



Meadlands Primary School



Mallard Messenger

Our current school value is Kindness :



Date	Event	Applicable to
6.3.26	Fairground Ride viewing for parents 3.30-3.45pm	Year 5
9/10/11.3.26	Safe Walking Scheme	Year 3
10.3.26	Junior Citizen Scheme – Holly Lodge	Year 6
11.3.26	Stay & Play 9.30-10.30am (in hall)	Reception Class
13.3.26	Mother’s Day Pop up Shop for pupils	All classes
16.3.26	Ham House Trip	Year 1
17.3.26	Science Museum Trip	Year 4
19.3.26	Hampton Court Trip	Year 5
19.3.26	Meadlands Spring Concert 6.30-8pm (6pm for cast)	Ticket Holders
20.3.26	Class Assembly & Bake Sale	Year 3

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Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday was World Book Day and as always, the children filled the school with the most creative, imaginative costumes. We had such fun in our special assembly looking at all the wonderful creations. Every child also got to take a new (to them) book home after school. Thank you to the PTFA for this great initiative. I loved watching the children sift through the books with such enthusiasm. You can see all our costumes [here](#). Enjoy watching!

I will report back on the Poetry Slam in the next newsletter as it is happening as you read this! We're all very excited to enjoy an afternoon of talent. Our Headteacher Junior Leaders are ready with their clipboards to add their voices to the judging panel.

No sooner has Book Week finished, than we launch into Science Week! Mrs Clark has put together some information for parents:

Next week is British Science Week! The theme this year is "Curiosity: What's your question?" This links to our current school value of curiosity, because at Meadlands we love to celebrate curious children and the questions that help change and deepen our learning. We are excited to be celebrating Science Week and on Monday I will be leading a whole-school assembly on this topic. Next week I will also be setting some optional whole-school homework based on some curious scientists... During the week the children will be learning about different individuals whose curiosity led them to interesting science opportunities and careers. In addition, Meadlands United have very kindly offered to fund some science workshops which all of the children will be able to part in. These workshops will hopefully spark the children's curiosity further, and will be held in the summer term - we will send out more information nearer the time. If you have any other ideas about science and curiosity please do let me know, many thanks! Mrs Clark (Science lead)

Last Friday, several children from Meadlands performed at Richmond Rhythms 2026. Lee commented on how proud he was to watch you all bring such professionalism and commitment to your dance piece. The attention to detail in your costumes, facial expressions and presentation was outstanding. Every child who took part was awarded with a special pin in our celebration assembly this morning. Well done to all of you – and of course, well done to Lee from Boundless Arts, whose enthusiasm never fails to inspire our children.

The sun made an appearance this week – we're hoping for more of that. I wish you a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wreford





School Success and Celebrations

Achievement Certificate Winners:

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

Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 6 th March 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Curiosity	Handwriting / Other
Nursery		Amla	Dany	
Reception	Finn	Nefes	Oscar	Joshua
Year 1	Bella C	Otis	Molly & Layan	Talia
Year 2	Pippa	Ezra	Max	
Year 3	Evie	Guy	Nico	
Year 4	Caroline	Ludwik	Luca	
Year 5	Jacob	Logan & Ollie T	Camille	
Year 6	Finlay	Ava	Miles	





Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 27 th February 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Curiosity	Handwriting / Other
Nursery	Charlie	Clara		
Reception	Leon	Francesco	Joshua	Harvey
Year 1	Freya		Asa & Chloe	Amié & Zach
Year 2	Kodi	Milo	Aneirin	Luna
Year 3	Annabelle	JJ	Akein	
Year 4	Amirali	James	India	
Year 5	Arthur R	Lisa	Monty	Cara
Year 6	Effie	Summer	Minnie	





Attendance & Celebrations:



Week ending 6.3.26 - Well done to Year 3 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 98.0% this week.

Week ending 27.2.26 - Well done to Reception Class for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 98.2% last week.



