



# Meadlands Primary School



## Mallard Messenger

Our current school value is Curiosity :



Date	Event	Applicable to
23.3.26	Phonics Information Session 3 / 3.30pm	Year 1
24.3.26	Ham Library Trip	Reception Class
26.3.26	Egg View & Vote 3 - 3.30pm	Parents
27.3.26	Easter Bonnet Parade	EYFS
<b>27.3.26</b>	<b>End of Term – School closes 2pm</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>30.3 / 10.4.26</b>	<b>SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>13.4.26</b>	<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY CLOSED</b>	<b>All</b>
20.4.26	Easter Workshops St. Andrews Church	Years 3 & 5
21.4.26	Football Competition @ Rocks Lane	Invite Only
21.4.26	Doctor Bike in (afternoon only)	All
23.4.26	School Class Photos	All
24.4.26	Easter Workshops St. Andrews Church	Years 1 & 4
24.4.26	Scooter Training (am)	Year 2
28.4.26	Easter Workshops St. Andrews Church	Years N, R & 2

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## Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and Carers

I want to start by congratulating all our performers who starred in the **Spring Arts Extravaganza** last night. This was a showcase of the variety of talent we have here at Meadlands. Musicians, dancers, actors, singers – everyone shone in their performances and the result was a very special evening of entertainment. I feel immensely proud of our children and the confidence they demonstrated. I would like to credit all those adults who made the event possible and prepared the children so well: our Music Lead Mr Hepburn, our dance teacher Lee, our Lamda and drama teacher Louise and of course the organiser of event, our Music teacher Tara. Your passion and hard work inspires our children to dream big. Thanks also to the PTFA for running the bar and decorating the hall.

More amazing performances were on show almost 2 weeks ago now at the **Poetry Slam Finals**. The standard was exceptional and the judging was, as always, an almost impossible task. In the end, the KS1 winners were Nina and Audrey, the KS2 winners were Freddy and Gregor and the best creative/original poem winners were Aidan B and Maxi. Running alongside the main event was a separate competition for the best original poem and this competition was won by Isabella (Y5) and Ivy B (Y1). Congratulations to all the participants. You can see some photos of this event [here](#).

Last Friday, the PTFA came into school for another very special event – our **Wonder Women Pop Up Shop**. All the children were able to visit the shop and select gifts for their “Wonder women”. This created such a joyful buzz in school. It was so lovely to watch the children carefully selecting exactly the right candle, making sure their wonder woman would like the patterns and smells. We hope that the gifts made the recipients smile too. Thank you to the PTFA for instigating this event – watch out for the “Superman” pop up shop!!

Next week is a busy one – lots going on here as we approach the Easter holidays. We cannot wait to see the flurry of **decorated eggs** coming through the doors from Tuesday. As per last year, we have decided to cop out and hand over the judging to you, our parents and carers! So, you are all invited to come and view the eggs and bonnets and cast your votes on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. Votes will be counted and the winners announced in the Easter assembly on Friday. This special assembly is when we hold our annual **Easter Bonnet parade from our Early Years** children. Parents and carers of Nursery and Reception children are warmly invited to attend.

Wishing a very **Happy Eid al-Fitr** to all our students, families, and staff who are celebrating! We hope you have a wonderful time filled with joy, reflection, and celebration with your loved ones. Eid Mubarak!

A big thank you to Petersham Nurseries for donating plants for our pots which now adorn the entrance to our school and thanks to Abi T for planting these. It adds an extra sprinkle of joy along with the sunshine!

Remember, next Friday at 2pm our doors close for the Easter holidays. We will post some Easter photos on our website so you can all enjoy the bonnets and eggs but this is our last newsletter till after Easter, so I wish you all a relaxing, happy break. **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April is INSET day** so school is closed – we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, which is also our Fieldwork/Sustainability day.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wreford



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# School Success and Celebrations

## Achievement Certificate Winners:

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

Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Curiosity	Handwriting / Other
Nursery		Daisy & Cecily	Hagen	
Reception	Dottie	Rome, Joshua & Cooper	Emma	
Year 1	Chloe		Jakub & nina	Edward & Kai
Year 2				Maxwell
Year 3	Dariusz	Whole Class		
Year 4	Malika	Karris	Whole Class	Nathan & Ruby
Year 5	Florence	Isabella	Ella	
Year 6	Val	Whole Class		

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Curiosity	Handwriting / Other
Nursery	Amla	Cyrus	Annie	
Reception	Oscar	Leon	Rome	Anaya
Year 1	Khadija	Ivy B	Arlo & Audrey	
Year 2		Ivy & Noah		Ren
Year 3	Selena	Mia	Stanley & Charlotte	
Year 4	Harper	Aidan E	Maxi	Lena
Year 5	Bonnie	Oscar	Alice	
Year 6	Iris	Rae	Louis	





## Attendance & Celebrations:



Week ending 20.3.26 - Well done to Year 6 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 97.2% this week.

