



# Meadlands Primary School



## Mallard Messenger

Our current school value is Motivation:



Date	Event	Applicable to
29.9.25	Swimming	Year 6
30.9 /3.10	Book Sale	All
30.9.25	Individual & Family Photographs	All
2.10.25	Chertsey Museum Workshops in school	Years 3 & 4
6.10.25	Swimming	Year 6
7.10.25	Natural History Museum Trip	Year 5
9.10.25	Chertsey Museum Workshop in school	Year 6

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## Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who attended our welcome BBQ and the Meet the Teacher event last week. It was lovely to have the worshipful, the mayor of Richmond-upon-Thames, councillor Penny Frost along to “unveil” our wonderful school birds mural, created by artist Ali McInerney and decorated by all our wonderful children. I hope you were able to get an understanding of life at Meadlands and what will be happening this year.



In other BIG news –our new website has launched. Finally! An update was well overdue so we hope that you like it. As mentioned, a lot of hard work has gone into this and we are still updating certain areas so please bear with us! You will find lots of useful information here including the up to date curriculum handbooks and curriculum overviews on the class pages.

In today's celebration assembly, I was able to present the new House Captain and Vice House Captain badges for this year. Congratulations on winning the school votes to:

**Apollo:** Anya and Iris

**Poseidon:** Minnie and Ozzie

**Hestia:** Mo and Hattie

**Artemis:** Elu and Rae



I wanted to give credit to all the Year 6 children who threw their hats into the ring and gave presentations. They were all so good - it was a very tough choice and very close.

Mrs Chapman also awarded sashes to our Wellbeing Ambassadors. Well done to all.

I wish you all a very relaxing weekend,

Mrs Wreford



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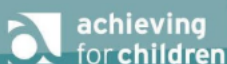
# Safeguarding & Wellbeing



## 'Helping children with...' Webinars for parents 2025/26

Achieving for Children's Mental Health Support Teams are delivering a series of webinars for parents of primary-aged children. The 'Helping Children with ...' series of webinars will cover a range of common difficulties experienced by children and will aim to share evidence-based strategies to help parents and carers support their children with these difficulties. Below is a list of webinars on offer over the coming months.

Helping children with ...	Overview of webinar	Morning 9am	Evening 6pm
<b>Worries and anxiety</b>	The 'Helping children with worries and anxiety' webinar will help you learn ways to support your child in dealing with their big feelings, worries, and fears. This webinar will give you practical ideas on how to help your child to think more positively and develop their self confidence. You will also be introduced to some helpful cognitive behavioural therapy concepts.	Tuesday 28th October	Tuesday 20th January
<b>Friendship difficulties</b>	In this webinar we will learn how to support our children develop their friendship skills: learning to communicate better, repair difficulties, and negotiate solutions when relationships between peers are tricky.	Thursday 20th November	Tuesday 27th January
<b>Challenging behaviours</b>	Children often communicate their needs through their behaviours. The 'Helping children with challenging behaviours' webinar will help you to learn about the different factors that can impact children's behaviours, build or strengthen positive relationships by reinforcing the importance of giving positive attention. You will also learn strategies to establish home rules and boundaries to create a safe and structured environment for your children.	Thursday 6th November	Tuesday 3rd February
<b>Digital wellbeing</b>	In this webinar we discuss the positive and negative impact of screen time and gaming on a child's mental wellbeing. We will share the recommendations for screen time based on age, how to have this conversation with your child in a positive and effective manner and a simple and effective way to manage the use of screens	Thursday 13th November	Tuesday 13th January



	in your home.		
<b>Self esteem</b>	In this webinar we will explore what self-esteem is, how low self-esteem can develop and be maintained, and will introduce some practical techniques to support you to improve your child's low self-esteem.	Thursday 27th November	Tuesday 10th February
<b>Transition to Secondary</b>	In this webinar we will explore the main worries children may experience when moving from primary to secondary school. We will help parents/carers think about the different ways to help to support and get their children prepared for the transition.	Thursday 7th May	Tuesday 19th May

\*All Webinars are 60 minutes long, with 15 minutes at the end for questions and answers.

\*Please have a pen and paper handy for the webinar.

### How to sign up

Parents and carers can sign up to the webinars by scanning the QR code or using the link below:



[https://afc-self.achieveservice.com/service/MHST\\_Helping\\_Children\\_Webinars\\_Primary](https://afc-self.achieveservice.com/service/MHST_Helping_Children_Webinars_Primary)

You can choose the date you would like to attend, and will need to provide your email address, the school your child attends, and their year group.

### Who to contact

If you have any questions, please contact the school Mental Health Lead, who will direct queries to the allocated MHST practitioner.



Please see on our website the updated poster for WhatsApp use <https://www.meadlands.richmond.sch.uk/online-safety-1/>

This warns against the potential risks associated with the **new meta AI function**, which cannot be turned off. To mitigate this new risk, parents are advised to block WhatsApp on children's phones - if they need a messenger, only allow apps without AI chatbots built in. Our recommendation is <https://signal.org> which offers just messages, calls and nothing else.





