

Meadowside Academy

A monthly update from the Headteacher, Mrs Maiden.

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

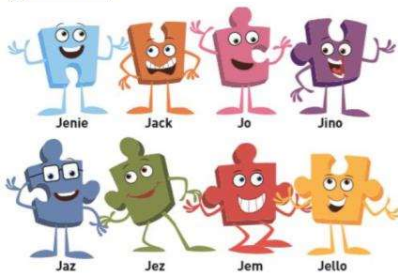
This has been my favourite September in a very long time! Seeing 211 happy smiley faces, singing Autumn songs in the Hall for our Assemblies, has to be the highlight for me. We are so pleased to be back together again, as our Meadowside family.

Also, a big welcome to all of our new Reception starters and their families too. We are so proud of the way all of our children have settled into school life this month. Well done!

Our Big Idea for Autumn1: What does home mean to me?

We started the term with RE week where the focus was on 'belonging and community'. Different classes studied different religions as well as reflecting on their own lives. This led on to our Big Idea for this term, 'What does home mean to me?'. Children are studying local history and geography including local visits to engage their interests. In DT and Art they are using their expressive art skills and observing the local community to support them with their projects. We have planned a Harvest Celebration for KS1 where we can welcome parents back into our school Hall! We will also do a Harvest celebration assembly at the end of this half term and donations can be sent into school from Monday 11th October. We are supporting the Harrogate Foodbank who provide support for our local community in Knaresborough. Please contact the Office in confidence, if you need to access this resource as we have vouchers available for our families in need.

Jigsaw Friends



Our Jigsaw PSHE lessons this term are all about 'being me in my world'. Children learn about themselves and what makes us unique and special.



Class Teachers 2021

Rec- Mrs Taylor

Y1-Miss Woods

Y2-Miss Place

Y3-Mrs Portway

Y4-Miss Stockmann

Y5- Miss Corkhill

Y6- Mr Leverett

Whole school Events...

Fri 8 October – **Walk to School day**

w/c 11 October – **Harvest Week – donations for the Food Bank can be brought all week.**

Wednesday 13 October – **Year 1 & 2 Harvest Assembly (9.10am) Yr1&2 Parents welcome**

Friday 15 October – **individual school photos**

w/c 19 October – **Pumpkin carving competition**

Friday 23 October – **break up for Half Term**

Monday 1 November- **Return to school**

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Our School Rules

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.

These are our school rules and we expect all pupils to follow them. We have doing lots of work in class and assemblies. We have focused on '**Be Respectful**' as we are mixing with more people across school. We also have visitors such as Governors, musicians, specialist teachers and volunteers. We take pride in our good manners and respect for everyone. Please encourage this at home and in the community.

"Our vision is for all of our children to feel happy, confident and supported. They will enjoy a creative and captivating curriculum which inspires them to reach their full potential."

Our School Values

At Meadowside we believe praising pupils and boosting their self-esteem is the most important part of developing children's confidence. We encourage pupils and staff in giving positive verbal praise to one another for showing our school values and curriculum drivers. These are our 5 Rs- resilience, reflection, resourcefulness, respect and relationships. Each week we award a certificate where someone has demonstrated these values. We also give out other certificates including Headteacher Awards, Jigsaw Champion and virtual badges via Marvellous Me. Codes have been sent out to all new parents, please let the office know if you need a reminder. The most important thing we want pupils to feel is valued. We want pupils to feel proud and have a sense of achievement from the work they have done and the learning that has taken place. This tops any award!

COVID-19

We are seeing an increase in positive cases amongst families. Although children living in the household of a positive case do not need to isolate, guidance does say they should have a PCR test. We strongly advise you follow this guidance to ensure your child is negative before they attend school. If you are ever unsure, please telephone the school office.

Contacts

If you would like to contact me to discuss any of the above or indeed anything else, please get in touch via the school office 01423 866207 or via email admin@meadowsideacademy.org. I will soon be sending an online Parental Questionnaire to gather parental feedback which is highly valued.

For Safeguarding & Medical Needs queries please email headteacher@meadowsideacademy.org

For SENDCO queries please email Mrs Gough who works at Meadowside on Thursdays z.gough@meadowsideacademy.org

For Pupil Premium queries please email Miss Corkhill h.corkhill@meadowsideacademy.org

With warmest wishes, Mrs Maiden.



Communication

Weekly Office News/Dates

Monthly Headteacher Newsletter

Half-termly Teacher Newsletters

Messages and letters sent via Scholarpack email or text

Marvellous Me badges

Updates via Blogs on website

Official 'Meadowside Academy' facebook page and Twitter feed

Please like these pages to see updates

Parent Support Advice

Termly Newsletter

Miss Gale works as a Parent Support Advisor on a Thursday morning. She can offer advice on parenting, funding, access to external support, and support to mediate between home and school. She also has lots of quality, pre-loved uniform!



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