



Autumn Term 1 - 2016

# NEWSLETTER

## A BUSY START TO OUR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents / Carers,

As usual we have had a very busy start to our new academic year here at Meadow Park. I'd like to wish a very warm welcome to the many new pupils who have started their fresh starts and new educational journey with us, and a welcome back to our old pupils and families. It is great to see everyone back safe and sound, and well rested for a new year of challenging learning opportunities. As early as it is in the new school year, we are already full and over our pupil numbers. I'm looking forward to a number of our pupils returning to mainstream schools during the course of this term.

This 'Autumn Term Newsletter,' will keep you posted about what we have already been doing in school, and what to look forward to as the term progresses. I hope you will take the time to read it so that you can keep up to date.

I'd really like to draw your attention to the 'Be a School Governor' section on page 5, as we are in need of a parent representative on our Governing Body. As usual if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Marshall - Headteacher

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### **REMINDER**

We break up for half term on **Friday 21st October.**

We return to school on **Monday 31st October.**



# OUR RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO FRANCE

8th to 12th August 2016

*"I have had the best time of my life. I will never forget this experience." (One of our Year 11 pupils).*

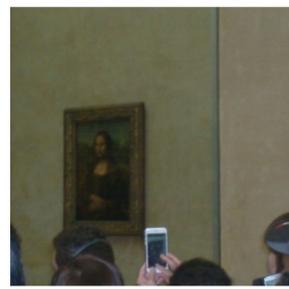
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## THE PLAN



DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
MON	Arrive at School at 930. Wear our hoodies! Off to Liverpool Airport for our flight at 1230.	Arrive in Paris and get transport from Charles De Gaulle Airport to Le Chateau de Grande Romaine	Crepe making Memory Book Log
TUE	Trip to Brie Compte Robert Market to buy ingredients in French, for our lunch!	On site activities – Climbing wall and Trapeze.	Million Pound Drop Game Memory Book Log
WED	Paris – Eiffel Tower	Paris – Louvre and Cruise on River Seine	Campfire Memory Book Log
THU	Euro Disney	Euro Disney	Euro Disney Memory Book Log
FRI	Pack & Prepare to go home.	Travel to airport. Flight arrives home at 425pm.	BACK HOME



We saw the World famous Mona Lisa at the Louvre.

We were surprised at how small it was.

We went shopping at a French market to buy the ingredients for our lunch. We had to ask for things in French!



A group of 15 enjoyed a week away in France during the summer holidays. We can't wait to do it again next summer.



Outside Disneyland Paris



The pool at the Chateau



Toasting marshmallows on the campfire



Archery



Cruise down the Seine



Meal at Planet Hollywood



We all really enjoyed the week in France, but we all agreed that the most memorable part of it was our visit to Disneyland Paris.

We went for the whole day, and stayed for the spectacular firework concert right at the end, at 11pm. It was magical!

The rides were the best. We managed to get on all the rides we wanted to, and we went on some of them a few times! Among our favourite rides were - the Tower of Terror, the Rock n Roller and Space Mountain.

Back at our Chateau we enjoyed lovely food each day, and took part in a number of activities on site when we were not in Paris or at Disneyland. We did the zip wire, archery, a campfire at night and the mid air trapeze - scary! In the bit of free time we had, we cooked crepes, had a quiz, went in the swimming pool and played football.

We are already planning the next trip - hope to see you there!



At the Eiffel Tower

## MR DEVLIN SETS US A CHALLENGE!

Our challenge was to write a 'message in a bottle,' for National Poetry Day.

The best one from each class will be sent to World-famous writer, Frank Cottrell Boyce, who will write a reply.

Winners will also be asked to decorate their own glass bottle, for their message to be displayed in, which will go on show in our new library & study base.

# NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Thursday 6th October 2016



**Here are just three of the poems  
we'd like to share with you.....**

### **Rescue Me, by Michael Davies, Class Evolve**

Rescue me from the salty sapphire sea.  
Rescue me from the screeching scavenger seagulls.  
Rescue me from the tumultuous tempestuous thunder.  
Rescue me from the blistering ball of fire.  
Rescue me from the putrid fruits.  
Rescue me from the pungent flowers.  
Rescue me from the crashing waves.  
Rescue me from the taste of my dry lip.

### **Class Winners -**

Alfie McMurrie - Class Freedom  
Stephen Powe - Class Vision  
Louis Naylor - Class Liberty  
Kyal Bradshaw - Class Endeavour  
Scott Potter - Class Honour  
Zander Dick - Class Inspiration  
Michael Davies - Class Evolve  
Kelsey Dwyer - Class Pride  
Joey Jacobson - Class Legacy  
Jamie Roberts - Class Determination

### **Here is a Poem, by Alfie McMurrie, Class Freedom**

Here is a poem I wrote today  
I'm going to start by saying "Hey!"  
My poem is to Frank Cottrell Boyce,  
My name is Alfie – I have a loud voice!

