

KING'S MEADOW MESSAGES



Dear Families,

I would like to thank those families who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday. We raised £42 for this cause.

Last week, Miss Peace and Mrs Atkinson organised different school trips for our pupils. Mrs Atkinson and some of our staff team, took our year 2 children to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park where they observed the different sculptures looking at pattern, texture and the different materials used by artists. Staff at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park commented on year 2's excellent behaviour, good problem solving skills during team work activities whilst also being very creative! Well done year 2 – we are very proud of you!

Ten children from year 5 visited the Asda headquarters in Leeds to take part in a programme with Asda and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals initiative. This programme is designed to create global citizens who are aware of the issues we face as a community and as a planet. The children will lead a wider school project where they will present this to the whole school. The children were confident, asked questions and represented the school showing all the new values. Great work year 5 – we can't wait to hear more about the project!

We have also started adding work and exciting announcements to our Instagram platform 'kingsmeadowacademy' if you haven't followed us yet, please look us up as we will start to upload more of our children's amazing work!

We are also looking to develop our PTA to support fundraising for different areas of the school – if you are interested in being part of this group, we would love to hear from you and the different ideas you may have. For those that are new - the school PTA (Parent Teacher Association) are a small group of parents/ carers and a teacher representative who organise lots of events throughout the year to raise funds for school. It's a great way to get involved and make a positive impact to school life. Please watch out for a letter soon about this and the details of our first meeting.



In assemblies so far this term, I have talked about how we are all unique and shine in so many different ways much like a jigsaw. Each piece of a jigsaw puzzle is unique and important on its own, yet only when each piece is in place does a full picture emerge. Our school community works in the same way: every child and every adult is an essential piece, and when we come together, we create something amazing and beautiful.

Thank you for your continued support in making King's Meadow a thriving and nurturing learning environment.

Mrs Williams-Kendall
Head of School

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Communication Policy

Please take time to read the communication policy attached to this newsletter. You will find information on who you can speak to regarding different areas and how we will communicate with you.

Stand-alone letters will go out to parents if they are important and time limited or where there are new initiatives or changes to systems.

King's Meadow Messages newsletter will go out regularly across a half term with messages, reminders, local context information, attendance and safeguarding information.

We understand that parents have expressed concern with Class Dojo being removed, however, this is a Trust decision due to a number of issues that staff and parents had across all schools not just King's Meadow. By publishing our communication policy, we hope this supports parents to know who to speak to. We ask parents to always speak to the class teacher first, then phase leader – Miss Peace, Mrs Atkinson or Mrs Moore with issues concerning your child. These communication layers support open door communication. We hope you find this policy supportive.

Punctuality and Attendance Layers

We have been closely reviewing our attendance and punctuality systems across school. Parents have told us that the new position of the late door is now better. We do hope the use of this will diminish in future to support children being in school on time for their 'Meet and Greet'.

Last week, you will have received a letter regarding proof of appointments as well as this we have looked at how we monitor individual attendance and punctuality. Where school has serious concerns about the impact of a child's education as a result of minutes/days of learning missed, we will now use our attached punctuality and attendance layers system with different school or Trust staff taking responsibility. Should your child's punctuality or attendance be an ongoing concern this year you will need to meet with specific staff.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We have high expectations upon school attendance and punctuality. It is crucial in supporting your child to learn, grow and develop.

Year Group Attendance – Since Sept 3rd to now
Reception 96.8%

YR1 91.8%

YR2 95.1%

YR3 95.2%

YR4 94.6%

YR5 94.5%

YR6 94.9%



Well done to Reception children who are above 96%

Year 6 have made an amazing start to their last year at King's Meadow with the top year group attendance for the last two weeks. As a result, the children have been surprised with well-being quad time using the trampoline, active panels and other areas. Well done year 6!

Safeguarding is a priority here

Local area – safeguarding concern

In recent months, Wakefield has seen a rise in the use of ketamine among young people. Often mistaken as a "party drug," ketamine poses serious risks to both physical and mental health. What starts as recreational use can quickly spiral into dependency, with long-term consequences including bladder damage, memory loss, anxiety, and depression.

Known on the streets as "K" or "Ket" or "Bezzle" ketamine is a powerful anaesthetic with hallucinogenic effects. It can leave users feeling detached from reality, vulnerable to injury, and unaware of their surroundings. Regular use can also lead to something known as "K-bladder," a painful and potentially irreversible condition that affects the urinary system.

