



# The Oakleaf

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Weekly Newsletter

**WEEK COMMENCING: 25/01/2021 (Menu Week 1)**

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I do hope that this week's Oakleaf finds you all well.

I am sorry to tell you that Miss Sam Sanders, who worked in Year 3, left our school at the end of term for a new role at Jennett's Park Primary School. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well. As you know, Mrs Jenkins retired at the end of last term and I am pleased to inform you that we have welcomed Anna Bondos-Persaud to the Year 6 team as a Teaching Assistant from the start of this term.

I do hope that you are finding the remote learning offer that the staff team have worked so hard on supportive of your child's education. I do appreciate just how busy you all are at the moment but, if you have any feedback on our remote education, I would be so grateful to hear from you on the following email address: [feedback@meadowvaleprimary.com](mailto:feedback@meadowvaleprimary.com). Please note that this address should not be used as a replacement for the help@ emails that you are all using to contact staff. The feedback@ address will be available to parents until next Friday. Thank you, in advance, for your time.

With very best wishes

Catherine Forrester



Please keep a very close eye on the weather over the weekend. Our school website will be updated with any information in the event of closures and parents will be contacted via Teachers2Parents. [www.meadowvaleprimary.co.uk](http://www.meadowvaleprimary.co.uk)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Year 1 children in school:** We will be taking part in some Forest Schools learning so please remember to bring in your wellies and a waterproof coat **EVERY FRIDAY**.



<b>Monday 25th January</b>	◆ 4D/Ms Ahmed's Bubble/Year 5/Year 6 - wear your PE kit to school on <b>Mondays</b>
<b>Tuesday 26th January</b>	◆ Year 1/Year 5 - wear your PE kit to school on <b>Tuesdays</b>
<b>Wednesday 27th January</b>	◆ Reception/Year 6 - wear your PE kit to school on <b>Wednesdays</b> ◆ PTA "Zoom" Meeting 8pm-8.40pm - All welcome
<b>Thursday 28th January</b>	◆ Year 2/Year 3/Ms Ahmed's Bubble - wear your PE kit to school on <b>Thursdays</b>
<b>Friday 29th January</b>	◆ Year 3/4D - wear your PE kit to school on <b>Fridays</b> ◆ Year 1 children in school - remember to bring in your wellies and a waterproof coat

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## PTA "Zoom" Meeting - All Welcome

Parents/Carers/Staff - You are invited to the next PTA Zoom Meeting which is taking place on

**Wednesday 27th January**

**8pm - 8.40pm**

Meeting ID 635 454 5188  
Password 0U6Ym2

Meadow Vale Primary School is committed to providing remote education for pupils using Microsoft Office 365 and Teams. Please remember to use the help emails for support:

Nurseryhelp@meadowvaleprimary.com  
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## ART COMPETITION 2021

### 'Signs of Spring'

*This term, we will be running a whole school photography competition on the theme 'signs of spring'. It is your job to get outside, notice & photograph what you see. It could be bulbs bursting, local wildlife or beautiful landscapes. Be creative—think about camera angles, lighting etc.*

#### Winners:

*There will be a prize for the best photograph in each phase: EYFS/KSI/LKS2/UKS2 and your work will be published for the school community to see & enjoy!*

*Maximum of 3 entries per child.*

*Please submit your entry/entries to [spring@meadowvaleprimary.com](mailto:spring@meadowvaleprimary.com) with the subject clearly stating your name & class by **26th March 2021.***

*Good Luck Everybody!*

Hello everyone,

Firstly, I hope you and your family are safe and well during this current lockdown.



My name is Dan Sleet from PlaySport and I'm very happy to be given the opportunity to lead the PE department at Meadow Vale School from January 2021. I have been coaching for 15 years, both externally through football-specific sessions in the evenings and weekends, and internally via PE delivery within a number of schools in the local area.

I believe sport is a crucial part of a child's development and progression and has countless benefits to an individual's physical and mental well-being. As part of my role at Meadow Vale, I want sport to be something that a child looks forward to, something that gives them a release, somewhere they can go to and enjoy a game with their friends, or even meet new friends.

Throughout my time at Meadow Vale, I would like every child to try as many sports and activities as possible, from Football & Tag-Rugby, to Golf & Handball – sport isn't just the Football & Rugby they see on TV, there are lots of other sports that are equally enjoyable and it's important for children to try something new, as you never know where it may lead!

