



Meadlands Primary School



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Our current school value is Motivation:



Date	Event	Applicable to
24.9.26	Meet the Teacher and BBQ 3.30 – 5pm	ALL
28/9 – 2.10.26	Book Fair Week	All
29.9.26	Individual School Photos	All

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Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year! We are already at the end of Week 2 and the children have settled back into school life really well.

I would like to share a few new initiatives with you – firstly – our **Pink Warrior Certificates and postcards**. We want to foster an environment where resilience is celebrated. To support this, we are introducing our new Pink Warrior certificates and postcards. These special awards acknowledge and reward a true "warrior" attitude in school. Instead of seeing mistakes (which we mark in pink) as failures, we want our children to view them as valuable opportunities for learning and growth. Keep an eye out for these coming home!

Also new this year are our **Active Starts** for the Key Stage 2 children which we are trailing. The idea is that children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 start with the day with a fun activity for the first 15 minutes before heading in to the classroom to begin their lessons. This idea was put forward by the Year 4 children (last year) who wrote persuasive letters to me. I thought it was a good idea so we're making it happen. We're very grateful to Chloe Walkom who is leading a pilates session for each of the classes once per week. The change to wearing plain black trainers as part of our everyday uniform is partly to facilitate this initiative. We also hope that it offers a fun and motivating start to the day for those who find this difficult.

We are thrilled to share that Mr Penberthy has launched a new **lunchtime Sports club**, and it is already a massive hit. The term kicked off with tag rugby, which has seen an incredible turnout of eager participants. To ensure every child has a chance to join in on the fun, the club will rotate sports regularly, offering something for everyone.

In Computing children have been learning how to keep themselves safe online as well as reviewing our **Acceptable Use Agreements**. This is the first lesson we always do at the start of the academic year and before children are allowed onto the Chrome Books. This policy has been updated to be phase specific and the statements detailed can help keep children and others safe and happy at home and school. If you wish to review these agreements, they can be accessed on our Computing page: [Acceptable Use Agreements](#). There are Acceptable Use Agreements for: EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Finally, it is my great pleasure to invite you all to attend our annual **Meet the Teacher and Barbeque** which will take place on Thursday 24th September from 3.30 – 5.00pm. A chance for you to meet your child's teachers and other parents. I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great weekend,

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 18 th September 2026				
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Pink Warrior 	Motivation	Handwriting / Other
Nursery	Clara		Klara		
Reception	Lia	Amla		Leyla	
Year 1	Cayden	Oscar	Emma	Anaya	Malvi
Year 2	Edward	Audrey	Mia	Layan	Bella
Year 3	Otto	Ezra	Ivy	Walt	Varun & Yusuf
Year 4	Evie	Zachi	Selena	Aoife-Rose	Grace
Year 5	Amelia	Ludwik	Ruby	Gregor	
Year 6	Arthur M	Bonnie	Logan	Teddy	





Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 11 th September 2026				
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Pink Warrior 	Motivation	Handwriting / Other
Nursery					
Reception	Lia		Finley	Cyrus	
Year 1		Rome	Tommy	Sophie & Cayden	Cooper
Year 2	Khadija	Albie	Zach		Arlo
Year 3			Riley	Sienna	Elsie
Year 4	Aaron	Selena	Annabelle	Mela	JJ
Year 5		Daisy & Gordon	Karris	Harper	Mai
Year 6	Florence	Oscar B			





Attendance & Celebrations:



Week ending 18.9.26 - Well done to Year4 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 99.1% this week.

Week ending 11.9.26 - Well done to Year 1 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 100% last week.



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Class Updates



Look at what Nursery have been learning...

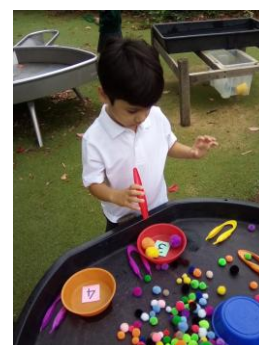
Our topic this term is 'All about me' and we started the week reading Super Duper You! The children thought about and shared what they were good at and what made them super. They made hand-puppets which can be seen displayed across the classroom.

In maths we started a brand new topic looking at collections. The children completed a scavenger hunt, ticking off the toys as we found them. They then helped return the missing toys to their correct basket and collection.



Look at what Reception have been learning...

What a start to Reception! The new Puffins have settled in so well and thrown themselves into new school life. They are loving dressing up as superheroes, creating their own masks and testing out their new superpowers. We have started phonics, learning our first new sound 'm' and practicing writing it. The Puffins have also been working on counting to 10 and matching numerals to quantity. We are so proud of all the hardwork so far!





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Look at what Year 1 have been learning...

We are so proud of how well the new Penguins have settled into Year 1. In Science this half-term our topic is the seasons. We went outside to explore the forest school area, the school field and the playground to see what signs of the current season we could spot. We also looked at books about the different seasons and different types of weather. Later in the term we will compare the seasons in the UK with the seasons in Peru. This ties in with our Literacy work based on the original Paddington Bear story.



