



Message from Principal

This is my first Principal's message and I am delighted to be summing up a very positive term as we emerge from the effects of the Covid pandemic.

This has been a very busy term and has seen the return of many in-school events and activities, which has been a pleasure to see and the feedback we have received from parents and carers has been very uplifting. Our IMPACTS and Extended Impacts classes have been enjoying open afternoons, which is very rewarding for staff to be able to share the pupil's learning with parents and carers, many of whom have expressed how beneficial it is to see their children in the class environment.

We have invited other schools into Meadowfield and have held various sporting events, which our pupils have enjoyed immensely and have represented Meadowfield admirably. I am sure there will be more events and competitions to come!

As you know we have resurrected Friends of Meadowfield with our very active PE Department leading the way and Friday 20th May saw the first FOMS Coffee morning, which was very well attended and again the feedback was positive. We have another Coffee morning booked for Friday 8th July and I look forward to seeing at this event.

The PE department are also leading on a fund-raising campaign to raise £24,000 to create a new Health & Wellbeing Suite with new sporting equipment and so far, with your help we have raised just over £2,700. Thank you for your support and generosity.

I would like to take this opportunity to say well done and thank you to the PE department for all their enthusiasm and congratulations on achieving the Kent School Games Gold Award. Well done everyone.

The Summer Term 6 will be another busy term and we hope to be able to invite you to enjoy some of these activities with us in school.

I wish you all a safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th June 2022.

Warmest wishes.
Dan Zaccheo, Principal



Message from Chair of Governors

It has been great to see FOMS and our sports department getting our children more active and raising funds for our gym. We get to hear and see all the great things happening in school and shared on our Facebook page including the start back of open afternoons.

Governors continue to meet virtually but hope to be back in school properly soon. We have agreed the budget, updated policies and looked at progress. We are looking forward to many more school achievements with our new school principal and leadership team.

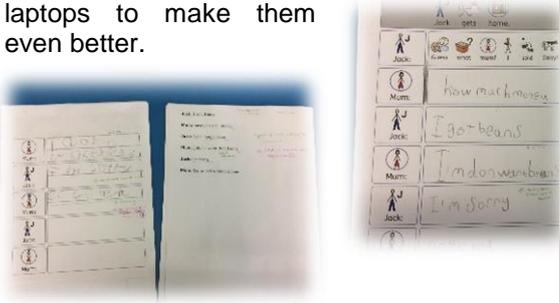
Enjoy half term and I hope the sun shines for the jubilee celebrations.

Roberta Kane, Chair of Governors



Snowdrops Class

This term the Snowdrops have enjoyed learning all about **Sowing and Growing**. In English, the Snowdrops worked incredibly hard to write play scripts for Jack and the Beanstalk scenes. We really thought about what each character would say before typing up and editing our scripts on laptops to make them even better.



In art, the Snowdrops have explored the work of artist Antoni Gaudi. They were inspired to create their own mosaic flower pieces; which I think you will agree look fantastic!



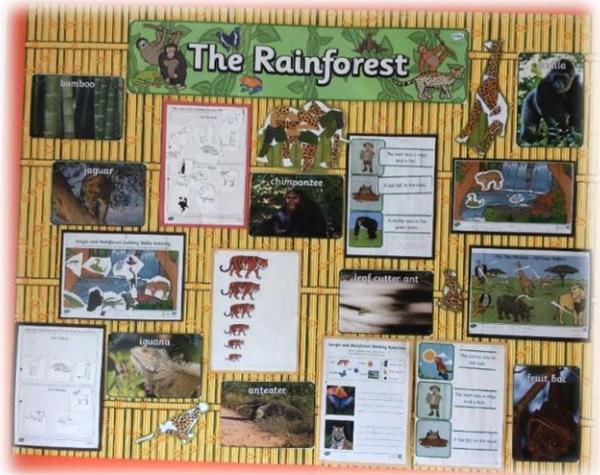
The Snowdrops have been very busy in maths. We have explored capacity, practised measuring lengths and heights in centimetres using rulers and finished the term by creating tally charts, pictograms and bar graphs. The Snowdrops were very excited to plant sunflower and bean seeds in Science. They have tracked their progress and really enjoyed watching them grow.



