



LATEST NEWS

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Pantomime fun!

We hope our KS2 students had an enjoyable first day back watching the enchanting pantomime "Sleeping Beauty." The PTA were delighted to be able to make a significant contribution towards the cost of this trip. We will also be supporting a similar trip for Reception and KS1 later this year



Winter festival

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our winter festival. In particular a special mention to Polar Bear Windows for sponsoring the very popular Snowglobe.

We hope all the children enjoyed taking part in all the activities that were on offer. A big thank you to all of our PTA volunteers for their hard work planning and all those who helped out on the day setting up, manning stalls and clearing up at the end. Along with our other festive activities a fantastic £707 was raised for our school!



Next PTA meeting
Tuesday 23rd January -
All welcome



FEBRUARY

Virtual balloon race (February half term)

VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE

We will be launching a virtual balloon race (online) during the February half term week. Balloons will go in sale in the next couple of weeks at £3 a balloon. The race will last 7 days and entries will be able to design their balloon and track how far it travels with several prizes to be won. Look out for further information on how to enter.



Congratulations Harriet!



Harriet in year 1 won our Polar Bear art competition and received her very own polar bear cuddly. Well done Harriet!



Well done to everyone who took part. Mr Edwards was wowed with all of your creative ideas and techniques, the polar bears made a wonderful display at the Winter Festival and you should all be very proud.



Thank you to Polar Bear Windows for sponsoring our Winter Festival. They paid for the giant inflatable snow globe which was a fun and popular addition.





Exciting new Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) programme is in the pipeline!

The PTA are thrilled to announce we are funding a programme to improve children's play and learning at school.

OPAL is a mentor-supported school improvement programme addressing all 18 areas a school must plan for if they want to sustainably improve the quality of play. The OPAL Primary Programme is the only one of its kind, blending elements of strategic school improvement practice, action planning, self-evaluation, playwork skills and knowledge and twenty years of action-research.

School staff will be receiving their first training session on January 29th.

As part of the programme implementation we will also be looking at funding for new play equipment and imaginative play donations.

“Research shows that children's mental and physical health is getting worse and that great play can make it better. During seven years at primary school, children spend 1.4 years at play.

Our aim is to ensure that every child has at least one hour's outstanding outdoor play every school day.”

Remember to use easy fundraising which helps to raise funds from the school, just use this link to sign up!
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/meadowspta>

The screenshot shows the Easy Fundraising website interface. At the top, the 'easyfundraising' logo is displayed with a sun icon and two hearts. Below the logo, the text 'Double, triple and increased donations!' is prominently featured. The main content area is a grid of eight shop cards, each with a logo and a donation offer:

- Selfridges**: Up to 8.00% donation. Discover amazing Christmas gifts for your loved ones.
- LEGO**: Up to 5.00% donation. Build a massive LEGO® Star Wars™ wampa coat replica snack cracker!
- JD**: Up to 5.00% donation. Get up to 50% off with mid-season offers.
- NET ON THE HIGH ST.**: Up to 8.00% donation. Up to 50% off Cozy Autumnal vibes.
- THE NORTH FACE**: Up to 5.00% donation. Explore new arrivals at The North Face.
- Expedia**: Up to 5.00% donation. Save on autumn breaks with Expedia.
- Argos**: Up to 3.00% donation. Does Friday is missing? Why wait? Get hundreds of multi-use deals available now, ends Nov 28th.
- TESCO**: Up to £3.50 donation. Good food is about quality ingredients and the way it makes you feel.



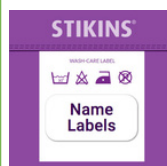
THERE ARE LOT OF EASY WAYS YOU CAN HELP US TO RAISE FUNDS:



7,000 shops and sites will donate to The Meadows Primary School PTA - at no extra cost to you - to sign up use this link
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/meadowspta/>



Help our fundraising efforts by buying tickets for Your School Lottery. Tickets cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000. Enter now at
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-meadows-primary-school>



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The Friends of the Meadows will earn 30% commission on all sales, just remember to use our unique fundraising number 23281