Pathways and further opportunities are important for development and participation and I want to provide children with a 'next step' in sport, whether that's an after-school club, playing in a tournament representing the school, or offering a child the opportunity to attend an evening or weekend session to further their development. It's not about 'how good' the child is at a sport, it's more important to have the interest and desire to enjoy the sport as much as possible, whilst learning at the same time.

If I have not met your child yet, I'm very excited to welcome them back to Meadow Vale to enjoy the various sports we play at lunchtime, and to participate in our fun PE lessons. In the meantime, you can virtually meet me (the world we live in right now!) on YouTube as PlaySport have uploaded some Lockdown Learning videos for primary aged children. Over 4 weeks, we'll be uploading a video on Monday (Ball Skills), Wednesday (Indoor Athletics) & Friday (Fitness Friday). It would be great to see your child enjoying our challenges and staying active at home. I believe our video links have been sent to every class but if you haven't received the link, you can find us on YouTube via PlaySport – Lockdown Learning.

That's it from me, hopefully I've covered the most important information but if you have any questions relating to PE, please feel free to drop me an email at [dan@play-sport.co.uk](mailto:dan@play-sport.co.uk) and it would be great to hear from you.

I hope you and your family stay safe and well during these tough times and I look forward to meeting you soon.

**Dan Sleet**

## REMOTE LEARNING: Year 5 - Poetry

We've been blown away this week with some amazing poetry on the subject of The Anglo-Saxons... here are a couple of brilliant examples from two children in 5FB who are learning at home:

### The Saxons invasion! By Oliver W

There was a wooden boat and it was stuck on shore,  
But they needed their supplies so they kept loading it with more.  
The Romans were invaded but the other team was defeated,  
But then once again the Romans were attacked and this time retreated.

So, the Saxons sailed away but the weather wasn't great,  
And as it was windy it was hard to navigate.  
Storms were high and some were feeling sea-sick,  
And nothing was helping the sickness as it wasn't doing the trick.

Finally, at England setting up their camp,  
But they weren't too happy that it was a bit damp.  
They took over Lindisfarne without any pity,  
Then they killed what was like a monk city.

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### By Joshua H

To power the Saxons boat it was Important to load the oars,  
the soldiers also made sure they packed their iron swords.  
The children played and watched the boats,  
as the farmers gave grass to the feeding goats.

Tools like forks and spades would assist the farmers to dig,  
and the cook onboard the boat had to capture at least one pig.  
For a successful crossing each boat contained a farmer,  
and the soldiers made sure they had a supply of armour.

During the long journey the children got extremely cold,  
the food on the table started to show signs of mould.  
The children looked out of the boat and all they saw was the sea,  
and one of the children was so desperate for a wee.

The journey across was taking for ever and all the boats were getting short of food  
and the crew onboard were in a very bad mood.  
The sea started to get rough and scary,  
and the boat was getting tossed about which was exceptionally hairy.

When the sea and wind calmed down, out from the clouds appeared the sun,  
the people onboard could see land ahead so they danced about and had some fun.  
They finally got onto the Island and the wood cutters chopped down some wood,  
to build the huts and create a new neighbourhood.

After a long day building the huts the men were so tired, they went and slept,  
some of the men just laid there and wept.  
The following day the farmers prepared the wheat,  
so the new Saxon colony were able to eat.

Hollie (5AB) has created a wonderful division challenge as part of her maths activity yesterday. We thought you might like to have a go at solving this mystery.

## Lock And Key

Marco is late for school but his front door is double locked and he can't open it. He finds 5 Keys in a draw next to the door. Each key has a code but the keys are old and the codes have been rubbed off.

Using the division sums below, can you work out which 2 Keys Marco will need to be able to open the door. Total up the answers to the 3 division sums for each key to obtain the code for that Key, then match your correct answers to the master Keys at the bottom of the page to determine the correct 2 Keys that Marco will need to unlock and open the door.

GOOD LUCK.....



$$28 \div 4 + 88 \div 8 + 104 \div 8 = \bigcirc$$



$$56 \div 7 + 42 \div 7 + 864 \div 9 = \bigcirc$$



$$16 \div 8 + 45 \div 9 + 354 \div 6 = \bigcirc$$



$$15 \div 5 + 40 \div 8 + 370 \div 5 = \bigcirc$$



$$16 \div 2 + 45 \div 5 + 340 \div 4 = \bigcirc$$