Kestrels Class

This term Kestrel's class have been finding out about the rainforests and learning about the different animals that live there. We have looked at video footage of rainforest animals in their natural environment and thought about how we would describe what the animals look and sound like and about how the animals move and live in the wild. The children really enjoyed becoming explorers, making binoculars and going on an animal hunt around the school to find out facts about the animals.

In maths we have worked on recognising numbers and counting objects. As the new class teacher for Kestrel's class, I have really enjoyed getting to know the children over the past six weeks and I'm looking forward to working with the children on our new topic next term, which is focused on finding out about where food comes from.



Robins Class

This term has been about new experiences for the Robins, from visiting Forest School to planting our own cress in an experiment; they have all been busy bees. Robins have been looking at The Natural World, in particular animals and insects.

In English, we have been looking at emotion poetry and how animals represent this. In Maths we have been looking at statistics and how these can help us to read the world around us. Aboriginal painting has been the focus of our art sessions and in science we have conducted multiple investigations into plants and what they need to live. Forest School days are by far the most popular day, even the adults want to be like the children and get involved! Robins have enjoyed an excellent and busy term; their progress has continued to impress us. We hope our little team have a restful break and we can't wait to welcome you back into our final term!



Ducklings Class

This term Duckling's have been looking at the topic 'Animals and Insects'. We have studied the stories 'We're going on a bear hunt', 'Dear Zoo' and 'The very hungry caterpillar'. In literacy we have been joining in with repeated refrains, finishing key sentences in the story and forming our own sentences about the stories.

In math's we have been working on our number recognition skills and started some addition! Ducklings are always so proud of the work they complete and always complete their work with a smile. In understanding the world, we have been looking at different habitats and have been exploring these in a sensory way.

Next term we are looking forward to finishing our topic with a class trip to Wildwood to explore real habitats!! Ducklings class have made amazing progress this term in all areas but especially communication. We are now all making requests by choosing a symbol or building a SCERTS sentence. Georgia is extremely proud of us all!



Enterprise Class

This term the students have been experiencing cooking within the community at The Physic Garden in Faversham. On their first trip, on a gloriously sunny day, they admired the hard work the volunteers had done digging, planting and maintaining the allotment sections. They were amazed at the amount of vegetables and herbs available and growing this time of year. The chickens were a great hit, with one pupil actually catching a renegade who refused to go back into their coop.

Pupils were asked to find and research recipes using ingredients that would be grown in the garden.

Within a budget, they independently shopped and paid for the ingredients at a local supermarket, some using the self-checkout tills. They also loved being able to purchase their own snacks and drinks.

Using the community kitchen and an outside hotplate they worked together in two teams to produce lunch. Week two the inside team made a Spanish Spinach Omelette and the outside team complemented this by making a very popular refreshing still lemonade, with some freshly picked mint and lemon verbena. On our third visit the indoor team made Homity Pie, a traditional pie made with potatoes, onions and cheese. We did add some freshly picked chard. The outside team made a rhubarb lemonade, which although nice was not as delicious as the previous week's lemonade.

They are hoping for a return visit in July when they hope to host and serve lunch to Discovery.

LPPA - The coffee morning held for parents on Friday 20th May 2022 was a huge success! Thank you to those who attended and ate cake! It was lovely to see parents back in school offering advice and supporting each other! A huge thank you to Helen and Joanne from the Emotional Wellbeing team and to Gemma and Mark from the Meadowfield Wellbeing team for joining us!

The next coffee morning will be on Friday 8th July 09:30-11:30am in Oak up in MIDAS. Joanne and Helen will be attending the meeting. Ian from PE will also be making an appearance at 11:00am to show the new plans for the Health and Wellbeing Suite!



