



Meir Heath Academy Newsletter

October 2018

Principal's Message

The children have settled into their new classrooms well and are enjoying their exciting new topics, with these ranging from Survival in Y6, Harry Potter in Y5, Sounds Spooky in Y4, Paddington in Y3, London in Y2, Circus in Y1 and Autumn in Reception. We have had a Y6 residential where children took part in activities such as kayaking, gladiator wall, fencing, archery, laser conquest and much more. We have had a Circus Workshop, led by Mr Wilkinson, and Y5 are soon to be visiting Harry Potter World; and we are only part way through the first half term! What a lot of exciting learning opportunities that we cram in!

Our revamped Dojo reward system is working well and many children have chosen to visit me for a well earned Principal's sticker at 15 dojos, some have waited until they have reached 25 and visited me for a wristband and quite a number are building up to 75, where they can earn an individual homework pass—this means that they can miss their homework for the week (apart from reading, that is). Each class have chosen their whole class reward using a democratic vote—many have opted for the whole class homework pass. Look out for the slip of paper to let you know their achievements.

I would also like to share with you all how delighted we are that our Multi Academy Trust has funded our brand new, state of the art kitchen. The lovely ladies in the kitchen are happy with their new serving hatch, new steam oven, 2 fridges, 3 fridge freezers a new dishwasher (that they have never had before) and all of the shiny new stainless steels work stations. Thank you for bearing with us whilst we have had a few teething problems. We look forward to many a tasty meal; we all love Fishy Friday and we have a Harvest Day lunch coming soon!

We look forward to a busy October ahead, with our Harvest celebrations and whole school topic 'One World Week' theme, 'Thinking of Others'.

We now have 273 followers on Twitter. If you haven't already signed up to follow us, then this is a great way to be able to see the exciting learning opportunities that your child/ren are getting involved in.



Follow us @MHeathAcademy



Don't forget to put the event dates in your diary for the year ahead.

The whole year calendar of 2018/19 of school events/dates for your diary is now on the school website!

Term dates for 2019/20 can also be found on the school website.

School Ties

Thank you to the parents who kindly made me aware of the issues around the quality of the school ties. Please be reassured that we have raised this with the school supplier.

If you have a tie that has unravelled or broken, then please drop it into the school office, or send it in via child mail (in a named envelope or sealed named bag) and we will contact the supplier and request that a new one is sent directly to your home address.

Just to reassure you, I am looking at alternative options moving forward.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We will be Selling:

Poppies 20p

Erasers 50p

Poppy Reflector 50p

Pencil Sharpener 50p

Pencil 50p

Ruler 50p

If you would like your child to make a purchase, then please send the EXACT change, as the money you send is to be placed into the poppy appeal sealed red boxes.

Thank you.

Absences and Late Marks

Holiday requests for exceptional circumstances during term time will not be authorised if your child's attendance is less than 97% or the request totals more than 5 days.

Please be aware that the school may issue fines via Staffordshire County Council if your child has an unauthorised absence; or exceeds the number of late marks as set out on the school attendance policy on the school website.

Special News

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Taylor is pregnant and will be expecting her first baby in the spring. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating her on this fabulous news.

Breakfast and Snacks

We don't want to your child to miss out on their snacks and therefore orders are required to be paid for in advance and your ParentPay account will need to be in credit ,on the Thursday before.

These should be pre-ordered via the office.

January Workshops to The New Vic Theatre (Y1 to Y6)



Thank you to the PFA for funding our theatre workshops led by the theatre staff.

These give us an insight into the performance, in advance of the trip, help prepare our children by giving them prior learning of the plot, and character information, as well as sharing the theatre techniques that the cast will use. We have found that these are invaluable and allow our children to get the most out of the performances.

Morning Breakfast.

This service is to provided for those families who are pushed for time in a morning and therefore aimed at our children who do not eat breakfasts at home, not for a child to have a second breakfast at school.

If you have pre-ordered breakfast, then please ensure that your child arrives at school for 8:45am so that they have time to eat before 9am.

Thank you for your cooperation.



We are delighted to announce that we have been accredited with Music Mark for the 2018.

Well done to all the staff and children for their musical efforts, particularly to Mrs Turkmen who leads this subject within our school.

We are very proud!!



Office Opening Hours

8.15am to 4:45pm



Reporting Absences due to Illness

Polite reminder that if your child is absent due to illness, then you will need to contact school by 9:30am

You can also email the office to report an absence:

office@meirheath.staffs.sch.uk

Dougie Mac Coffee Morning

Thank you to our Meir Heath Community.

Together we raised £154



Harvest Performances

Reception, Year One and Year Two

Thursday 25th October 9.15am



Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Thursday 25th October 2.30pm

Harvest Donations



This year, Meir Heath Family will be supporting the local charity 'Alice' - People's Pantry.

On the morning of the 25th October, please can all children send in donations of any **NON PERISHABLE ITEMS** i.e. tinned foods/ dried food items . Thank you.

For more information about how the charity works please visit:

<https://alicecharity.com/projects/peoples-pantry/>

Harvest Lunch - 25th October 2018

Meat and Potato Pie

or Cheese Pie

with mash potato

and a selection of

vegetables



Chocolate Brownie and Chocolate Custard

If your child is in KS2 and doesn't normally have a school dinner, and would like to order the Harvest Lunch, then **please contact the office by**

Friday 12th October



Meir Heath Academy Sporting News

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Inter House Competitions at Conover Hall

Well done to the whole of Year Six who took part in an Inter House Archery and Fencing Competition during their residential visit to Conover Hall



Inter House Archery

Following the format from School Games the results were:

Archery Gold — Jack KH

Archery Silver — Max B

Archery Bronze — Mya E

The overall winning house was Mitchell.



Inter House Fencing

Our fencing stars were Nicholas, Jack R, Archie, Freddie, Laila, Isabel H, Carly and Poppy.

After many duels, the overall winning team was Berners-Lee.

For more information regarding our involvement with The School Games, please visit: [@yourschoolgames](https://www.yourschoolgames.com) website