Look at what Year 2 have been learning...

Year 2 had a fantastic workshop all about their favourite topic: The Great Fire of London. They did some acting and found out all about how the fire started, what caused it to spread, and how it was eventually put out.



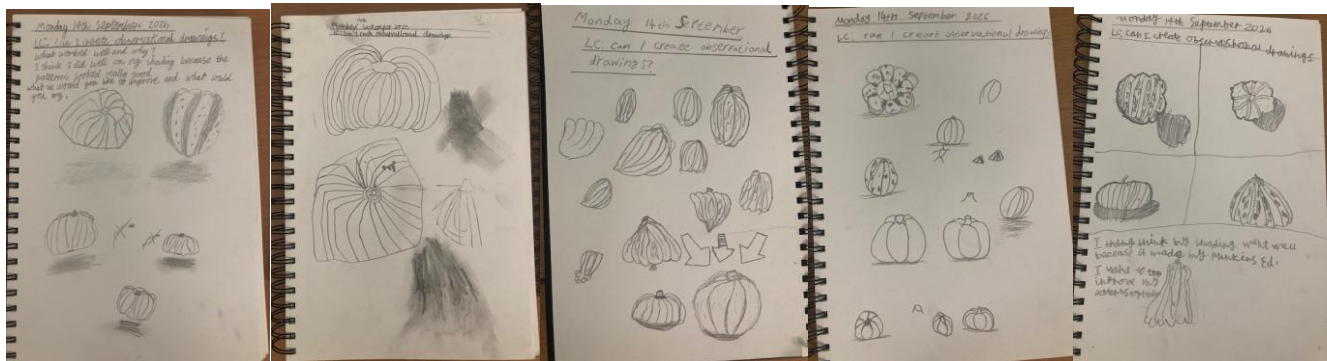


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Look at what Year 3 have been learning...

We have started our art unit all about pattern and shape! We have looked at and responded to the work of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and created observational drawings of gourds inspired by her famous fascination with pumpkins. We will build up to sculpting our very own clay pumpkins in a few weeks time before decorating them with Kusama-esque dot patterns.



Look at what Year 4 have been learning...

Year 4 has started off the school year so well with positive attitudes to learning and commitment to the quality of their work. We have begun our unit about Ancient Greece by studying different Greek myths in Reading lessons and focusing on the myth of Medusa and Perseus in our English writing. In history, we have begun our studies by looking at where the Ancient Greeks fit in the timeline and comparing the similarities and differences between the city-states of Athens and Sparta. We are focusing on Place Value in maths and have begun practising times tables. In Science, we have been learning about classification of Living Things.

I am looking forward to a fabulous year ahead with Year 4! Mrs H



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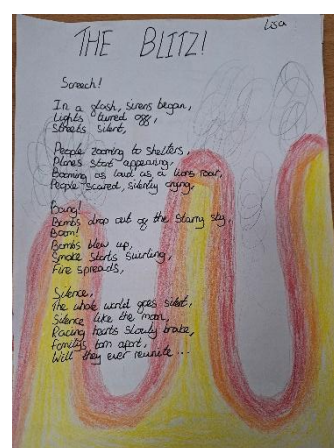
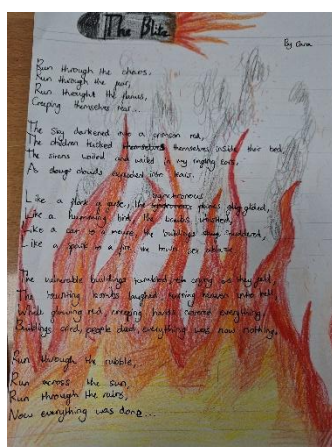
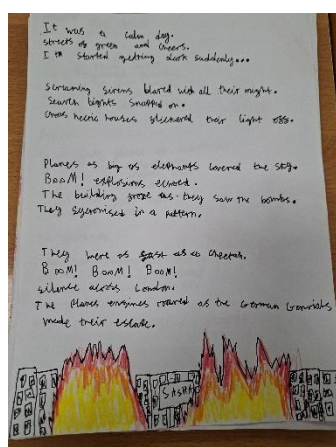
Look at what Year 5 have been learning...

Year 5 have settled in really well and have all been working incredibly hard. In Art, we have started our topic learning about David Hockney and landscape paintings. The children are going to be building up to painting their own landscapes based on Hockney's style. They have been learning about perspective and how to make their backgrounds look further away.



Look at what Year 6 have been learning...

Year 6 have had such an incredible start to the year – determined, focused and eager to do their absolute best! We've started our World War 2 topic, which has been an incredible hit. The children have asked great questions, explored how and why the war started and have created some amazing Blitz poetry, carefully selecting language and punctuation choice.





