



Meadlands Primary School



Mallard Messenger

Our current school value is Kindness : Resilience



Date	Event	Applicable to
19.1.26	Home Netball Match vs Orleans Park	Netball Team
23.1.26	Class Assembly 9.05am & Bake Sale 3.30pm	Year 5
26.1.26	Home Netball Match vs St. Stephens	Netball Team
27.1.26	Museum of Richmond Trip	Year 1
29.1.26	Girls Football Competition	Year 4 team players
30.1.26	Class Assembly 9.05am & Bake Sale 3.30pm	Year 4
4.2.26	Stay & Play Session 10.45-11.30	Nursery
5.2.26	Curriculum Evening: English and Oracy 6-7pm	All
6.2.26	KS2 Spelling Bee	KS2

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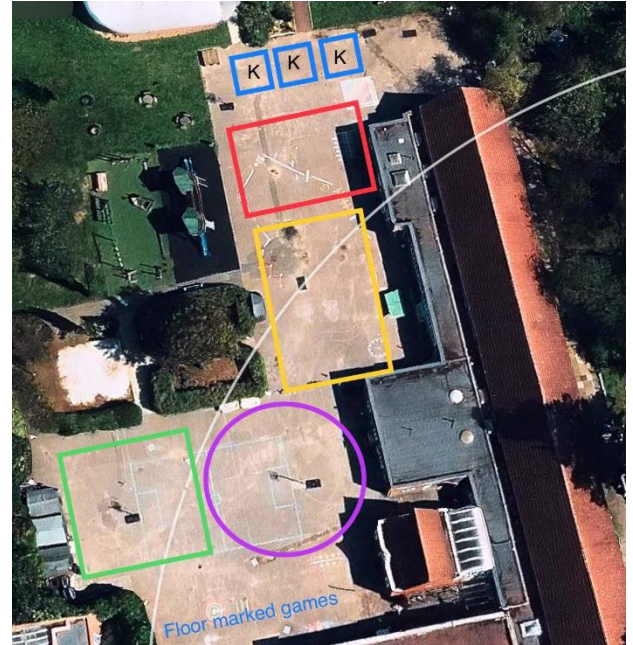
Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2026. We've had a busy start to the new year and already, Christmas feels like a distant memory!

We're kicking off 2026 with exciting new plans to re-vamp our playground space. We recognise how important playtime is for the children's wellbeing and want to ensure that we are maximising opportunities for the children to enjoy meaningful playtimes and minimising opportunities for squabbles! With this in mind, we have been working together to reinvent the space and to provide some much needed new equipment for the children to play with. The plan is to divide the space up into "zones" with each zone dedicated to a type of play – whether that be construction play, LEGO, ball games, imagination games, skipping, target games etc. There will also be dedicated spaces for Kingball games. Adults on the



playground will facilitate the play in these zoned areas. Within the next few weeks, the existing lines will be removed and new lines will be painted to divide the space (see picture). The MUGA remains unchanged, with classes being able to play in there on a rota. Our Reception children will still have the run of the activity centre and the gym equipment is also still available for all children to use. We hope you agree that these changes should help transform playtimes for the better. Thank you to Mr Penberthy, who has put a lot of work into this project and to the PTFA for helping us with financial support and to individual donors who have made all this possible. I've taken a few photos of early adoption of the equipment but this week has afforded scarce opportunities due to all the rain!



I also wanted to offer huge congratulations to our Year 2 and Year 3 children who smashed their LAMDA exams. All children achieved merits or distinctions, continuing an outstanding track record for Meadlands. Lamda lessons are valuable in so many ways: building performance skills, boosting self-esteem and confidence, expanding vocabularies and instilling a love of theatre and literature. As always, our grateful thanks goes to our wonderful Lamda teacher, Louise Lipton.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Wreford



Safeguarding & Wellbeing



A parent workshop on school avoidance will be run by RUILS, the SEND support service on **Tuesday 20th January**. Please see details below and follow the link to sign up.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/send-advice-session-dealing-with-school-avoidance-richmond-families-only-tickets-1975554668193?aff=oddtcreator>

SEND Advice Session: Dealing with School Avoidance (Richmond families only)

Overview

Join us at our free SEND Session on School Avoidance. A friendly, informal gathering for Richmond parents and carers of children with SEND.