Daisies Class

This term Daisies were privileged to go to Forest School. Daisies enjoyed lighting the fire activities, listening to a story at the story circle, meeting Reggie the Raven, swinging /sitting on the hammock, climbing up some trees and exploring the Forest School camp plus the surrounding areas. At 12:00 noon, we all sat down nicely, at the camp site as it was lunch time, we enjoyed our lunches. We really loved exploring in the woods, listening to birds singing, enjoying the fresh breeze as well as the tree shades.



Daisies have been exploring animals and insects and exploring animals in their habitats. They also enjoyed water play, saying names of the animals, finding out animals with legs and those without, as well as mark making in the sand tuff tray.

Hedgehog Class

Term 5 has been a fun-packed term. Our topic has been animals which has meant we have been on trips to observe animals. Our first visit was to Leeds Castle where we watched the Birds of Prey and observed several ducklings following their Mummy while we walked next to them. The children enjoyed themselves very much and were a credit to Meadowfield School.

In art we carried on the theme of animals by looking at different artists who used animals in their art, the children were then able to create their own art using materials they chose.

Finally, this term was Harry Potter day when Hedgehogs joined up with Woodpeckers to enjoy an afternoon of potion-making, Snitch making, quill writing with glitter and wand making.



Woodpeckers Class

In Woodpeckers this term we have been really busy learning all about animals and insects! One of the biggest highlights of our term was going on our school trip to Wildwood and taking part in Harry Potter Day.

We have been looking at poetry in English; learning about rhyming words and call and response poems by learning the Walking Through the Jungle song. We have been learning about shapes in Maths and have transferred this knowledge to our Art lessons where we have been studying artists like Kandinsky and Mondrian who use shapes in their paintings. In Science we have been learning about animals, including humans, and the life cycle of a frog.



Badgers Class

In PHSE friendship week, Badgers class have been playing board games. Using our Maths lesson to practice number skills and in English we practiced our phonics knowledge. We have been focusing on turn taking and good sportsmanship.



Parks Class

Parks Class have really immersed themselves in A Midsummer Night's Dream, this term, and have shown some wonderful artistry in the poster-making task, as well as great understanding of the main events in the play, and the characters themselves. This even led to a game or two of Headbanz, where we had to guess which character we were, with the help of our classmates!

We've also been trying our hand at Silly Sentences in handwriting, using our new Sentence Sliders to make the most ridiculous sentences we possibly can, and trying to make our friends and adults laugh! Meanwhile, Mr Gum has continued to involve himself in many dastardly plans in Lamonc Bibber, which keeps everyone amused and engaged during Story Time.

Finally, we've been working on our organisation and independence, and have taken on Classroom Responsibilities (complete with our own lanyards!) to help us take ownership of some additional tasks, and keep everything in the classroom running like clockwork.

All in all, it's been a great term, but I think we're all ready for a bit of down time. Happy Holidays, from Chrissie, Katie, Tanya, Olga, Michelle and Debbie!



Nightingale Class

Nightingale class have been busy at Forest School, played in a hockey match against Milton Court Primary, and have learnt to use protractors in maths to measure angles.

They have also achieved swimming awards! We are very proud of our class this term.



Kingfishers Class

This term in Kingfishers, we have been learning all about animals and insects. In Science, we have been researching animals and their habitats. We used logs, sticks and other wood to make bug houses and we also made some smaller bug houses for our outside areas.

In English we have been performing 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. We had so much fun singing along and joining in with the actions as a whole class.

We also celebrated Geography Day this term. We learnt all about the environment and rubbish and ways we recycle. We cleaned up all the rubbish from the sensory garden and then recycled it into the right bins. We then repurposed some of the rubbish to create something new.



Specialist teaching and Learning Service

Our team have been as busy as ever, supporting our 133 Early Years settings and schools in Swale.