Meadlands Noticeboard



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**
12th October 9am to 11am

To book a 20 minute appointment email
Cacherel - cjules@darell.richmond.sch.uk
or speak to the school office.



You are invited to our annual

Meet The Teacher and BBQ

Thursday 24th September
3.30 till 5.00 pm

Join us in your child's classroom where you can meet the teacher and hear about important events due to take place this year and other important information.
We invite you to stay afterwards for a BBQ on the playground.



Hot Dogs £2.00
Crisps 50p
Drinks - free

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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.

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.

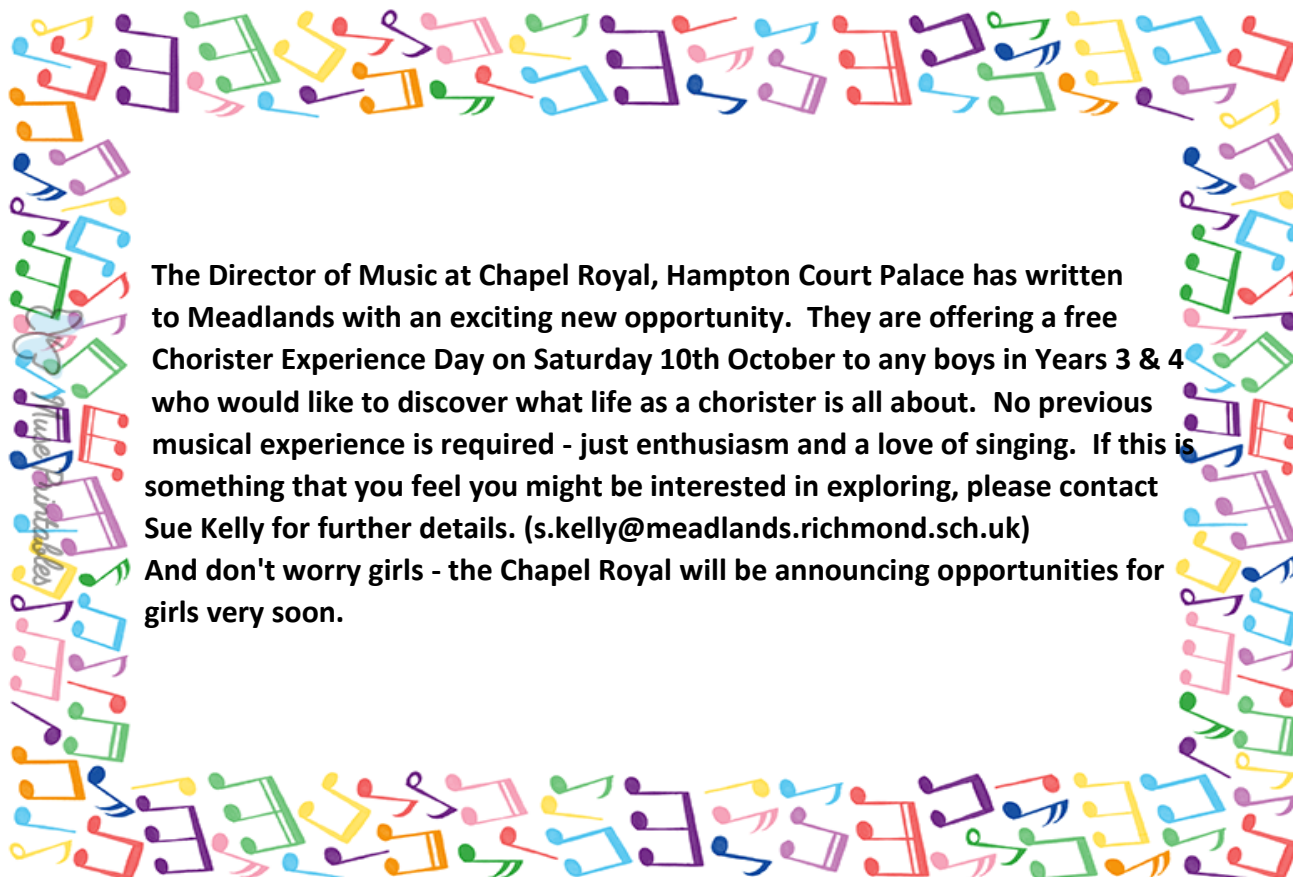
PARKING DURING DROP OFF & PICK UP

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.



Community Noticeboard



The Director of Music at Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace has written to Meadlands with an exciting new opportunity. They are offering a free Chorister Experience Day on Saturday 10th October to any boys in Years 3 & 4 who would like to discover what life as a chorister is all about. No previous musical experience is required - just enthusiasm and a love of singing. If this is something that you feel you might be interested in exploring, please contact Sue Kelly for further details. (s.kelly@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk) And don't worry girls - the Chapel Royal will be announcing opportunities for girls very soon.