



## Head Teacher's Message

Isabelle Fowler takes pride of place in the Comms this week. As you may recall, we held a 'names in a pot' competition last week to select a pupil to represent Meadowbrook School at a special jubilee tree-planting ceremony.

Isabelle, who won the competition, took her mum, Michelle, to Windsor Great Park, where Isabelle planted tree number 30 for us! She then got to have a traditional English tea with fancy sandwiches, tea and scones.

I'm sure the Queen would be impressed!



*Isabelle said 'I felt really privileged to have that day because it felt really special, even though I got soaked! It was really lovely to spend the day with my mum doing something that was such a good opportunity. My favourite bit was the lunch because I got to drink all the cups of tea I wanted and I could help myself to the sandwiches. I had two cups of tea, seven sandwiches, two cakes and half a scone. Happy days'.*

I know many of you pop to the Great Park at the weekend, so I'm setting you a challenge. Find our tree, take a picture of yourself

standing by it, then send it to me (with permission of course). You could even strike a fancy pose!

Our own jubilee plans are forging ahead, with a tremendous amount of work going on behind the scenes to make the event memorable. The 50s theme means that a lot of effort is being made to create a 'vintage' feel to our activities and games, and we really do hope you go along with it too! Don't forget that you can dress in red, white and blue if the 50s theme doesn't work for you.

As with all community events, the day needs everyone to pull together as much as possible. There are a number of collections going on in school over the next couple of weeks, with the first one coming from Sarah Jane's class:

**Dear Families,**

**Years 2, 3 and 4 are running a second-hand toy stall for the jubilee fete so please can you all donate your old toys and books and games to us.**



**There will be a collection box by the front door from Monday. Thank you everyone!  
From Ava**



FoMM also have some requests to help the event run successfully. Cakes and bakes are required for the refreshment stall, which FoMM would prefer to have on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, or Friday drop-off at the latest. Please can parents ensure homemade goodies are clearly labelled with key ingredients. Tins, trays and tubs can be returned if they are clearly labelled.

In keeping with the theme, here are some ideas for 1950s British cakes:

rock buns

jam tarts

butterfly cakes

fairy cakes

scones

fruitcake

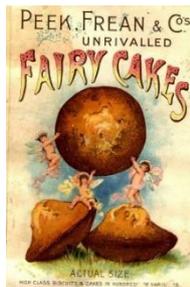
swiss roll

apple/fruit tart

lemon meringue

treacle tart

bread and butter pudding.



FoMM are also in need of two gazebos, preferably ready for preparation day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The day will be spent preparing activities such as the raffle and tombola, putting up the gazebos and making a start on the decorations. Please let us know if you can help.

Zoe has kindly put a sign-up sheet in the Atrium, and a sign-up sheet can be found on the chalkboard outside the main door in the mornings. Please check the specific areas we request help with and volunteer to help where you can. Finalising the setting-up and packing away on the day always require lots of pairs of

hands, and the more helpers we can drum up, the better!

On the day itself, the family picnic lunch will start at 12pm for about an hour, so children can have a rest and play after the school morning. Crumbs will provide a Jubilee packed lunch for children that usually have hot lunch, even if their parents bring them food in their family picnic.

If you can't make the picnic, and would like to order the Jubilee packed lunch for your child, then please let Joy know by Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May. There will of course be an additional charge if you are ordering as a one-off.

The fete will start for 1pm, with some activities available for the first half, and some for the second half. The children and FoMM will open their respective 'stalls' (the children are planning and manning these with their class teacher), so families can mingle and have a go at all the games! At 3pm, the winners of the raffle and various other competitions will be announced, at which point the tidy-up mission will begin.

### Lower Primary Show and Tell.

Lower Primary are invited to bring a special toy or item for Show and Tell on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. They will need to explain why it is important to them, what materials it is made of, how it is powered if applicable. Some children might like to practise their little speech before the day, so please help them choose something and practise at home if it will boost their confidence.



The special compliment this week goes to Nathan Elliot, Y5. During a study session with Lower Primary in Homework Club this week, Nathan came into the library and, without prompt, sat next to some of the children and helped them complete their maths homework. Well done Nathan, and thank you! You are such a good, helpful, kind role model. What a star!

## Diary Dates

### School Photos

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Class and Graduate photos.  
Summer uniform and nice shoes please!

### Platinum Jubilee Celebration

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

50s themed picnic and fete

### Half Term

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May -**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

### Missed Bank Holiday

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

### Inset Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Have a lovely sunny weekend!

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