Join us at our SEND Session — a friendly, in-person gathering for Richmond parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

This session will be run by SEND Advisor Richard Wilding and will be on the subject 'Dealing with School Avoidance' and will be suitable for parents/carers of children and young people with/without known special educational needs/disabilities.

Richard will talk through **how to work with the school, Alternatives (or supplements) to school or college and Watchouts**

About SEND Sessions

Hosted at the Ruils offices, our SEND Sessions are friendly, in-person gatherings for Richmond parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Each session will feature a short presentation from one of our experienced SEND Advisors on a key topic, followed by open discussion, Q&A, and time to connect with other parents. A welcoming space to learn, share, and feel supported. If you need an appointment to discuss your case in more detail, you will be able to arrange that after the session.



School Success and Celebrations

Achievement Certificate Winners:

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

Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 16 th January 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Resilience	Handwriting
Nursery	Sophie	Annie	Mila	
Reception	Rome	Tommy	Sopie	Dottie
Year 1	Zach	Talia	Freddie	Khadija
Year 2	Delilah	Ryan	Maxwell	Ivy & Gleb
Year 3	Akein	Noah	Emililano	Grace & Frances
Year 4	Rei	Olivia	Aidan E	Mai
Year 5	Sawyer	Denis	Leo	Ava
Year 6	Freddy	Iris	Ava	





Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 9 th January 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Resilience	Handwriting
Nursery	Evie	Arlo	Aurora	
Reception	Emma	Anaya	Cayden	
Year 1		Albie & Bella C	Audrey & Freya	Anton
Year 2	Gleb	Ameen	Johnny	Helena & Delilah
Year 3	Bo	Samuel	Grace	
Year 4	Karris	Bodhi I	Matthew	Freddy
Year 5		Alice	Arthur R	
Year 6		Ava	Summer	





Attendance & Celebrations:



Week ending 16.1.26 - Well done to Years 2 & 6, joint winners of the attendance trophy with an attendance of 97.7% this week .

Week ending 9.1.26 - Well done to Year 2 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 97.8% last week.



APOLLO

322



ARTEMIS

416



HESTIA

407



POSEIDON

521



Class Updates



Look at what Nursery have been learning...

Our topic this half-term is 'Come on a Journey with us' where we learn about different transport – it is a great way for children to draw on their own experiences. So far we have read stories about buses And boats. The children have really enjoyed the bus role play area and pretending to be a bus driver. In maths, we have been consolidating our learning about the number 3 and in phonics we have begun learning the initial sounds M and A and had a go at writing these too. It has been a lovely start to the Spring Term with the Hummingbirds!



Look at what Reception have been learning...

Our topic this half term is Eco Warriors where we are looking at our environment and how to protect it. They have loved our new explorer cave to discover different animals. The children have been learning about the seasons, looking at how the trees change over time. Then we learnt about deforestation, using 'The Lorax' story to support their understanding. In maths, the Puffins have been finding different ways to make 6, 7 and 8. They wrote their own number sentences to show this as well as explaining the parts and whole.





Class Updates



Look at what Year 1 have been learning...

In Science we have started our new topic on 'everyday materials'. Over the term we will conduct a range of experiments, develop an understanding of comparative tests, and use our prediction skills. We will also explore which materials are best suited for different uses. In our first lesson this week, the children worked in groups to sort objects based on the materials they are made of, such as wood, plastic, metal, and fabric.



Look at what Year 2 have been learning...

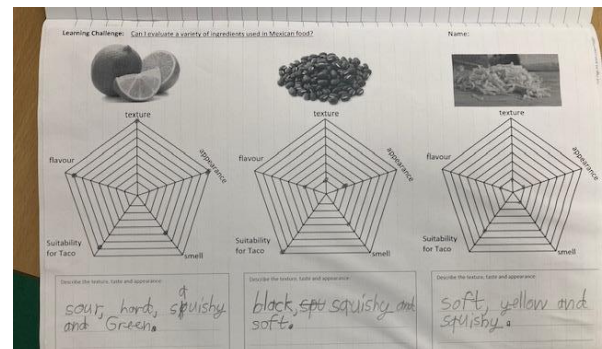
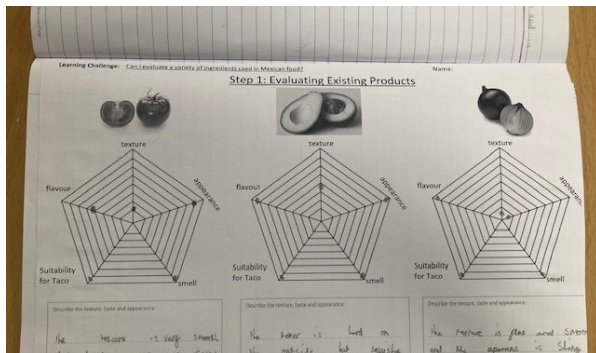


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Look at what Year 3 have been learning...

