



Meadowdale Academy Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Our first week has flown, been extremely busy and very positive! I am delighted to be the new Head teacher at marvellous Meadowdale, working with your fantastic children alongside a very supportive staff. We have begun the year extremely excited about 2019 being a 'time to shine' for every child and that every child in our school feels positive and enjoys their learning, making progress that they are proud of. I look forward to working with you all in the terms and years ahead. A newsletter to celebrate our children's successes will be sent at the end of every month. ★



Meadowdale is more than a school; we began the week with a Radio broadcast (that the children had requested as they enjoy our weekly Friday broadcasts celebrating success and attendance) and a whole school quiz. Every class competed against one another. Results will be announced on Friday. This is an example of one of the five questions to make them think, collaborate and hopefully win!

Name the animal who loves the snow.



Ask your child-they will know the answer.

We will begin next Monday morning in form time with another quiz, taking the school around the world with their knowledge and understanding of the multiplication tables.

Meadowdale children have also visited Dreager and Jarrow Hall in their first week back-what an exciting start to their year!

Have you spotted our fantastic art work?

Meadowdale Art students collaborated on two fabulous murals depicting art activities and local landmarks, resulting in striking artwork celebrating our schools motto 'Together we can' and 'More than a school' both pieces of art are displayed on bus shelters on Front Street Bedlington.



Curriculum News

Looking forward to....Maths!

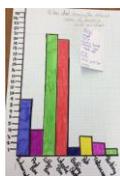
The Maths Department are all excited about the term ahead, with much to look forward to.

Now that Year 5 have their iPads, we are excited to explore new Apps and ways that these can enhance our mathematical understanding. We will have more opportunities to test our skills and deepen our thinking.

In Year 6, all pupils now have a login to Math-Whizz. This is a fantastic opportunity to practise prior to the SATs. Math-Whizz will target exercises tailored directly to your child, to really strengthen the areas they need. Each objective mastered is called a progression and each one leads to a new tree growing in their virtual forest. We want to see at least **three** new trees a week – how many can you grow?

In Year 7, we are excited about continuing to stretch our students, to help them be high school ready. We are strengthening our reasoning skills as we learn about Fractions – can you really explain why that method works and can you find another method to check you are right?

In Year 8 we have two amazing opportunities to really stretch our most able students. The United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Team and Junior challenges. Who is prepared to go that extra mile to shine and stretch their own ability, as well as, representing Meadowdale Academy.



English

Staff and students in the English department are looking forward to another productive and enjoyable term. In KS2, Year 5 students are currently working through a 'Getting on and Falling Out' unit, completing work linked to the film 'Inside Out', as well as the computer based book 'Angel Boy'.

Year 6 are studying 'Non-Fiction Texts', and are now starting to prepare more formally for SATs with extra English lessons starting soon.

In KS3, our students are becoming 'high school ready' – Year 7 are exploring 'Dystopian Fiction', whereas Year 8 are securing their knowledge of poetic techniques by studying a GCSE poetry unit.

In regards to poetry, you may have read our recent tweet informing you that 101 of our students have been successful in reaching the next round of the Young Writers 'Imagination Poetry' competition. Over 20,000 entries were received nationally so this is a super achievement. Here's hoping the overall winner is from Meadowdale. We'll keep you posted.

Year Five

Year Five have made an excellent start to 2019. All children have returned full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. Already we have been experimenting in science and taken a trip back in time at Jarrow Hall. Children and staff alike are excited about the terms ahead. Team Year Five are looking forward to learning about The Anglo-Saxons in our new topic, attending our annual residential to Robinwood (as well as the exciting school based activities whilst those students are away) plus our first transition event with year four friends. We've started the year shining bright and I look forward to watching all the children sparkle this term.

Mrs Bennett and Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have had a great first week back in school; it is lovely to see such positivity and enthusiasm for learning! Over the coming weeks we will be moving onto our China topic in Humanities, learning about the geography of modern day China and the history of Ancient China. We build up to our 'China Day' which will be towards the end of this half term, where we spend a day celebrating different aspects of the Chinese culture.

Miss Mallender and Year 6 Team

Year 7

Year 7 have been an absolute pleasure to work with in the first term, well done everyone. An exciting term full of new opportunities and new adventures lie ahead for all.

Mrs Dawson and Year 7 Team

Year 8

Year 8 have positively settled into their last two terms here at Meadowdale and it is important that they embrace every opportunity that is presented to them to ensure that they are High School ready. This term is a busy time for both pupils and staff where we are also looking forward to two residential trips with skiing in France and our annual trip to London to visit our Nation's capital.

Mr Jarvis and the Year 8 Team

Pupil Progress

Our staff are not only busy planning exciting learning opportunities for all of our children but also writing mid-year detailed and individualised reports which celebrate success so far and how to continuously improve with pupils next learning targets in every subject. This report will be sent out on **Friday 8th March**. We look forward to discussing the reports with you at Parent Evenings on 20th and 21st March.

Dates for your diary

- ❖ 14th February - Valentine's lunch for grandparents



February half term – school closes 15th February 2019

School reopens 25th February 2019

- ❖ 8th March – Pupil Progress Reports sent home
- ❖ 18th – 22nd Book Fayre
- ❖ 20th – 21st March – Parents evening
- ❖ 22nd March – Year 8 Career Speed Dating
- ❖ 27th March – Music Room Concert
- ❖ 3rd – 5th April – Year 8 London Trip
- ❖ 3rd – 5th April – Year 5 Robinwood

Easter holiday – School closes on Friday 5th April 2019

School reopens Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Message from the Office Manager

Can I please remind you the school answer service automatically comes on at 4.30pm. Any messages left will not be picked up until 8am the following working day. If you have an issue which you need to speak to someone urgently about please ring before 4.30pm. Many thanks

Mrs Bradford

And finally....

I introduced our children to the poetry of S Club Seven's music this morning in assembly, their lyrics are inspirational and a song we will learn as a school.

'Don't stop
Never give up
Hold your head high and reach the top
Let the world see what you have got
Bring it all back to you'



I look forward to enabling your child to reach the top in the terms ahead

Mrs Allison