# School Success and Celebrations

## Achievement Certificate Winners:

Well done to the following children for being awarded an achievement certificate.

Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2025			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Motivation	Other certificates
Nursery		Cyrus	Mila & Clara	
Reception	Nefes	Francesco	Sophie	
Year 1	Ivy H	Molly & Freya	Amilyn	
Year 2		Luna	Ezra	
Year 3	Mela	Aoife-Rose	Aaron	
Year 4	Matthew	Aidan B	Rei	
Year 5	Howie	Richard	Leo	
Year 6		Jakub	Summer	





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Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2025			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Motivation	Other certificates
Nursery	Annie	Billie	Noah	
Reception	Cayden	Finn	Rome	
Year 1	Asa	Finley	Zach	
Year 2		Ryan	Otto	
Year 3	Niklesh	Salma	Elliott	
Year 4	Mia	Gregor	Ruby	
Year 5	Lisa	Elsie & Bonnie	Camille & Ava	
Year 6		Hafsa	Remy	





# Attendance & Celebrations:



Week ending 26.9.25 - Well done to Year 2 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 98.0% this week.

Week ending 19.9.25 - Well done to Year 6 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 99.6% last week.



APOLLO

368



ARTEMIS

759



HESTIA

375



POSEIDON

647



## Class Updates

### Look at what Nursery have been learning...

We have had lots of fun in Nursery and been extra busy!! We have made a gorgeous fairy garden, planted some seeds to grow our own vegetables and we now have new furry friends, our Rabbits – Salt and Pepper – to look after. We have been thinking about what we look like, where we live and our families. Even with all this hard work we have still made time for a 'coffee' with our friends.



### Look at what Reception have been learning...

Reception have had a great week getting stuck into their learning. We have been exploring different ways we can sort objects in maths, looking at size, shape and colour. Our book this week, Puffin the Peter, has allowed us to discover new facts about the puffin bird. They have even had the chance to create their own puffin paintings with their feet! Reception have also been working really hard on writing their names.





# Class Updates



## Look at what Year 1 have been learning...

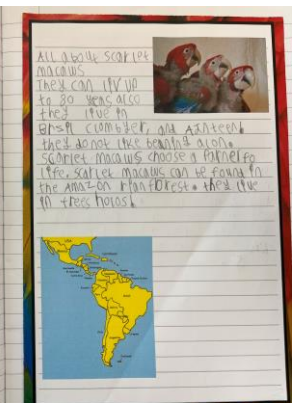
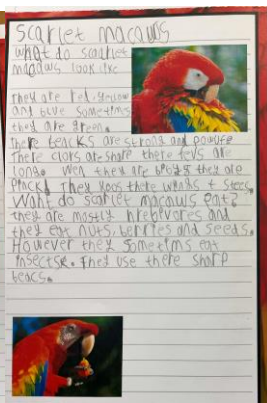
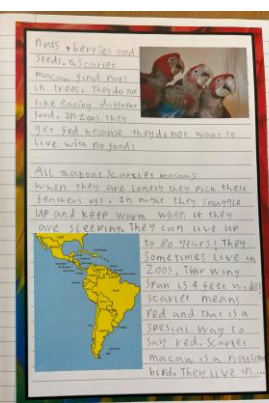
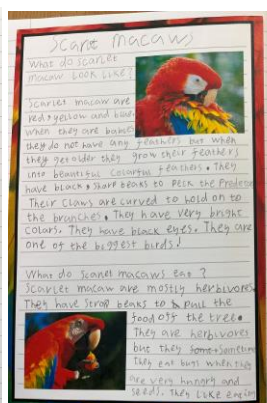
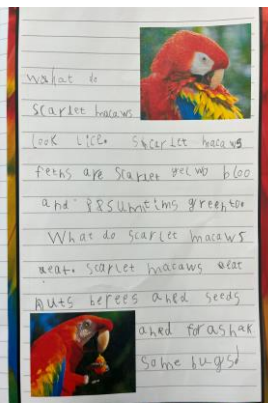
Inspired by the story of Paddington Bear, Year 1 wrote their own instructions for making a marmalade sandwich. They then followed their instructions to make the sandwiches. We were so proud of the children for trying them – some discovered they loved marmalade, while others realised it wasn't their favourite sandwich filling!



## Look at what Year 2 have been learning...

Year 2 have been busy learning all about the Great Fire of London. We had a fantastic workshop which taught us all about the causes of the fire, and the impact that it had on London. We thought all about what it would have been like to be there at the time, and how things are so different now. This week, we have been learning about newspaper articles in preparation for writing our own reports about the fire.

We also finished our amazing reports on Scarlet Macaws – take a look at some work from Ren, Milo and Otto...





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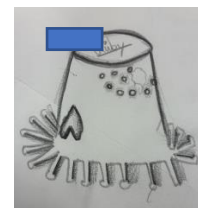
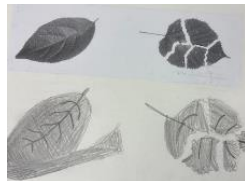
### Look at what Year 3 have been learning...