The increase in ketamine-related incidents across Wakefield highlights a growing concern for the wellbeing of our young people. But there is hope, and support is available – should you wish to speak to someone about this and find help, please ask to speak with one of our school

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**LOST MINUTES =
LOST LEARNING!**



Celebration Assembly

In the last three weeks, we have celebrated children across school living the new school values of 'We are happy, we are safe and we enjoy a challenge' The teacher's have loved sharing the reasons why they have chosen a specific child and I have loved seeing their smiles of surprise!

We will be inviting parents to celebration assemblies after half term.

Individual Achievement

WOW! I was so impressed to hear about Isla Lea's fundraiser to support the Princess Trust. She donated her hair to provide a child with devastating hair loss with a wig. This is an incredible act of kindness and demonstrates all of our school values. Isla Lea has raised £260 for the charity. Well done Superstar, we are very proud of you!



Isla Lea fundraiser for Little Princess Trust on her 7th birthday

School Value Focus – We are Respectful

Respect is one of our school values because it is the foundation of a safe, happy, and successful learning community. When children learn to respect themselves, they build confidence and a sense of responsibility for their own choices. When they respect others, they show kindness, patience, and fairness:

designated safeguarding leads to listen and support you.

Our school Safeguarding Leads
Mrs Penny (Executive Head)
Mrs Williams-Kendall (Head of School)
Mrs Moore (EYFS Leader)
Miss Radford (Learning Mentor)



School Dinners

The government has decided that all pupils in Reception, year 1 and year 2 should be able to have a free school meal at lunchtime. This offer does not depend on your household income or whether you receive any benefits – every child in these classes is eligible to take up the offer.

For parents of children in years 3 - 6, if you are on Income Support of Job Seekers (income based) allowance, you may be entitled to free school meals for your children. If you think that you might come into this category, you may obtain the necessary form from the academy office and return it when completed for approval.

Making an application is quick and simple to do – please see the school office.

Thursday 2nd October – Themed Lunch

This week we are holding a special menu for school dinners of Beef Burger or Cheese and Bean Pasty with chips, sweetcorn and baked beans. Pudding is vanilla shortbread or yoghurt.



Parents Evening Details

Parents Evening this Autumn will take place in a new location – within classrooms in the upper key stage 2 corridor. We have listened to staff and parent views regarding previous years with the acoustics in the hall being loud and hard to hear teachers.

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qualities that make friendships stronger and classrooms more positive.

Respect also extends to our environment. Taking care of our school buildings, resources, and outdoor spaces helps everyone to feel proud of where they learn. It reminds us that respect is not only about how we treat people, but also about how we value the world around us.

By teaching and modelling respect every day, we are preparing children for life beyond school. Respectful attitudes help them to listen, work well with others, celebrate differences, and contribute positively to their community. It is a value that will support them not just at school, but throughout their lives.

Therefore, we will be having two teachers in one classroom instead. It should be quieter and allow teachers to go through areas of focus for this year as well as discuss how your child has settled to their new classroom and year group expectations. Please make sure you sign up for a parents evening slot – we can't wait to share how proud we are of your child's learning.

MCAS App

We understand from parents that the app is being extremely temperamental. Through contact with MCAS we are aware of them having some recent technical difficulties which they are trying to rectify. If you are having issues, please come and let us know in the office where we maybe able to advise and help. Other schools in the area are also experiencing issues.

In the meantime, we will text to let you know that the newsletter or whole school letter has been sent out. If you do not receive it, please come to the office so we are aware of how many parents are experiencing difficulties – we will also have paper copies available.

Diary Dates

Please note an addition for 10th October – World Mental Health Day

1 st October	School Council Elections – more details to follow.
2 nd October	Themed lunchtime menu day
3 rd October	Nasal Flu sessions
7 th October	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm (change of location from previous years – more details to follow)
8 th October	Year 1 School Trip to Eureka
9 th October	Year 6 School Trip to Eden Camp
10 th October	World Mental Health Day – 'Hello Yellow' Children are encouraged to wear something yellow for this day – a special assembly will be led by Mrs Fisher.
15 th October	EYFS Reception Parent Phonic Parent Workshop – More details from Mrs Moore to follow
16 th October	Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop – More details from Mrs Atkinson to follow
20 th October	School Photograph's (Individual)
22 nd October	Harvest Festival – Children welcome to bring in tinned food items to donate to local food banks.