

Newsletter



MEADOW PARK
SCHOOL

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

As we approach the start of the Christmas holidays, I would like to thank students, families and staff for their hard work and effort this term and indeed throughout the whole of 2024. This year we have seen students take part in our widest range of enrichment opportunities such as STEM workshops; visits to universities; lectures, geography field work, mathematical challenges and a range of author and creative writing experiences. Students have also represented the school in sporting fixtures and performances such as theatrical showcases and the school show. Students further represented their House in competitions this term, culminating in Orbis House currently in the lead for the House Cup, although with two terms still to go it is all to play for and the overall winners will be announced in July. I am in awe of how well students represent themselves, their Houses and the school and they should be very proud of their achievements. I would also like to thank the staff who give up their time so freely to provide these experiences for students.

On Wednesday we hosted our annual Christmas Lunch which saw the dining room transform into a winter wonderland with festive music for students to enjoy. I had the pleasure of helping serve the Christmas lunches to students and staff, although there were a few double takes from students when they saw me dressed in my Christmas outfit serving the turkey! We are very fortunate at Meadow Park to have our own catering team where all our food is prepared and cooked in house. It was impressive

and hard work serving nearly 900 Christmas lunches, but the team were excellent and the feedback from the students was very positive. I will be looking forward to catering for a much smaller number at home on Christmas Day!

The Christmas break might be a good opportunity to check your child's uniform and equipment as, if your children are like mine, they have a tendency to grow quickly! We do welcome any donations of preloved uniform, so if you do find your child has outgrown any items they will be greatly received at school. We have high expectations of uniform and as a reminder the core items are: grey pleated skirt or trousers; white shirt / blouse; green Meadow Park blazer; House tie; optional grey v neck jumper and plain black shoes (canvas shoes / white trainers are not permitted). If your child is fortunate enough to receive any hoodies or converse style shoes / white trainers, please can they leave them safely at home as they are not permitted uniform items. Equally, we are really proud of our 'no phones' policy for students and if they do receive a new phone for Christmas, it must be switched off, out of sight and not used at anytime at school.

Please note, students should return on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at normal time of 8:45

I wish you and your families a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in January 2025!

Mrs Pettman
Headteacher

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FINHAM PARK
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Issue: 20 December 2024

Head of House Awards
The Head of House Awards for last week
were awarded to:



Ella

George

Finley

Hamim

On behalf of SEND:

If you haven't already seen it, here's a copy of the latest "In Partnership" SEND ebulletin. If you would prefer to view it through your web browser, go to:

[SEND In-Partnership December 2024](#)

This edition contains details of our save the date Dyslexia session. Please be aware this session is not yet open for booking. You can also find details for sessions, groups and activities directly via the [SENDIASS events webpage](#).

If you have any contributions for our next bulletin then please send them to us at sendnews@coventry.gov.uk We would welcome any stories about individuals, groups or service changes.

Kind regards

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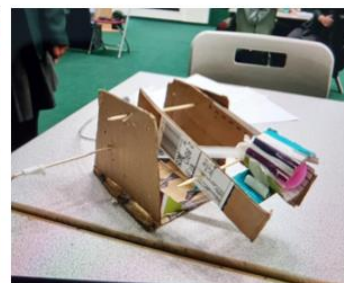
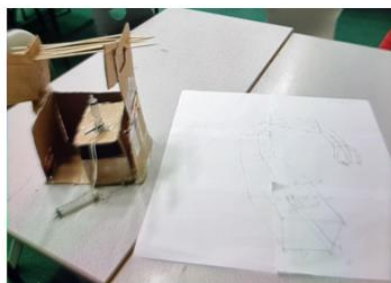
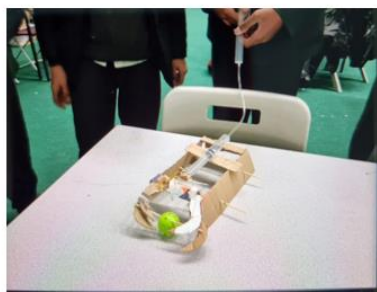
Royal academy of engineering workshop

4.12.24

Thank you to the pupils from 8ScA1 and 8ScB1 for taking part in the royal academy of engineering workshop.

Pupils were given the opportunity to explore the world of mechatronics and by working in teams, having assigned roles, designed and created a robotic arm to lift and move a table tennis ball.

