



Meole Brace
C of E Primary School and Nursery



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HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Mr. Bray

March 2024

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING



It's been another busy half term of learning for the children, with several educational visits and visitors helping to bring the curriculum to life. Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day out in Shrewsbury town centre, visiting Shrewsbury Museum and the Mount House as part of their Science unit of work on



Evolution and Inheritance, in which they study Charles Darwin and his work. They also visited Shrewsbury Library and stopped by Waterstones bookshop to use their £1 World Book Day tokens as part of our book day celebrations. Meanwhile, Year 2 visited Park Hall Farm this week as part of their Science topic, Animals including Humans.

Reception's visitors for their learning about People Who Help Us kept on coming as well as they enjoyed an interactive talk from a dental nurse who taught them all about our teeth and how best to look after them.



EASTER

The children have enjoyed thinking about the Easter story in collective worship this week and are looking forward to visiting the Church for a special service to round out the term on Thursday.

I hope you are all able to enjoy some rest and family time over the two week Easter break and then we will look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 8th April.



EVENTS - WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was a great success, with a whole range of reading activities taking place across the school. The day after World Book Day, we held a school-wide reading buddies session where the older children paired up with the younger children to share a book together which really inspired them all and we will be sure to do this again soon. Take a look at this half term's [Reading Newsletter](#) to see more and for some hints and tips for how best to support reading at home.



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP



It has been lovely to see so many of our families in school for different events this term. Thank you to everyone who attended the recent parent/carer consultations – we hope that you found them informative and that you enjoyed seeing the children's wonderful work in their classrooms before or after your appointments with the teachers. Thank you also to each of you who was able to join us for our Maths and Phonics curriculum workshops – look out for more to come. The Friends organised Coffee Morning and Mother's Day Breakfast were also great successes and we are very much looking forward to the upcoming Easter Egg hunt. Huge thanks, as always, to The Friends for giving up their time to help make our school community so special.



SPORTS FIXTURES

Congratulations to our all-conquering netball team who completed their league season undefeated, winning every game on their way to retaining the Shrewsbury Primary Schools Netball League title! Throughout the season, the children not only played fantastically well, but they represented our school brilliantly, displaying each of our school values and truly letting their lights shine!



A huge well done to both our Girls Under 11 football team and our Under 10 hockey team also for reaching the semi-finals of their tournaments this half term.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



There's been a wide range of after school clubs taking place this term with Computer Coding, STEM, Board Games, Arts and Crafts and a range of sports, to name just a few. Thank you to each of the team for running these enriching activities. A special mention must go to Miss Purslow and her Dance club who were amazing in their performance at Theatre Severn and thank you to Mrs Harris and Mrs Gregory for accompanying them on the night.



SAFER SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Safer School survey sent out earlier this term. The Safer School evaluation meeting was held here in school on Thursday 22nd February and I am delighted to confirm that we were re-accredited. Crime Prevention Officer, Ian Bartlett, who leads the initiative was extremely positive about the school and wanted me to share the following with you all:

“It’s nine years since Meole Brace C. E. Primary School and Nursery became an accredited ‘Safer School’ and as part of a regular review, Mr Bray recently held a Safer School meeting. As previously, I was particularly impressed by the hard work of the

school in preparation for this review meeting. Involving parents/carers and pupils is an important aspect of the initiative and this was demonstrated by two recent Safer School surveys. The feedback was thorough and overwhelmingly positive with many, many reassuring compliments about the school from parents/carers and pupils.

At the meeting, we reviewed security/safety, reflected on any issues/concerns and planned for the future. It was also reassuring to hear that there had been no recorded incidents of security on the school site in the past 12 months. Excellent news. The school was presented with an updated Safer School certificate and a future meeting is planned for Spring 2025. Congratulations!”

As Ian states, the feedback from the parent/carer and pupil surveys was overwhelmingly positive, however there was one consistent concern raised and that was around traffic and cars outside school at drop-off and pick-up times. This does not fall under the remit of the Safer School initiative, which purely focuses on the school site and unfortunately, we do not have control of the roads and pavements. This is not to say that we do not take these concerns seriously though and I completely agree that this is an ongoing issue. I therefore urge everyone who can to walk, cycle or scooter to school and if it is necessary for you to bring the car, please park at the park and stride opposite the Church or take up the Brooklands pub’s kind offer of their car park and make the short walk through the churchyard and up to school. Visit the [Safer School page](#) of our website to find out more.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- Easter Holiday – Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April
- Summer Term begins (Children return to School) – Monday 8th April
- Year 4 CPAS Ventures Information Meeting – Wednesday 17th April at 4.30pm
- Parent/Carer Coffee Morning – Friday 19th April
- Schools Half Marathon at the West Mid Showgrounds – Saturday 20th April
- May Day Bank Holiday (School & Nursery closed) – Monday 6th May
- Key Stage 2 SATs Week – Week beginning Monday 13th May
- PD Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils) – Friday 24th May
- May Half Term break – Week beginning Monday 27th May

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