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Re Opening of School Fields

The long awaited re opening of Meadowhead School Playing Fields finally happened on Saturday 13th September.



To celebrate the opening of the school fields there were three rugby matches against Hall Cross School, Doncaster, and a football match with Y9 & Y10 pupils.

Kier were responsible for completing the building works at Meadowhead School and they kindly sponsored 20 rugby shirts for the Y8 team. Kier project manager Kevin Keyes said "It was a pleasure to see enthusiastic

young adults taking part in outdoor activities and participating in their own leisure time".

Rock Solutions and Architectural Fabrications Ltd were joint sponsors of the Y9 & Y10 rugby team shirts.

Former Meadowhead pupil and school rugby player Neil Briggs was guest of honour. Neil is now playing professionally for Sale Sharks in the



Guinness Premiership, having represented Sheffield, South Yorkshire and the North of England in his former years. He has also attended U19 England Trials and played for 3 years for Rotherham Titans.

Weather wise it was perfect and Meadowhead convincingly beat Hall Cross in all their games.

The results were:

Y8 won 34 – 5
Y9 won 43 – 7
Y10 won 31 – 7



Mr Fowler, Ms James and Neil Briggs
with a sponsored shirt

Finally from Ms James: "The fields were the first casualties when Kier started building work on the new school in 2005. Rugby has always been an important part of Meadowhead's sporting life. It is fitting therefore that we formally open the new playing fields by 'kicking off' with rugby fixtures against an old rival school. We greatly appreciate the sponsorship from Kier, Rock Solution and Architectural Fabrications Ltd."

Men Of The Matches

Dylan Poyser
Y8



Simon Farrell
Y9



Rob Sturman
Y10





MEADOWHEAD A TRUST SCHOOL



Learning & Achieving Together

The governing body of Meadowhead School would like Meadowhead to become a Trust School.

All parents should have received a colour consultation prospectus outlining the proposals to adopt Trust Status.

It is important that you return the response form to the school, so that governors can get an overview from all parents.

There are 3 consultation public evenings, very soon, where you can come to get further information or make your views known.

- Woodseats School Monday 12th Januar, 7.00 – 8.00
- Meadowhead School Thursday 15th January, 7.00 – 8.00
- Sir Harold Jackson School Tuesday 20th January, 7.00 – 8.00

Mr Eastwood



To celebrate the 2008 Beijing Olympics the Learning Centre created a display and sponsored a competition open to all students and staff. It was to answer questions with an Olympian theme. The two winners were Danielle Walton 8G and Daniel Leadwood 8H. One of the prizes was an official Beijing Olympics T shirt.

Mr Socket

Tesco Great Schools Run 2008



Meadowhead has long had a great sporting reputation within the Sheffield Authority, entering teams in numerous Sporting Events and being consistently successful.

This year in acknowledgement of our sporting tradition, we were invited to host the Sheffield leg of the Tesco Great Schools Run on Friday June 20th.

This was a World record attempt, where as many children as possible throughout the country ran or walked 2000 metres at the same time.

We were delighted to be offered this opportunity, especially since it allowed us to use our fantastic new school fields for the first time in a truly memorable way.

We were informed that a helicopter carrying Olympic Gold Medallist Colin Jackson and Children's TV Presenter Angelica Bell would be dropping in on us. They would be setting off from Portsmouth, calling at Bristol, Sheffield and finishing in Manchester, so timing was to be a critical part of the day.

Friday June 20th dawned bright and clear (if

a little windy). Preparations for the day began early; marking out the course and making sure all eventualities were covered.

Children from Lowedges, Lower Meadow and Sir Harold Jackson Primary Schools accepted the invitation to be a part of the record attempt. These children arrived at 10am to take part in a morning's Athletics Activities, which were organised by Dave Spacey of Activity Sheffield. They then joined in the record attempt with Meadowhead children

The logistics of changing a full year group of children into PE kit for the event and making sure they all had dinner in time could have been very difficult. This was not so, however, as all participating Year 8 Students behaved in a very responsible manner (if a little excited, too!)

The helicopter arrived somewhat later than originally expected, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the assembled crowd.

After circling the School three times (in order to film the word SHEFFIELD spelt out very effectively by students), the helicopter landed and the race began.

