



# Meir Heath Academy Newsletter

## November 2018

### Principal's Message

An eight week first half term, but where has it gone? And a successful one at that! To name just a few of our achievements : our fabulous harvest celebrations, many sporting events and a number of 'Big Art' sessions and Parent Go Outdoors have already taken place. I regularly flick through Twitter at the end of the school day and smile with pride at all of the wonderful learning opportunities presented to our children. Mr Green, our lollypop man, often jokes as he is putting on his yellow jacket and comments 'I wish I was at this school!' What great fun we have!

Last month our Chief Executive Officer, Mr Brislen, visited our academy and carried out our autumn term 'Effectiveness Visit'. He observed teaching and learning around the school with myself and members of the leadership team, looked at our school developments and was pleased with progress made towards our self identified 'Key Priorities'. He was extremely positive with his comments and complimentary to the hard work of both the teachers and children as well. So a big pat on the back Meir Heath, not that we will rest on our laurels, for sure. We will continue to self evaluate and network with the schools within the MAT, in order to share good practice and at the same time, magpie ideas and strive to provide your children with the best education that they deserve.

Last month, I awarded our Y6 ambassadors with their House Captain badges and Vice Captain badges. These were the successful candidates who were democratically voted in by their peers after presenting a prepared case as to their suitability to the role. I also presented our Y6 children with their prefect badges. I am proud to say that this year all of Y6 have shown at this very early stage such maturity and that they are ready for the responsibilities to lead through setting a good example. School Council children have also been presented with their badges and so too have our St Bart's Pupil Parliamentarians who put themselves forward for their role and were democratically voted in by their peers and staff. All of these children have shown that they have the potential to be our leaders of 'the world of the future'!

We have started our Autumn Term 2 with a bang—not the firework kind though—an explosion of activity and excitement. Even on day one we have seen Y6 complete their bikeability challenges, Y3 dress up as people from the stone age, a fire engine and its crew from Longton fire station has visited Y2 to launch their Great Fire of London topic, and a whole school art theme of making poppies in advance of our commemorative display and in school service during Monday's assembly next week; and that's all on the first day of returning from half term!

This term, we will be launching our whole school drive for 'developing a love for reading'. We have many super ideas that will be slotted in throughout the academic year. This month we will start by introducing our brand new reading challenge and awarding gold pin badges for identified star readers during celebration assembly. Watch this space and look out for the gold stars!

### Your opinion counts.....

My mantra has always been that 'no one is perfect, but we can always try our best to be the best we can be.'

**Please help us to review your child's school provision by completing the attached questionnaire.**

Please be honest so that we can improve, but also compliment us where you can so that we can also identify what we are doing well. **Thank you in advance for your time.**



# Meir Heath Sports News

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### Blythe Bridge Cluster Football Tournament for Y5/6

Our two teams had a great time competing against other schools within our local cluster. We even saw healthy rivalry when our two teams played each other. The team members involved can comment on the score in that game themselves!



Overall our Y6 team finished as the winners and our Y5 team finished in second place – football's coming

home to Meir Heath this year, that's for sure.

### Blythe Bridge Cluster Cross Country Competition for Key Stage Two

An amazing 30 runners from our school competed in a gruelling course on the Blythe Bridge High School playing fields. All the children completed the course and many were still smiling at the finish line!

We finished as overall WINNERS on the night with many finishing in the top 3 in their respective age

groups. A special mention to Eve – 1<sup>st</sup>, Holly – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Isobel 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Y3/4 girl's race. Charlie 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Y3/4 boy's race. Grace – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Y5/6 girl's race.

Well done to everyone for your great team effort.



### Blythe Bridge Cluster Tag Rugby Festival for Y3/4

What a great venue and warm welcome we received from Longton Rugby Club for our annual festival. The children received training in the morning from staff and Young Leaders from Blythe Bridge High School. After lunch, the children competed in a competition similar to the School Games competition format.

Both of our teams played extremely well and showed some great teamwork. Mr Wilkinson was so proud of you all!

Congratulations to our Year 4 team who now progress to the School Games District Finals in June.

### School Games Football Tournament

Well done to the children who took part in the football tournament at Moorside High School.

The children had the chance to wear our new kit from the Premier League Primary Stars initiative and very smart they looked too!

The team played amazingly with players offering to experience playing in different positions in the games.

Overall the team finished in second place out of 6 teams.

Just to say – 'Thank You' to parents for their support on the side lines and for helping to provide transport.





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## Parent Questionnaire

Parent's Name (optional)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Or you may prefer to tell us the class that your child is in:					
1. My child is happy at school					
2. My child feels safe at school					
3. My child makes good progress at this school					
4. My child is well looked after at this school					
5. I am happy with the homework set for my child					
6. The school makes sure that pupils are well behaved					
7. The school deals with bullying effectively					
8. The school is well led and managed					
9. The school is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit					
10. The school responds well to any concerns that I raise					
11. I receive valuable information from school about my child's progress					
12. There are a good range of extra-curricular activities for my child to enjoy					
13. The school has a good reputation within the community					
14. The school offers a broad and balanced curriculum					
15. The school communicates effectively with parents					
16. Would you recommend Meir Heath Academy to another parent?					

Would you like to comment on any of the above?

Would you like to comment on our strengths?

Have you got any areas that you would like to comment on that we could improve?

Many thanks for taking the time to complete our parent questionnaire.