

Head Teacher's Message

Meadowbrook was a centre of glitz and glamour as we donned our best sparkle and shine to support BBC's Children in Need today. Everyone looked amazing! We raised



£45.81!

which will help children living in more disadvantaged circumstances than yourselves.

Well done and thank you.

You can find more of our lovely pictures on our Facebook page!

In assembly on Monday, children discussed two national strategies that were in action this week: anti-bullying week and road safety week. At Meadowbrook, we inherently invest time and attention to helping children understand more about bullying, and the difference between teasing, being mean and bullying.

Children should know that bullying is repetitive, intentionally harmful behaviour that makes people feel demeaned, demoralised, isolated or even physically harmed.

A more modern addition to the teaching of bullying in schools considers the responsibility of the 'bystander'. Again, children should know that looking out for other people is a common feature of being a decent person and, while they are clearly not expected to put themselves at risk of harm, they should know there are strategies they can use to address such situations. In short, they can take action against

bullying by reporting any concerns they have to a trusted adult. Furthermore, and this is the part that really needed reinforcing, should they feel their concerns are not being resolved, or if they believe the situation remains unchanged, they have the right to share their concern with ANOTHER adult. While this may seem to place great responsibility on them, young children can be surprisingly bold, especially if they know they are doing the 'right' thing. Helping them understand they have both the right and the power to determine positive, healthy relationships and lifestyles is the essence of Relationship Education and it is the job of all the adults around children to help them realise this.

Please do follow up this conversation at home. It's always interesting to know what they've absorbed and what they think.

Discussions about road safety proved to be very different from my own experience of this in school. Children increasingly have far less experience in crossing the road or generally walking about without their parents, and there are barely any public information advertisements on screen anymore. We talked about the sorts of dangers faced when crossing or using the road and what people can do to minimise these risks. Most of our children have walked around the local fields and lanes and could talk about the things we do to keep safe on the road. Walking in single-file, wearing hi-vis jackets, keeping behind an adult and using

the 'stop, look and listen' method when crossing all featured on the list, which just goes to show that practical experiences really are the best way for children to learn!

Christmas Festivities Update

Beth, our new pastor, has notified us that some restrictions will remain in place for Christmas. Refreshments will be served outside, although they can be consumed inside, and everyone over the age of 11 will have to wear a mask while singing, unless exempt. We don't expect this to change, but we'll let you know if it does!

Diary Dates

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th November

On sale at drop-off only!

Year 3&4 Trip to Slough Water

Works

Wednesday 24th November

Year 5&6 Ancient Briton Day

Wednesday 24th November

Lower Primary Show and Tell

Wednesday 24th November

Lower Primary Twilight Delight

**Friday 3rd December
5-7pm**

Christmas Holiday Club

13th December- 17th December
Barbara will decide this week if club will rubg, so book your places now if you want them:

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