



Celebrating Meadowside

On Thursday 30th June we were joined by Councillor Scott Edwards, North Northamptonshire County Council's Executive member for Children, Families, Education & Skills. It was a fun filled day where our pupils had the opportunity to showcase their skills from gymnastics, to musical theatre, dance and comedy. Guests were also given classroom tours where they observed lessons and the Junior Leadership Team proudly gave a presentation of the school murals in the library and entrance area. We also buried a time capsule to mark the occasion! The Northamptonshire Telegraph have written an article on it that you can find here:

[Evening Telegraph Article 1st July 22](#)



Changes to School Uniform

Having discussed school ties in Years 5 & 6 with parents at the Head Teacher's coffee morning, staff meetings and with the JLT we are now introducing school ties from January 2023. We are all very excited about the prospect, as it acknowledges the significant contributions our Year 5 & 6 children make to the life of our school as role models and ambassadors. It will highlight the whole school houses and will be an excellent transition from Upper KS2 to KS3 in secondary school.

The change to wear ties in Years 5 & 6 will begin from January 2023. It is optional and will be a transitional arrangement. We hope that **all** Year 5 & 6 pupils will wear ties from September 2023. We are providing this information to you now as you may wish to purchase plain white shirts in preparation for your child wearing the tie in January. The shirt can be worn in September 2022.

Mrs Garnham is in consultation with Cool Cats clothing, our uniform supplier to introduce v-neck sweatshirts to wear with the ties. The v-neck jumper can also be worn across the year groups with our Meadowside polo-shirts.

Ties and v-neck jumpers will be available to view in the Autumn Term and will be purchased from Cool Cats Clothing. More information will be available on our website soon.

Weekly Attendance

Meadowside Primary School aims to encourage every pupil to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them.

The School adopts the Government definition of good attendance as being 97% or above. This week our attendance was **92.28%** This includes absences due to COVID.





Inside View



Commonwealth Inspired Sports & Creative Mission Week: 20th to the 24th June

Our children enjoyed a very sporty week with a creative twist as we celebrated the Commonwealth week by combining dance workshops with our annual sports days.

As part of our Commonwealth Games Creative Mission, children were able to learn about wheelchair basketball. Mr. Draper, who is a member of a wheelchair basketball team demonstrated how the game is played and each child had a go at shooting the ball into the hoop from a seated position. Great fun was had by all and there are some excellent basketballers in the making at Meadowside.



Year 2 Trip: Woburn Safari Park

Year 2 had a fantastic day at Woburn Safari Park last week. We saw lots of amazing animals, watched the Sea Lion show, listened to the keepers talk about the animals and went on a train ride. It was a very busy and exciting day. Thank you to all the grown ups that helped make the day run so smoothly.



Year 1 Trip to the Cinema

Well done to our Year 1 pupils who behaved beautifully on our School Trip to the cinema yesterday morning. Everyone enjoyed the 'Lightyear' movie and the coach trip was a hit too!



School Notices

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 13th July Year 5 Trip to Wicksteed
- Thursday 14th July Year 4 Trip to Wicksteed
- Friday 15th July Year 6 Prom
- Monday 18th July Rock Steady Concert
- Friday 15th July Year 4 Assembly
- Friday 22nd July Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Goodbye & Good Luck

Miss Culverhouse, Heron Class Teacher will be leaving us at the end of the school year. She will be taking up a new teaching role at a local school. We wish her all the best for the future.



Year 6 Prom

Not long to go now until it is our Year 6 Prom. The event takes place on **Friday 15th July at 7pm** (please refer to the letter sent out by email on the 13th June For full details)

This is a non ticket event but you do need to RSVP to year6@meadowsideprimary.org. The event finishes at 8.30pm. All children are to be collected by a parent/guardian and will not be allowed to leave site on their own. Thank you in anticipation for your cooperation with this.

Goodbye

We will be saying goodbye at the end of the term to our Lunchtime Supervisor Mrs Evans who is retiring after nearly 30 years at Meadowside. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking her for all she has done for the school and we wish her well in her retirement. The children and staff will miss her very much.



Protecting The Wildlife

You may have noticed our hedges around the school site looking rather full. We are not neglecting our gardening needs we are looking out for the local wildlife by protecting their natural habitat. The RSPB recommend against hedge cutting during the main breeding season which is March through to August and therefore we will refrain from cutting until after this time.

Polite Notice

Can we ask that children **DO NOT** bring in any sports equipment from home. Pupils are only permitted to use school sports equipment during break and lunchtimes. Thank you in anticipation for your cooperation in this matter.