

Message from the Senior Management Team

Dear Parents,

Across the UK this week, children will be learning more about bullying and bullying-related topics to support **Anti-Bullying Week**, whose theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. At Meadowbrook, staff constantly talk to children about how to recognise and deal with bullying difficulties and how to get help if they feel they are being subjected to bullying behaviours. Children even contribute to the drafting of school policies about bullying, which helps us reinforce their right to be safe, happy and respected, and empowers them to act if they DON'T feel safe and happy.

We have chosen to focus our assembly this week on **online safety and cyber-bullying**, as these are increasingly pertinent issues relating to children in an increasingly online world. You may recall from Issue 4 that we highlighted the amendments to the policy on 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) to emphasise this as a growing area of need for school-aged children in the UK, and a growing area of focus for school practitioners. Our KS1 and KS2 classes will have different assemblies this week, to allow us to 'pitch' the level of detail and information in an age-appropriate way. Please discuss this topic with your children at home too, and ask them what they have learnt at school.

It is worth regularly reinforcing your own expectation of your child's use of online technology at home, as it is becoming easier and easier for them to be exposed to material and

content that is not relevant or appropriate. Please talk to them about what they should do if they see or hear online content that they dislike or feel uncomfortable with.

If you require more support or information about this topic, there are many local and national charities and organisations that are running campaigns to highlight this important issue. To find out more, please visit www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk



On a cheerier note, we are celebrating Children in Need on Friday with a pyjama day at school. Please wrap up warm in your best PJs and fluffiest slippers! There will be donation box at the main door in the morning for you to pop your £1 in! If you don't want to wear PJs, home clothes are fine too.

Our annual Christmas Card design activity, organized by FoMM, has been returned to us from the printers and the cards are now ready to be ordered. The original artworks have been handed back to the children for them to take home, so please look out for them in bags and reading folders! On the back of the artwork, you will find your unique reference number and instructions for ordering the cards.

Should you wish to purchase your child's cards, please ensure you do so by:

Monday, 19th November.

Ask Zoe Steed or your class teacher for more details.



Adam Weech, our sports teacher, has awarded two Golden Stars in sport this week. Golden Stars are awarded by Adam to children who have performed exceptionally well in a team game, either through their determination and perseverance, or their ability to support and encourage others to achieve their best and are

COMING UP:

Rags to Riches

Donations must be in by **Tuesday 13th November**
Please ask a member of staff or Zoe Steed for more details.

Odd Socks Day!

Please ask your child! Odd Socks Day will be held on Thursday, 15th November

Children In Need

Friday, 16th November
Please remember PJs and your £1 donation

very hard to achieve! So far, Adam has only awarded 2 Golden Stars this term. Well done to **Oliver Fowler** and **James Thairs**, both in Year 6, for their outstanding contributions to sport last week. You are worthy Golden Star winners!



On the same note, we would like to congratulate **Riaan Haque** in Year 1 for successfully trialling for Chelsea. Riaan has been accepted into the Chelsea under 6s squad and will begin training with them very soon. Well done Riaan!



Winter Portraits 2018

This week, your child will take home their proof cards from the school photo session. Orders may be placed online or via Meadowbrook. For free delivery, please place your order by midday on **Friday, 23rd November** if you are ordering through the school, or by **Sunday 25th November** if ordering online. For further details, please contact Sally Hitt on 01344 777031 or sally@themomentimages.com

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Meadowbrook Parent Comms

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