

# Meadowside Academy



A monthly update from the Headteacher, Mrs Maiden.

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for all your support you have given us at Meadowside this academic year. We are so proud of your children and their resilience in getting through another disruptive year. They are truly remarkable and the reason we all love working at Meadowside.

I would also like to say a big farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils whom we wish lots of luck in Year 7 and beyond.

And finally, welcome to our new Reception starters. This is the start of your school journey and we are so excited to have you in our Meadowside family.

We hope all our families have a restful and exciting summer break and we will see you all in September!

Mrs Maiden

## What's the Big Idea?

Our children have enjoyed getting hooked into their history topics for our whole school Big Idea 'Back to the Future' this term. We were going to finish this topic by burying our time capsule, but unfortunately it has been delayed as it is coming from France! Instead, we will do this in September when it arrives. The children have made lots of work for this, to remember this significant time in History.



Year 3 went back in time to over 3000BC and lived a day in the life of an ancient Egyptian!

'Nurturing curiosity, courage and kindness'.



## Teachers 2021

Reception-Mrs Taylor

Year 1- Miss Jenkins

Year 2- Miss Place

Year 3- Mrs Portway

Year 4- Miss Stockmann

Year 5- Miss Corkhill

Year 6- Mr Leverett

Forest School/Art- Miss Brown

## Whole School Events

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Teacher Training Day

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

School Opens

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 Swimming Lessons commence

Year 6 to Beverley Park Residential

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 return from Residential

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Year 5 Bikeability all week

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Next half term we will start the term with Religious Education week where children will study 'belonging and my community'. This will lead into our Big Idea 'What does home mean to me?' Children will go on local walks to explore the local area. They will study local history and geography, habitats in science and home cooking in design and technology. They will also be studying weekly lessons of 'Being me in my world' in our Jigsaw PSHE lessons, which will provide lots of contextual opportunities for the start of the new academic year.



### Returning to school

We hope to get back to some sort of normality next term and will transition back into whole school activities over the half term. It would be naïve to think that COVID will not still impact our decisions, but with the removal of bubbles this should make some activities possible again, such as using the school hall more for assemblies, mixing pupils in clubs or interventions and eating lunch in the hall. There are some things we will keep in September, such as parents and pupils saying bye at the gate or door, lining up on spots and the one-way system for drop off. These help to keep the morning routine calm and children come in ready to learn. It also helps teachers when sending pupils home to know where parents are standing.

### School Timings

Reception starters have different times on the first week only, as communicated by Mrs Taylor.

**All children need to be wearing full school uniform and school shoes.**

Miss Gale has some pre-loved uniform items- please help yourself when exiting school.

	Reception and KS1 (Y1, Y2)	KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)
<b>School Starts</b> Registration is at 8.50	8.40-8.50	8.40
<b>School Finishes</b>	3.15	3.20

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**Sporting Champion Day**

Thank you for the kind donations for Sporting Champion Day. We raised over £150.00 to purchase new playground equipment this year. The children enjoyed doing the different challenges which were all led by our fantastic Year 6 Sports Leaders. We also talked about some very famous sporting heroes and the Olympic values they should follow to be successful.



**Sports Week!**

**Sports Week Winners**

We couldn't have asked for better weather this week for our class sports days and whole school race day. The wet activities were just right for cooling everyone down! I would like to say a **big thank you to Mrs Taylor**, who has worked hard all week to set up the activities and ensure everyone has had fun taking part. **Well done to ALL of the children** for taking part and trying their best, showing our school values and the Olympic values too. We are sorry you did not get to watch but I am sure you will be next year. The scores have been counted and are as follows:

<b>OAK -1827</b>	<b>BEECH-1787</b>
<b>WILLOW- 1564</b>	<b>SYCAMORE-1953</b>

**And the winning house is.....Sycamore!**

Our House winners for the whole year are **OAK** with a total of 4,119 tokens!

Here are our Oak and Sycamore youngest and oldest pupils with their trophies!