Colin Jackson and Angelica Bell joined the children on the start line and encouraged them throughout the event. The atmos-



There was truly wonderful, provoking a Year 5 student from Lower Meadow School to declare it "The Best Day of my Life" How heart warming to see children in Year 2 running at the same time as our own somewhat larger Year 8s and being encouraged by them constantly to keep going.

All too soon, it was time for the celebrities to depart, on their way to the final event of the day in Manchester.

After the event, schools were asked to confirm the number of children participating. The official total nationwide was 749,231 This means that a wonderful day at Meadowhead contributed to a World Record which had previously been held by the Australians

Many thanks to all the staff and children who took part, making this a fantastic day.

Mrs Mintoft



TESCO – for Schools and Clubs

In 2009 Tesco are supporting schools again by issuing vouchers which can be banked to buy equipment.

Next Year there is a much wider variety of goods that the vouchers can be exchanged for. These are catalogued into five key areas.

ICT - Computer equipment

Sports & Health – PE and Home Economics equipment

Green Schools – Eco equipment

Basic skills – English, Maths and Modern Foreign Languages equipment

Creativity – Art & Design, and Music equipment

Vouchers will be issued in the Tesco's stores as from 2nd March 2009.

Please send your vouchers to the main office in school.

Mrs Bowker



Bigger and better than ever!



2008 RECORD BREAKERS

For the third year in a row our Year 11 students have beaten the previous figures for attainment. 64% of the class of 2008 achieved 5 or more A* to C grades, and 50% did so including English and Mathematics.

99% of students achieved at least one qualification, but we will not be happy until this figure reaches 100%. As part of our personalised learning curriculum many students achieved a mixture of GCSE and vocational qualifications. We received national recognition for our results in NVQ Business Languages.

There were many very high achievers, with 28 students getting 8 or more A* and A grades. All students work to achieve challenging targets and 194 matched or exceeded their targets.

On Tuesday 18th November over 800 people attended the 2008 Meadowhead GCSE Presentation Evening at The Octagon Centre in Sheffield University. Students, families, staff, Governors and other guests enjoyed a very special evening celebrating the success of so many students.

Special thanks goes to our Chief Guest, Dame Mary Richardson from the HSBC Education Trust, the students and staff who organised the evening and to the Home and School Association for raising the money to pay for the prizes and the hire of the venue.

And the message for current Y11? All records are there to be broken!

Mr Fowler



EXAM RESULTS

(5 or more A* -C Grades)

2004	57%
2005	54%
2006	60%
2007	60%
2008	64%
2009	????

Anti-Bullying Week

17/11/08-21/11/09



Nationally there was an anti-bullying week. At Meadowhead it is always anti-bullying week. Pupils, staff and visitors are all aware of Meadowhead's Anti-Bullying Code which is on show in every classroom.

From induction in Y6, pupils are encouraged to discuss what bullying is and what to do if they are bullied or are aware of someone who is being bullied. We are a 'telling' school and pupils know and are encouraged to tell someone if they are aware of any bullying issues.

They should tell teachers, support staff or parents. We have many trained pupil mentors in Years 10 and 11 who are a 'willing ear' if ever they are needed.

Recently the school has set up a post box in the Rosling where pupils, can anonymously if they prefer, report concerns directly to the mentors.

Bullying is not a big problem but obviously we need to ensure that we don't become complacent.

Anti-bullying week came as a chance to remind pupils of what bullying means. In assemblies Ms James reinforced the Anti-Bullying message and clearly stated that if everyone took part, bullying could be stopped immediately.

On Wednesday 19th November the school signed the Anti-Bullying Charter. Mr Rosling (the Chair of Governors), Ms James, the Pupil Mentors, several of the Leadership Group, the Head Boy and Girl and both Year Team Leaders from every year group were present.

The Charter has been sent to London to be recorded on a central register and a copy will be displayed in school.

Mrs Christie



Like Tongue Twisters? Try This One At Home..



Every year Mr Podbury runs a near impossible competition for his students to learn and repeat back the longest place name in the United Kingdom. The place is a small town on Anglesey, North Wales and is close to where Mr Podbury grew up. Before you read on, a few essentials.

Welsh has a slightly different alphabet from English

C - pronounced as a **K**, as in English 'kick' eg: **Caernarfon** (kyre-nar-von).

CH - pronounced as in the Scottish 'loch' and the composer Bach.

DD - pronounced **TH**, as in English 'breathe' eg: **Beddgelert** (beth-gell-airt).