We have been thrilled to finally be able to welcome visitors back into the Midas Centre for a range of workshops. It has been great to have face to face training for professionals and the opportunity for parents, carers and families to meet with each other.

Percy (our Well Being Support Dog) has also been busy, working hard to support children as they prepare to transition into new classes and new schools in September. He can often be seen with Susan out and about, do say hello if you see them!

Foxes Class

During this term the children have been extremely busy in all their subjects. We have been looking at seasons and looking at the different seasons in different ways. All children have enjoyed writing about the seasons and using their punctuation skills to support their beautiful handwriting. In Maths they have been looking at measure this term, they have focused on size – from big to small, then small to big. Then they started to look at weight what is the same weight to make item balance. We also focused on looking at fruit and vegetables and what is heavier an apple or a banana. The children loved this because they were able to enjoy the taste of the fruits as well. Now the children are focusing on Volume and Mass which covers full, half full and empty.



In Science this term we have been looking at plants. We have focused on the different parts of the plants and learning the vocabulary of these parts. We have been looking at how we can help the plants grow, and what the plants need to grow. So, we have planted our own flowers by watering them and feeding them with sunlight. Another part of our science experiment has been placing other plants in different areas in the classroom, in the dark cupboard, on the window-ledge and not forgetting under the table. Some of these will be watered and some won't be allowed, some will have light and some won't. At the end of the term we will be looking at how these have grown and we will look at why these did not grow. As an experiment we planted Sunflower seeds as well and over the term and next term we are going to grow these and measure their growth over the weeks.



Buttercups Class

Buttercups class have enjoyed learning about animals and insects this term. We have focused on caterpillars and butterflies. We had our own caterpillars that have grown into beautiful butterflies. Our new word that we learnt was Chrysalis.

We looked at the story 'We are going on a bear hunt'. We really enjoyed the sensory story version where we took our shoes and socks off and walked through the different stages of the story! We loved the marshmallow snow! Buttercups are looking forward to continuing animals next term. Happy Half Term everyone!



Art Update

In 2021 the whole school took part in a tile making project - every pupil and staff member created over 500 tiles. I am very grateful to the site team, especially Martin who helped put 285 of the tiles on display in the reception. Do have a look when you are next passing, I hope you will agree they look fantastic. Thank you to everyone who took part. I now just need to find another location for the remaining 200+ tiles!



Poppies Class

This term in Poppies class we have been learning about animals and insects and our story has been 'What the ladybird heard'. The class have enjoyed engaging with different activities such as making ladybird biscuits and creating their own interpretation of Henri Matisse's picture 'The Snail' which links to the story 'Matisse's magical trail', which we have also been reading. We have written and made (using the SCERTS), some great descriptive sentences describing the animal characters.

In maths we have been learning about Shapes. We have identified 2D and 3D shapes, first by naming them and then by identifying them in and around the school in the form of everyday objects. This also links to the story 'Matisse's magical trail' as the artist Matisse, used simple shapes and bright colours to create the art work 'The Snail'.



Kahlo Class

Wow! term 5 has flown by! Kahlo class has had a great term with excellent attendance from all pupils and lots of brilliant learning.

We are particularly thankful to the subject specialist teachers - PE for the new bikes, which are a big hit, Tom's super active lessons, which are even stretching the TA's! and the new football fixtures against Sittingbourne School which Kyle really enjoys taking part in. Thank you, Katie, the science teacher for the exciting Bunsen burner experiments and Chrissie in English who has taught us all about Midsummer's Night Dream; we are super proud of our posters!

Hannah has been a brilliant representative of Kahlo on the school council and Louise and Kyle stepped up to support with the interview process for our new Principle.

Final thanks go to music for the wonderful concert David, Alfie and Keira took part in - the Kahlo team are super proud of every pupil.



