
- *Sausage Rolls
- *Baked Wedges
- *Vegetable Sticks
- *Fresh Fruit Pots
- *Yoghurt Pots
- *Ice Cream Pots

To order, please make payment online via ParentPay by Friday 18th May. Please note hot lunches will not be available on this occasion.

Sharing our Meir Heath Magic with our Meir Heath Family

Following on from the success of the Rocket Fund Project, we now have tablets in 9 classes so that they can Tweet their learning achievements with you, our Meir Heath Family.

If you haven't yet managed to follow us, then please do, as we have nearly reached our 200th follower. Will this be you?



Well done to Y3 and Y4 for their truly professional performance. 'West End' eat your heart out!! To think that these children are only 7, 8 and 9! What a fantastic job you did. We are so proud of you all.

Thank you to our parents who have supported the afterschool club, helped with props, backdrops and provided costumes.



Recycling — Our World, Our Future!!

Thank you to Skye Marson who shared with me a newspaper article about picking up plastic litter in the local community.

The School Council have discussed and agreed a plan with Skye and we will be sharing this with you shortly. The project runs from 11th May to 13th May.

They have also signed us up for the litter pick challenge and this will, in turn, enter us into a competition to win a whole school trip to Sea Life Centre.

You will be pleased to know that we have raised the profile of recycling in school as we now have the blue bin in the school hall for lunchtimes.



KS1 School Ties

Year One and Year Two Ties

From September 2018, I would like all children from Year 1 upwards to wear collared shirts, school ties and v neck jumpers or cardigans. I wanted to let you know this term so that, if you plan to buy uniform in advance, you will be aware of my intentions.

Reception children will continue to wear polo shirts.

Lost your tie? We now have a small stock of school ties in school for you to purchase directly.

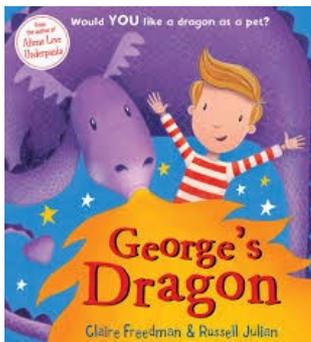
Reporting Child Absences

Office Opening Hours

8.15am to 4:45pm

You can also email the office to report an absence:

office@meirheath.staffs.sch.uk



Reception Forest School

Reception children have enjoyed their Forest School sessions and these have been linked the story George's Dragon.

They have hunted for dragon tracks, made dragon dens and made dragon traps.



**WOODLAND
TRUST**

Y4 and Y6 Tree Planting

A huge thank you to the Woodland Trust who, after carrying out an assessment of the school site, donated 250 trees to the school.

Although we recognise that these trees will take many years to establish, we hope that they will provide shelter on the field on sunny days as well as attract wildlife to our outdoor classroom area.

Both year groups had lots of fun planting and they did a great job too!! Well done and thank you to Mrs Oakes for organising this with The Woodland Trust, and to the Y6 and Y4 staff for organising the very successful day.



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UK National Schools Dance Championships 2018

What an experience the Y4 'illuminate 11' and Y6 'Gravity' squads had at this event. There were over 500 children present in different age categories. The girls performed their dances and the judges decided the finishing positions.

Our Y4 finished as the 4th best UK National Schools dancers in the street category.

Our Y6 finished as the 2nd best UK National Schools dancers in the all style category.

What a fantastic day and what an achievement by the girls, well done!



Blythe Bridge Cluster Swimming Gala

At the first swimming gala within the local cluster, our children had a great time taking part in a number of races.

The children swam hard and showed great support for one another throughout the event.

Overall, our boys and girls teams finished in first place!



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Blythe Bridge Cluster Y4 Football Tournament

What a fantastic effort by our team throughout the whole tournament. Our team finished in joint first on points but with a goal difference of just 2 we finished in second place overall.

A huge thanks to the Year 6 children (Josh, Andros, Matthew) and our ex-students (Max and Harrison) for all their help during the tournament.



Inter-House Hockey Skills

Our Y4 children took part in a number of hockey skills activities linked to the work done in their PE lessons. The overall winners were Mitchell House, second were Berners-Lee House, third were Baird House and fourth were Fleming House.

Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm in each challenge.



SCHOOL GAMES

School Games Tag Rugby Tournament

Well done to our two teams who competed in the Staffordshire Moorlands School Games Tag Rugby Tournament. Both teams displayed great examples of team work and we saw some great tries being scored.



Inter-House Handball

Our Y6 children have been introduced to the exciting sport of handball and took part in an inter-house tournament. The children followed the format from @yourschoolgames and there were many examples of tactical play, goals saved and scored and teamwork.

The overall winners were Fleming House, second were Baird House, third were Berners-Lee House and fourth were Mitchell House.



A big 'Thank You' to all the parents and our Meir Heath family for their support with transport and for all their cheering at the various events, it is much appreciated!