We in Year 3 have been continuing our study of Sculpture in Art. We have looked at the works of Yayoi Kusama in greater detail and have also been talking about David Mach and his installation *Out of Order* that famously sits just a couple of miles from us in Kingston. The next step in our learning journey was to create some observational drawings of gourds this week inspired by Kusama's pumpkin obsession. Soon we will be using clay to sculpt gourds of our own so watch this space...



### Look at what Year 4 have been learning...

This week in English, Year 4 have completed their first published piece of writing based on the Greek myth of Perseus and Medusa. We have explored various ways to add description to their writing. I have been enjoying reading their work and can't wait to give the children the feedback next week. Over the last couple of weeks in art lessons, Year 4 have been exploring the installation art of Cornelia Parker. In some of her work, she has taken everyday objects, transformed them and rearranged them for her installations. Year 4 will be producing an art installation based on this idea by transforming paper cups and making our own installation. Drawings of our initial investigation in transforming everyday objects and of the transformed cups can be seen below.





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### Look at what Year 5 have been learning...

Year 5 have had a very busy fortnight. In Art, we have continued learning about landscapes, working on creating perspective in our artwork using a vanishing point.

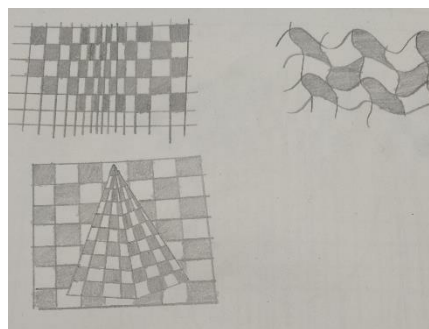


Year 5 also finished writing some incredible fables in English. The children then read their fables to Year 1, as well as reading some of their favourite story books. Year 1 were an excellent audience and the Year 5s loved sharing their work.



### Look at what Year 6 have been learning...

In Art, we have looked at patterns and colour inspired by Bridget Riley and Maurits Escher and explored them in preparation for making their own optical illusions! They looked at warm and cool colours, as well as how using them to complement and contrast. They explored mixing colours to achieve different techniques, as well as how patterns and colour work together to create different effects.





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## Meadlands Noticeboard



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### **Safeguarding concern?**

Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a child? Please contact the SPA (Single Point of Access). Phone 020 8547 5008. [You can make an online referral here.](#)

If you think a child is in immediate danger you should call 999.

### **DISMOUNT FROM BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS**

Please can you remind children that they must dismount from bikes, skateboards and scooters at any of the small gates at the entrances to the school grounds. They are NOT to scoot or cycle through the carpark or beyond these entrances. This includes early children attending for clubs and boosters.



### **Please help me reach my goal**

#### **Walk 50K in September**

I'm taking part in this challenge to support The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. They ensure The Royal Marsden's world-leading nurses, doctors and research teams can provide the very best care and develop life-saving treatments, which are used across the UK and around the world. By donating to my page, you're helping to make a significant difference to the lives of cancer patients and their loved ones. Please support me today.

[Royal Marsden - Emma Skinnis](#)





**The Purple Elephant Project**

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

We're inviting families to take part in our Family Consultation Survey 2025. What you share will help us understand what children and young people need most, so we can shape our services to better support them.

 **15-20 minutes, multiple choice**

 **Remain anonymous or leave your contact details if you'd like to hear from us**

#### WHY TAKE PART?

- ✔ Influence real change in children's mental health services
- ✔ Help ensure every child's needs are heard

**SCAN HERE** →  
TO TAKE PART

**GOT A QUESTION?**  
Call us on 0208 744 1733 or email Clayton@thepurpleelephantproject.org  
[www.thepurpleelephantproject.org](http://www.thepurpleelephantproject.org)





# Left To Their Own Devices



An individual workshop from Care For The Family that helps parents and carers navigate the challenges of raising children in a digital world.

The program is designed to provide practical advice and strategies for managing issues like screen time, social media, and online gaming.

It also addresses more serious concerns such as online bullying, grooming, and exposure to inappropriate content. It is a single two hour long session featuring video content and discussion.



**Where: The White House Family Hub, 45 The Avenue, TW12 3RN**  
**Monday 6th October**  
**9.30am - 11.30am**

Contact Tom Maybey to book a place.  
Email: [tom.maybey@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:tom.maybey@achievingforchildren.org.uk)




Need support with home life?  
Unsure how to handle a situation with your child or navigate changes in your family life? We're here to help.



## FAMILY SUPPORT DROP-IN

### 29th September 9am to 11am

To book a 20 minute appointment email Cacherel - [cjules@darell.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:cjules@darell.richmond.sch.uk) or speak to the school office.



# Community Noticeboard



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## FAMILY FUN AT THE EXCHANGE

**THE BUBBLE SHOW**  
11th October  
14.00



**COMEDY CLUB 4 KIDS**  
12th October  
14.30



HALF TERM - FAMILY FILM CLUB:  
**JUMANJI 1 & 2 DOUBLE BILL**  
28th October  
12.00 & 14.15



**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST THE PANTOMIME**  
18th - 21st December  
various timings



Popcorn & soft drink combo: £5.50



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