All groups created a final product with at least one moving aspect. Well done to the winning group of: Avadhoot, Adelowo, Nathan and Oluwajuwonia.



SOCOTEC trip 18.12.24

On Wednesday 18th December we were fortunate to take a group of year 9 pupils who expressed an interest in pursuing a career in engineering and infrastructure, to SOCOTEC, Binley.

The day comprised of a tour around the laboratory, a building a stable bridge activity and a chance to interview three employers who had various roles within the company.

The pupils illustrated a number of key skills including leadership, questioning, listening and team work, whilst working together to create a stable bridge.

The day was a huge success with both pupils and engineers:

"I enjoyed learning about the different machines that they had, and about the different career paths in STEM"

"I enjoyed the tour and seeing all the equipment."

"Some of the questions the pupils asked me I was stumped."

"I enjoyed interviewing the workers as it helped me understand what the company was about and the careers you can have there."

"I think that going there in year 9 has helped with some of my career choices".



Miss Ronan
Deputy Curriculum Lead for Science



HAF is a national Department for Education funded programme that enables eligible children and young people to attend free activities and experiences with free nutritional food provided. HAF activities and experiences take place in the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

Benefits related FSM children can access a variety of free, fun sessions with food provided during this Christmas school holiday as part of the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme.

HAF Winter Fun programme, will run from **Saturday 21st December 2024 to Sunday 5th January 2025**. It includes free sessions to *The Wave*, *Planet Ice*, and day trips to pantomimes, farms, and trampolining! We've also got clubs for multi-sports, coding, cooking, skateboarding, performing arts, photography, and so much more.



They always aim to improve HAF, so following feedback, they are using a new and improved booking system called Eequ. Booking is simple, and we have included a guide with this letter to help you with this. **This system does not need HAF codes.** Follow the QR code on the right to watch a short video on how to make a booking. (You may need to zoom in for the code to work)

HAF Eligibility Criteria

[View our eligibility criteria here.](#)

HAF Customer Contact team can also support with HAF bookings and can be contacted on 08085 834 333.

For more information around the opening times and locations of family hubs and libraries, please call 0800 887 0545 or visit [//www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs) or [//www.coventry.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/libraries).

For support with this from school, please email me, the Pupil Premium Coordinator hwyk@meadowparkschool.com

Thanks
Miss van Wyk

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**TOTALLY
FREE**

The Pride of Willenhall
Coventry
PRESENTS

Our 11th year Christmas event

Tuesday 24th of December
Willenhall social club

9.00am till 11:45am

The event is free and open to all families in
Binley, Ernesford, Willenhall, Willenhall
Wood, Stonehouse estate and Whitley only!

EVERY CHILD CAN MEET SANTA, RECEIVES A SELECTION BOX,
SWEETS AND TREATS AND A QUALITY GIFT... PLUS HUGE FREE RAFFLE
WITH FANTASTIC PRIZES!

AMAZING STILT WALKER OUTSIDE TO ENTERTAIN THE CROWD, BBC
CWR COMING LIVE FROM THE EVENT AND A VISIT FROM THE LORD
MAYOR TO OPEN THE EVENT!

Sky blue support are kindly supplying hot food
and drinks on the day too

DJ Rich on the decks inside with
the best Christmas music

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Huge thanks to our
amazing sponsors LFE for
all there support this year

New Parent App and School Communication

Please sign up to our new parent portal MyChildAtSchool (MCAS).



DON'T FORGET to enable push notifications for the MyChildAtSchool app on your phone so you can see all emails and letters the school sends you.

All schools in the Trust are using Bromcom and MCAS so for Meadow Park School, it means MCAS replaces School Synergy.

MCAS is now live, so as soon as you sign up you will be able to see your child's information. As School Synergy is linked to our old MIS it is no longer updating, therefore in order to view your child's timetable, see their attendance and behaviour points you will need to sign up to MCAS.

You have access to all the same information as you had in School Synergy. MCAS allows us to securely share your child's/children's achievement points, attendance, school reports, letters and school diary whenever you wish. The portal also provides general useful information about the school such as flash announcements. This will be our **primary means of communication** with you, from now on. Please make sure you enable notifications for MCAS as this is the way we will send you emails and letters.

To login to the MCAS Parent Portal, we have enabled you to 'self-sign on'. All you will need for this is your email address that the school has on record for you. Enter the school postcode CV34BD (without a space) or use our identifier 15028. Search for Meadow Park School.