Everyday I go to Meadow Park School,  
I have lots of lessons and I play pool.  
My friends are called Tom, Luke and Ky –  
Every morning, we say "Hi!"

My favourite lesson is when we do wood,  
We chop and hammer –it's really good!  
I like all the things that we do here,  
They make me want to stand and cheer!

So now you know a bit about me,  
I hope that you will come and see  
Me and all our lovely school  
That really would be cool.

### **King of the Island, by Kyal Bradshaw, Class Endeavour**

Crashing waves are very loud,  
but for some reason, they make me proud  
to say that I have planned a future –  
this will be my next adventure!

I hear the birds tweet me songs –  
I feel I need to sing along!  
I like feeling lonely, for a while,  
then soon I'll have a great big smile...

for I will be King of the Island!

Yes, yet another visit to one of our favourite places, at Low Mill in Askrigg in the Yorkshire Dales.

A large group of 32 pupils from across 'Middle Years,' went for an adventure packed break, focussed on building confidence and working together.

Children took part in a range of activities, including -

- Zip Wire
- Abseiling
- Caving
- High Ropes
- Problem Solving Tasks
- Night Walk
- Gorge Walking



The next residential visit to Askrigg in the Yorkshire Dales is in March, for pupils in Upper Years.

**QUICK  
UPDATE**

## STAFFING

- We have said farewell to Mrs Regan-Hammond for a year, while she enjoys her time off on maternity leave.
- Class Freedom's new teacher is Miss Hudson.
- Welcome to Mr Cooney who is our new Learning Facilitator working in Class Liberty.
- Congratulations to Miss Kiernan who was married over the summer break and has returned as Mrs Chean.
- Welcome back to Ms Murphy who is returning from maternity leave after the half term break.

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## BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

Would you like an opportunity to have your say about how our school is run? Governors play a very important part in holding the school to account and making important decisions about the school's finances, staffing and policies.

Our Governing Body has 2 parent representatives and one of them is currently vacant.

It doesn't take up too much of your time, we meet about 6 times a year and each meeting lasts about 2 hours.

**If you are interested please let  
Mr Marshall know.**

**KEEP IN TOUCH -**

**Go to our Website -**

**[meadowparkknowsley.co.uk](http://meadowparkknowsley.co.uk)**

**BITE SIZED****WHAT'S ON - NEXT HALF TERM**

- Halloween Party and Fancy Dress Fun - Mon. 31st October
- Family & Friends Christmas Lunch - Friday 16th December at 1230pm.
- Progress Consultation Day - Friday 18th November
- 2017 Calendar art competition starts on 21st November - this year's theme is 'World Famous Buildings & Architecture.'
- Friday 25th November - National Cake Day - Baking Challenge!

**New Library & Study Base**

During October half term we will be changing our meeting room at the front of school, into a library and study base. Watch this space for more news next time....

**Progress Consultation Day**

On Friday 18th November we have organised a whole day where you will be invited in with your child at a particular time, to discuss your child's progress with us. If your child is also on roll at another school, then a review meeting will be held on this day. If your child is returning to mainstream soon, then their prospective new schools will meet with us on this day too. We will also be running a few workshops for parents too. More news very soon!

**Coming Up - Halloween Party**

Mr Langlois and Miss Hudson have been busy planning a Halloween Party which will take place on our first day back after half term - **Monday 31st October, in the afternoon.** There will be lots of fun games available to take part in, as well as fancy dress and a disco. We are even going to re-create Michael Jackson's 'Thriller.' Please see the letter attached to this newsletter for more information.

**After School Clubs - after October half term**

**Tuesdays** - Ready, Steady Cook with Mr Worsley & Mrs Bowness & Sports Club with Mr J Jones

**Wednesdays** - DT Club with Mr P Jones and Mr McGee

**Thursdays** - Taekwondo Club with Miss Wilton and Frank the instructor

**A BIG thank you to the staff who run the clubs for giving up their time.**

**Classes in School this Year****MIDDLE YEARS -**

FREEDOM - Year 3/4 - Miss Hudson

SPIRIT - Year 4/5 - Miss Millisp

VISION - Year 6 - Mrs Davies

LIBERTY - Year 7/8 - Miss Sankey

ASPIRE - Year 8/9 - Miss Kennerley

ENDEAVOUR - Year 8/9 - Mrs Chean

**UPPER YEARS -**

COURAGE - Year 9 - Ms Lyon

INSPIRATION - Year 10 - Mr Dunn

HONOUR - Year 10 - Mr Sinnott

LEGACY - Year 10 - Mrs Tipton

PRIDE - Year 11 - Mr Jones

EVOLVE - Year 11 - Miss Hand

**School Attendance Drive**

Please help us to make sure your child benefits from coming to school, by making sure they attend 100% of the time.

Children should only be off when they are very ill, and NEVER off for -

- Birthdays, shopping, days out, to help out at home, take siblings to school

Children are no longer allowed ANY time off school to go on holidays during school time.