Fawns Class

We've come to the end of another exciting term during which we enjoyed learning about ANIMALS AND INSECTS. We have listened to the stories of THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR, DEAR ZOO and ELMER. In Literacy we learned the stories and retold them using props and during our EAD and PD lessons we have created animals using a variety of media, tools and techniques. In Maths we have worked hard on our number skills and our understanding of shape, space and measure. In UTW we have learned about habitats and enjoyed sorting the animals into their animal homes.

This term we were lucky enough to have our parents visit Fawns class. We had so much to show them and we really enjoyed working and playing with them. We particularly enjoyed making edible worm gardens! Yum!



Butterflies Class

This term, our topic has been 'Animal Kingdom' and we have been finding out about all of the different animals that are in the world. We really enjoyed looking at Jungle Animals.

We have carried out lots of different learning. We looked at describing the animals and matching the correct words to the animals. The zoo delivered us our own parcels with animals in and we had to describe why we couldn't keep them. It was lots of fun! We wrote sentences about the animals as well. We made our own animal mask and pretended to move like them. We did an amazing snake and elephant impression! Butterflies did lots of art creations, using different techniques to decorate the animals. We really enjoyed this.

We were very excited to have our family in class last week! It was a great success and everyone enjoyed themselves! We hope that growing of the seed is going well!

For PE, we were able to go onto the bikes! It was amazing and we loved it so much!! Some of us tried to ride the bike on our own too!



Bluebells Class

In Bluebells this term we have been learning about animals and habitats. We have read animal themed stories and been practicing our writing and mark making skills.

The pupils have been busy making a jungle tent for the classroom. They used a variety of materials and tools to paint and decorate the tent and have been using it to read jungle stories to each other.



Sapphires Class

In Sapphires we have loved being able to access hydrotherapy again with our teachers and friends in Impacts. Hydrotherapy is a great way to help us relax our muscles and joints whilst also giving them the support they need. It also provides resistance to help us get stronger!

We have also been working hard on our new SALT targets, which for many of us involves working on the eye gaze, using it to communicate as well as building the skills needed to do this. We all love eye gaze and are doing really well with our new targets, even though using it can be tricky!



Tadpoles Class

This term in Tadpoles we have been looking at animals and insects. We engaged in a range of mark making activities to stories related to The Hungry Caterpillar and Dear Zoo. Pupils have been working on their communication targets and using SCERTS and communication boards to encourage them to use their words. We have practiced our cutting, painting and printing skills. We have been encouraging the use of cutlery and knives to cut snake play dough. We have also tried to make marks to copy the letters of our names and lots of turn taking opportunities



Caterpillars Class

It's been another busy term in Caterpillars and lots of fun has been had on the way. We have enjoyed our topic 'animals and insects'.

In Literacy we have shared 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Dear Zoo' and 'Elmer the Elephant'. We have acted out the stories, made our own pages of the stories and continued with mark making.

For understanding the World, we had great fun going on an insect hunt in the sensory garden. In addition to our work on number in maths, we have been learning about position. We had fun putting an animal on our body whilst a song to the tune of 'If your happy and you know it' was sung. Our music teacher, Cat let us explore her keyboard. We listened to the notes we could play and even changed the sound of the notes. We have also worked on our motor skills and the bikes outside are a fun way to do this.



Ladybirds Class

In term 5, our topic has been 'Colour.' We have enjoyed stories such as 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Rainbow Fish.' This has also led to some super art work for our display, including vegetable printing.

We tried some tropical fruit and used words to describe what they looked or tasted like.

Ladybirds' had an open afternoon and it was lovely to have family members in class to join us in creative activities. We enjoyed making clay pots and participating in transient art.

Our science has covered plants and we planted sunflower and bean seeds. We also planted some wildflower seeds around the school grounds.



Music

This term we were able to invite parents and carers in for our Summer Concert in which some of the pupils who attend music lessons with Make Time for Music music teachers performed. All the pupils contributed amazing performances, as solo singers and instrumentalists or as part of a drumming group. It was so good to watch and hear what pupils had achieved over the last couple of years. Well done everyone and thank you to Mrs Bridger-Smart and Mr Watts.