In Year 3, we have started our new D&T unit all about Mexican food! We have discussed different dishes that make up the cuisine and now know that we will be making tacos at the end of term! In our first lesson, we tried various ingredients: tomato, lime, kidney beans, cheese, red onion and avacodo. We then evaluated each based on appearance, flavour, texture, smell and suitability for a taco and came to the conclusion that lime and cheese are the most popular in the class!



Look at what Year 4 have been learning...

The new term has started well in Year 4. In English, we are focusing on the story of Peter and the Wolf as inspiration for a narrative piece of writing with a 'flashback' and a play script. In maths, we are learning more about multiplication and division and soon will be starting to multiply and divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. However, the topic I think the children are most excited about is Design and Technology as we are looking at hedge hog homes. We have started by looking at existing products and analysing the key aspects that hedgehog homes need to be effective. The children will then be designing their own hedgehog homes and building their own using 'reused' objects like cardboard, plastic bottles, etc. This creative endeavour is always exciting for the children!

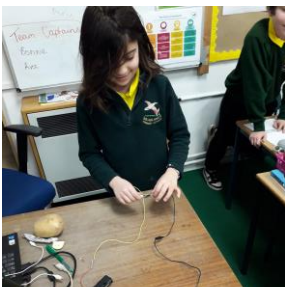


Class Updates



Look at what Year 5 have been learning...

Year 5 have been busy starting lots of new topics, including making a fairground ride in DT and Hinduism in RE. In Science, we are learning about the properties of materials and began by designing an experiment to test whether different materials were conductors or insulators and whether they were magnetic. Year 5 have also started dance with Lee and have enjoyed learning their new routine.



Look at what Year 6 have been learning...

For the past two weeks, Year 6 have been learning all about the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a little known figure who led an extraordinary life. The children engaged in interesting discussions recalling their learning about World War 2, and are gathering facts in order to write his biography next week. The children also started to evaluate different types of bag, the purposes of different bags and how sustainably they are made. Children will soon be planning their own design and then making this into their very own bag, learning various sewing stitches along the way.



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Meadlands Noticeboard

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.

Early Starts

Please remember that if your child is coming into school early for whatever reason (clubs, boosters, sports events), they must enter via Breakfast Club and NOT the main entrance. Please also endeavour to arrive on time for clubs as late arrivals are disruptive for both staff and other

PARKING DURING DROP OFF & PICK UP

According to Highway Code Rule 243: You must not park near a school entrance, anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services, at or near a bus stop or taxi rank, on the approach to a level crossing, opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space, opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle, where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles, in front of an entrance to a property, on a bend where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

We are getting increasing numbers of complaints from neighbours and parents as parents are parking illegally on corners and across driveways at pick up and drop off times. This includes picking up after clubs when our car park is reserved for staff only. Please be considerate when parking near the school. We have asked for a traffic warden to patrol at the beginning and end of the school day.



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Community Noticeboard

BOUNDLESS ADULT DANCE FITNESS CLASSES

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TIME: 7.30pm-8.30pm

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AGE: 16+

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WHETHER YOU HAVE DANCED BEFORE OR NOT, IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER. PLEASE POP YOUR TRAINERS ON AND COME AND JOIN THE FUN! A DIFFERENT GENRE IS DELIVERED EACH WEEK; PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS.

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2026

JUNIOR HOCKEY TRIALS

<p>18 JAN 26 SCHOOL YEARS 1-7 TIFFIN GIRLS' SCHOOL</p>	<p>25 JAN 26 SCHOOL YEARS 8-11 KGS SPORTS GROUNDS</p>
9:00 U10	9:30 GIRLS U14&U16
9:30 U8	11:00 BOYS U14&U16
10:30 U12	

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LISTEN? SPACE FOR BOTH**

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