

## Head Teacher's Message

The great thing about being the Head Teacher is that I get the opportunity to poke my head into other classrooms to see what everyone else is up to. This week, the smell of bacon and sausages piqued my curiosity and I had to find out what Year 3&4 were up to!

The children looked to be in a Practical Life lesson, as they were all busily making their favourite sandwiches. Sausage, bacon, prawn and cucumber, salami, chocolate spread and jam were all on the menu and everyone was busy chopping, slicing and spreading. On asking about the lesson however, I was told it was about writing and using clear, precise and specific instructions. The lesson then was programming! Writing sequential, unambiguous instructions relates much more to writing algorithms in computer programming than making a sandwich. The Practical Life skills were an added bonus, as was the opportunity to watch the children happily engaging in independent activity.



Kani said 'My sandwich was fully vegetarian. I had a Quorn sausage sandwich and it was yummy! I learnt how to write specific instructions to make a good sandwich'.

Joshua B said 'Sarah Jane taught us how to be precise in our instructions. I enjoyed this lesson a lot because I love bacon'!

For parents who would like to know more about the origins of this lesson, you can watch the video 'Peanut Butter Jelly Sandwich' on YouTube. There is more than one version out there but they all share the same message.

Meanwhile, Year 5&6 have been learning about Early Man in Science. Jenevieve tells me 'Neanderthal Man

was actually quite smart. They started to bury their loved ones, use tools and use fire. I learnt this from a Power Point Julie shared with us in school’.



Sophia told me that she learnt the first generation of early man originated from Africa and that modern humans share 50% DNA with a banana!



## FoMM Halloween Disco and Fun Night

**Friday 22nd October**

Don't forget to get your tickets from Zoe Steed or your class rep before Friday. Tickets are £5pp and include surprise entertainment!

There will also be lots of games and the chance to buy scrummy Halloween treats.

Children and adults are invited to dress up in their favourite Halloween costume.

Please bring your donations of cakes and cookies to school on Friday.

## **Diary Dates**

**Y3&4 Roman Day**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Halloween Disco and Fun**

**Night**

**Friday 22nd October**

**From 6pm**

**Half Term**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October –**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Inset Day**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Christmas Holiday Club**

For those of you new to the Meadowbrook community,

you may not know about the wonderful Holiday Club that Barbara O'Sullivan runs.

Barbara is the former Head of Pre-Primary and was our Reception teacher before Wendy. Barbara retired in the summer of 2020 but still runs her successful Holiday Club, open to Meadowbrook pupils and their family and friends. I have attached a copy of the Summer Holiday Club newsletter to this email so you can see for yourself the fun Holiday Clubbers have!

Barbara is offering to run Christmas Club from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. For more info please contact Barbara on: [bosholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:bosholidayclub@gmail.com) 07870279403

## **Polite Notices**

Please ensure you are driving into the driveway on the right side of the road. I have had reports of a couple of near misses recently, where parents have swung into the driveway quickly without realising another car is driving out. Thank you.

Please also note that my old email [sarah.warner@meadowbrook.uk](mailto:sarah.warner@meadowbrook.uk) is no longer active, so please contact me on the headteacher email address below.

**Sarah**

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