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Class Updates



Look at what Nursery have been learning...

It has been lovely to welcome all the Nursery Hummingbirds back after half term! We have been learning about 'People who Help us' and reading stories about police officers and firefighters. We have talked about how they keep us safe in our communities and what to do if we need help. The children have loved the role play area where they have dressed up and played brilliant imaginative games. We have also been enjoying the sunnier weather and the children have been building obstacle courses!



Look at what Reception have been learning...

Reception have been loving our new space topic! They have dressed up as astronauts, created planet paintings, talked about the mystery of aliens and blasted off into space in our class spaceship. They have really enjoyed learning about the different planets in our solar system and discussing whether there is life on other planets. We also managed to celebrate Chinese New Year when we returned from half term, making our own Chinese lanterns. We explored this year's zodiac, the year of the fire horse, and discovered what zodiac each others were. Finally, we have had a rather exciting arrival! Mrs Spicer has bought in frog's spawn for us to observe the life cycle of the frog.





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Look at what Year 1 have been learning...

We had a last minute visit by Molly's father, Robert, this week to share with Year 1 some of the pieces of art work he has created using natural resources, found locally in Ham. The children were then given the opportunity to have a go at creating their own willow and stick art sculptures. They explored ways they could bend their willow to make different shapes and thought about how they could incorporate their stick. Year 1 were very creative, making willow sticks, lassos and even crowns and necklaces.



Look at what Year 2 have been learning...

Year 2 came into school last Monday to discover that their chairs were all gone! They had quit!! They found a letter from the chairs, persuading them to treat their chairs better. After that, they read *The Day the Crayons Quit*, and wrote some incredible letters from the point of view of the different colour crayons.



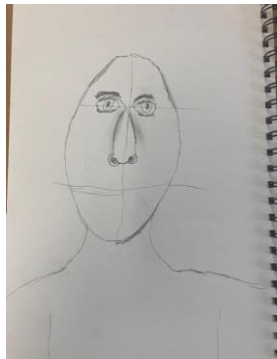


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Look at what Year 3 have been learning...

In Art, we have started a unit all about the works of Albrecht Durer and Gustav Klimt! We will be drawing upon the knowledge we gained from our earlier trip to the V&A and thinking about how we can apply pattern in the style of Klimt. On Monday, we started creating self portraits that we will finish later this week and that will form the basis of our final piece (that we will hopefully get to show off in a future edition of this newsletter!).



Look at what Year 4 have been learning...

This half-term Year 4 will be studying the Anglo-Saxons in history lessons. We have linked our English lessons to this topic through looking at the epic poem of Beowulf. Each student has been writing their own version of the Beowulf epic poem, which we will finish 'publishing' this week. In science, we are learning about electricity and have started off by looking at how to be safe around electricity. Soon, we will be making our own simple circuits, which I am sure the students will enjoy! In maths we are learning how to find the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. This week we have also been talking about books and how important reading is as well as how enjoyable it can be!



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Look at what Year 5 have been learning...

Year 5 have started their topic on the Tudors and have been diving into learning about the Tudor family tree and the War of the Roses. In groups they created news reports on the discovery of Richard III in a carpark in Leicester and discussing the significance of his death.

In English, Year 5 have been reading Ojali Q. Rauf's book *The Boy at the Back of the Class* and working towards writing a diary entry based on it. We have been having lots of high level discussions about refugees and understanding what they are.

Year 5 have also started a new Science topic looking at Forces. We are going to be carrying out a range of investigations into friction, air resistance and water resistance and learning how different forces act on different objects.

Look at what Year 6 have been learning...

Year 6 have started their new History topic on the Victorians. We looked at key events in Queen Victoria's life and then they were curious about school life so we compared a victorian school to Meadlands.

In Maths we have been focusing on decimals, percentages and fractions and their relationship. We've been converting fractions to percentages and using our knowledge of root words (cent meaning 100) to help remember the steps.