Week ending 13.2.26 - Well done to Year 3 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 98.4% last week.



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HESTIA

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## Class Updates



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

The Nursery children have continued their topic about 'People who Help us' and have learnt about Vets and Doctors. All the children can talk about how these people help us and what their jobs are. We have loved getting dressed up and playing really imaginative games. They have also learnt about Dentists and have practiced scrubbing a pair of dirty teeth as well as learning about foods that are healthy for our teeth.



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

We have continued our exploration of space, making our own stars whilst discussing the different colours and temperatures. We have also been painting our own aliens, sparking lots of speculation on whether aliens are real and wondering what they would look like. In maths, the Puffins have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties, as well as identifying and building patterns.





## Class Updates



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

On Tuesday we visited Ham House as part of our History topic on the local area. We experienced VIP treatment as the National Trust opened the gate onto Ham Avenues especially for us to arrive and leave! After a picnic in the gardens, we explored the ground floor and basement of the house. The National Trust made us a special I Spy worksheet, which we completed as we looked around. We also learnt about the history of medicine and took part in a workshop making posies from plants in the Ham House gardens, including thyme, lemongrass, and bay leaves.



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

This week, Year 2 had great fun exploring the impact of the Suffragette movement. They learnt all about the drastic methods that the movement took to ensure that women were given equal voting rights, and explored the lives of the inspiring individuals who led the charge. In the lesson, they acted out some key moments, and collaborated on building freeze frames.





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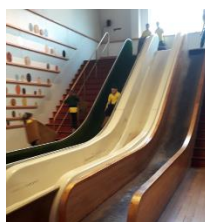
### Look at what Year 3 have been learning...

The past two weeks in Year 3 have been dominated by assessments and class assembly practice! We have also enjoyed the start of Shakespeare Fortnight this week – we have discussing Romeo and Juliet and next week will be enjoying acting out some of the Bard's famous scenes.

We are all looking forward to sharing our class assembly with parents and carers – we have been practicing our lines, singing some songs and working out our positioning. Unfortunately, we have no photos to show as rehearsal has been closely guarded and top secret ready for the big show on Friday!

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

Year 4 enjoyed an amazing trip to the Science Museum where they went on the friction slides, saw electricity in action and had the opportunity to investigate sound, circuits and more. There was something for everyone!





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

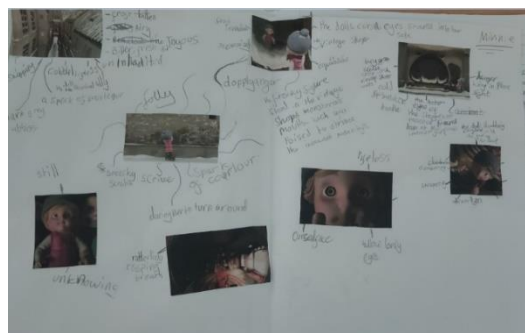
Year 5 have been learning about forces in science and designed their own experiments to test the effects of air resistance using paper helicopters. They made paper helicopters of different sizes and used these to see how their surface area impacted the air resistance and therefore how fast they fell to the ground.

In LAMDA, the children have been continuing to work hard on their recital about the use of magic in Shakespeare. This has tied in nicely with our work for Shakespeare Fortnight, where we are reading Twelfth Night.

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

Year 6 have started off another writing unit, 'Alma', and have been learning about different types of figurative language to really enhance their writing. Using 'shampoo' (symbolism, hyperbole, metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia and oxymoron), they have begun to write a retelling of a tension story.

We have also begun to look at Macbeth for Shakespeare Fortnight and they have really enjoyed discussing what could happen next, and linking the language and themes to our writing unit.





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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.

## 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 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.

## WANTED: EARLY YEARS

Early Years are on the hunt again, this time for crates! Please let us know if you have anything suitable: Thank you





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 2 PM

**THEATRE**  
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Monday 5 Jan to Friday 27 March 2026

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

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