School Communication

All communication from school is now via Bromcom and if you sign up to the parent portal MCAS then you will receive notifications from the school via the app. You can view all letters and emails, past and present, in MCAS. If you don't have the app then you will receive a normal email. Please add '15028@bromcomcloud.com' to your address book in order to prevent messages being blocked by your spam/junk filters.

How to Self-Sign Up for Parents

Parents and carers can access the MCAS Parent Login screen in two ways:

1. From within your web browser type **www.mychildatschool.com**
2. Download the free **MyChildAtSchool** parent app from either the Apple App Store or Google Play.

When you use the parent portal for the first time you will need to Sign-Up. Full instructions have been emailed home or they can be found on our website.

If you require any assistance logging in for the first time, please contact the School Office by emailing admin@meadowparkschool.com or telephone 02476 302580.

Uniform



Green school blazer



Grey V-neck sweater



Tie



Skirt



Trousers

School shoes guidance

Plain black with no logos
No high heels, 'sliders', boots, sling back or open-toed shoes
Black leather or leather effect

TRAINERS AND CANVAS SHOES (VANS/CONVERSE) ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE



Spring Term 2025

Teacher Inset Days	Monday 6th January & Tuesday 7th January
Term Starts	Wednesday 8th January
Half Term	Saturday 15th February – Sunday 23rd February
Last Day of Term	Friday 11th April
Easter Holiday	Saturday 12th April – Sunday 27th April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts	Monday 28th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May
Half Term	Saturday 24th May – June 1st June
Last Day of Term	Friday 18th July
Summer Holiday Starts	Saturday 19th July

Safeguarding – Staying Safe Over Christmas

Whether it is the festivities of Christmas you are looking forward to or just the extended time you are able to spend at home with the family – we want you and your family to enjoy this time safely, so have put together some information for you to read through and consider over the Christmas break.

Advice regarding GIFTS:

New electronic gadgets for Christmas?: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Water Beads / Orbeez and the hazards of these: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/opss-issues-safety-alert-to-warn-of-the-risks-of-water-beads>

E Bikes and E Scooter Safety: <https://fireengland.uk/fire-safety/charging-your-e-bike-or-e-scooter>

Water and Ice Safety: <https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/ice>

Fire Safety: [Fire safety when celebrating \(accessible\)](#) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Road Safety: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadsafetyeducation>

Safety on Rail networks: [Safety education - Network Rail](#)

Supporting Mental Health & Wellbeing

- **Mental Health Support:** [Looking After Your Mental Health at Christmas | Blog | Young Minds](#)
- **A wellbeing advent calendar** - [Christmas wellbeing tips for children and young people](#)
- **The Mix:** [Looking after your mental health over the holidays](#)
- **MIND** - [Christmas and mental health](#)
- **Latest KOOTH Newsletter** - [Free mental health tools & support for young people this festive season](#)

Advice on Stranger Awareness

If you have a concern about strangers, intruders or concerns in your neighbourhood to suggest immediate risk, call 999 and ask for the Police.

If **non-urgent contact 101** and speak to the local police or call your SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team). Share your concerns and **always get an incident number and take the name and collar number of the person you are speaking to: note the date and time.**

When discussing safety with your (especially younger) children, please **do not** teach blanket 'stranger danger' messages. The reason for this is that **sometimes a stranger is the only person who can help us and is a far safer option than not talking to anyone.** E.g. a child lost in a supermarket, or a theme park is far safer to tell a stranger they are lost, than to wander off looking for the person they have separated from.

It can be helpful to discuss **who might be the 'safer' strangers to ask for help in such scenarios:** Perhaps there is someone with a uniform or security guard in a Hi-Viz jacket or someone else who may work in the shop or theme park (usually with a name badge on)? If not, is there a parent with a pram or small children that gives the child confidence that they will help another child?

Remind children that:

- if someone tries to grab them, **it is ok to break all the normal rules of politeness** to others e.g. **scream, kick, punch, bite...** etc - whatever they need to do to draw attention to themselves and **alert others to the fact they are in danger.**
- **If a child needs to run away from danger, it is important that they go to a safe place to seek help.**

Support for Families

[Food Bank information; List of Coventry Social Supermarkets; Cost of Living Advice; List of Contacts for Support Services.; Coventry Family Hubs List](#)

Stay Safe !

Paul Rule
Child Protection Officer &
Senior Pastoral Support Manager



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