We are continuing to read *War Horse*, really trying to hone our skills of deciphering what words mean. We have come across several unknown words (bivouac, pique and arbitrating) and have had to really break them down to guess what they could mean, before finding out if our guess was correct.



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Meadlands Noticeboard



SECOND-HAND BIKE MARKET

MEADLANDS PRIMARY WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH



Our second hand bike markets are an excellent way to create affordable bike stock for your community and to help everyone to experience the joys of cycling.

Donate your outgrown, unwanted bikes in the morning - Peddle My Wheels will spend the day getting them ready. Proceeds from the sale of donated bikes will go back to your school.

After school you can buy a serviced, affordable, used bike (you can pay by cash or card).



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For more information visit peddlemywheels.com

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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.

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 students.

CHOCOLATE BEARS

We have still have a small number of Lindt chocolate bears which we would like to sell to raise funds for the school. If you would like to purchase these are available to order on parentmail. They are 100g of milk chocolate and as pictured below. Each is £3 (retail for £4.50) and you are welcome to purchase as many as possible. The expiration date is May. Thank you for your support.



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.

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.

TOY KITCHEN WANTED: NURSERY

Dear families - Nursery are looking for a play kitchen, if anyone is getting rid of one or knows anyone who might be then please do let us know. Thank you





Community Noticeboard



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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

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FAMILY FILM CLUB
 Gabby's Dollhouse The Movie (2025)
 SATURDAY 28 MARCH
 11 AM

THEATRE
 The Zoo That Comes To You
 WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL
 11 AM & 2 PM

THEATRE
 A Big Egg
 FRIDAY 10 APRIL
 2 PM

THEATRE
 The Kids Show 2: The Power of Two
 SATURDAY 30 MAY
 11 AM & 2 PM

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Monday 5 Jan to Friday 27 March 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1 & 2 Year Health Reviews 5 Jan to 23 March 9.30am 4pm Book with CLCH 033 0058 1679</p> <p>Stay and Play Under 2's £2.50 5 Jan to 23 March 10 to 11am Book Online Here</p> <p>Judy's Rhyme Time £2.50 5 Jan to 23 March 11 to 11.30am Drop In</p>	<p>1 & 2 Year Health Reviews 6 Jan to 24 March Book with CLCH 033 0058 1679</p> <p>Crafty Tales £4.50 13 Jan to 10 Feb 24 Feb to 24 March</p> <p>1 to 2 years 9.30 to 10am</p> <p>0 to 12 months 10.30 to 11pm Book Online Here</p> <p>Baby Play 13 Jan to 10 Feb 24 Feb to 24 March 11am to 12pm Drop In</p>	<p>Midwife Appointments 7 Jan to 25 March 9am to 4pm Book with Kingston Hospital</p> <p>Mini Ninja Karate (2 - 5 years) £4.50 14 Jan to 11 Feb 25 Feb to 25 March 10 to 11am Book Online Here</p> <p>Me and My Family 7 Jan to 11 Feb 9.30 to 11.30am Invitation Only</p> <p>Bookstart Reading & Song Time £2.50 25 Feb to 25 March 11 to 11.30 Book Online Here</p>	<p>Midwife Appointments 8 Jan to 26 March 9am to 5pm Book with Kingston Hospital</p> <p>Stay and Play £2.50 8 Jan to 26 March 10 to 11.30am Book Online Here</p> <p>The Real Junk Food Project 8 Jan to 12 Feb 26 Feb to 26 March 2.30 to 4.30pm Drop in</p>	<p>Midwife Appointments 23 Jan to 27 March 9am to 4pm Book with Kingston Hospital</p> <p>Stay and Play £2.50 9 Jan to 27 March 10 to 11.30am Book Online Here</p> <p>Speech and Language in Stay and Play 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month</p>

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/children-centres/children-s-centres-in-richmond>