G - pronounced as a hard **G**, as in English 'get' eg: **Beddgelert** (beth-gell-airt).

LL - roughly pronounced **THL** eg: **Llandudno** (thlan-dud-no)

F - pronounced as a **V**, as in English 'of' eg: **Felindre** (veh-lin-dray).

FF - pronounced as an **F**, as in English 'off' eg: **FFestiniog** (fest-in-yog).

W - pronounced as an **OO**, as in English 'swoon' eg: **Llanrwst** (thlan-roost).

So then, prepare yourself..... The name of the town is:-

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch

The actual name of the village is Llanfairpwllgwyngyll and is locally abbreviated to Llanfair PG (well wouldn't you?). A Victorian publicity stunt landed the villagers with the long name. If you really want to show off by learning how to pronounce it, try this:-

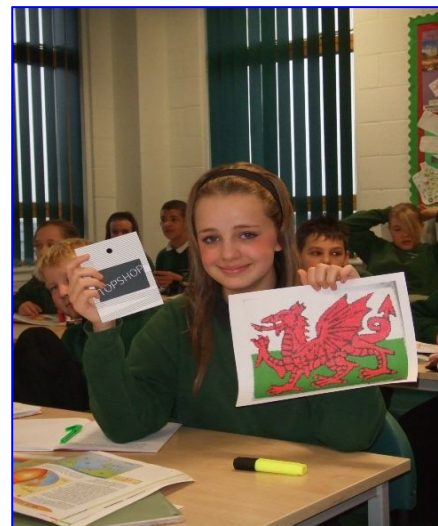
thlann vyre pooth gwinn gith gogg-erra kweern drobbooth lann tuss-ill-yo goggo gauk.

Alice Armitage of 8C managed to learn and pronounce this name without any help from me and had a super Welsh accent to match!

She wins a £10.00 Top Shop voucher for her efforts. Da iawn Alice bach!

Mr Podbury.

Next Edition: The longest place name in the world.



Y7 AWARDS 2008

Year 7 had their inaugural Award Ceremony on 21st October 2008.

The Awards are the idea of the Year 7 Learning Management Team and include trophies and certificates for the following categories.

- Year 7 Form with highest Attendance
- Individual Attendance Awards
- Year 7 Form with the highest Phoenix Awards
- Individual highest Phoenix Awards
- Sports Personality trophies
- Achievement in Music Award
- Achievement in Drama Award



Winners of the Phoenix Awards Trophy
7G with Mr Podbury

The Awards Ceremony takes place every half –term and the trophies are on show in the Y7 Glasgow Rangers Blue Trophy Cabinet chosen by Mrs Burdekin in the centre of the Rosling.

Alongside the trophies currently won by the students, there stands the Year 6 Sports Day Trophy won by 7H on their induction day in July 2008 before they had even started their Meadowhead career.

The next Awards Ceremony is scheduled for 16th December 2008 when new names will be inscribed on the cups and the Meadowhead ethos is given further credence.



The winners of the Form Attendance Trophy
7L with Mrs Tomlinson

Work hard – expect the reward that follows.

Start early we say. Attainment, Achievement, and Effort deserves recognition. May it continue forever.

Mr McKeown

My Parachute Jump

When? 26th April 2008

Where? British Parachute Schools, Langer Airfield, Langer, Nottingham NG13 9HY

Why? To raise money for CancerActive

Who? Josh Monks and Instructor "Bones"

It has always been my dream to do a parachute jump and it all became real when I received my sponsorship form. It revealed that my target was £395, so I set out to contact all family and friends, and local businesses to raise this money. When I completed the task of getting sponsors I contacted CancerActive and finally chose a date to do my jump.

When the day finally arrived, I was so excited.

When I was in the plane I had butterflies, I couldn't believe that I was seconds away from doing the one thing I always wanted to do.

Now it was my turn to jump. "Bones" opened the door when we had reached 14,300ft. I was asked if I was ready when we approached the doors. Then we jumped!

It felt like I was floating in mid-air, my ears popped and started tingling.

As we fell to 1,900ft Bones pulled the parachute, I felt like I had been pulled higher. Bones let me control it, I pulled the left string and we started spinning around in circles.

I didn't want to land, but we had to.

My dream had come true. I had just jumped from 14,300 ft and fallen through the sky. All my family and friends cheered when I hit the ground.

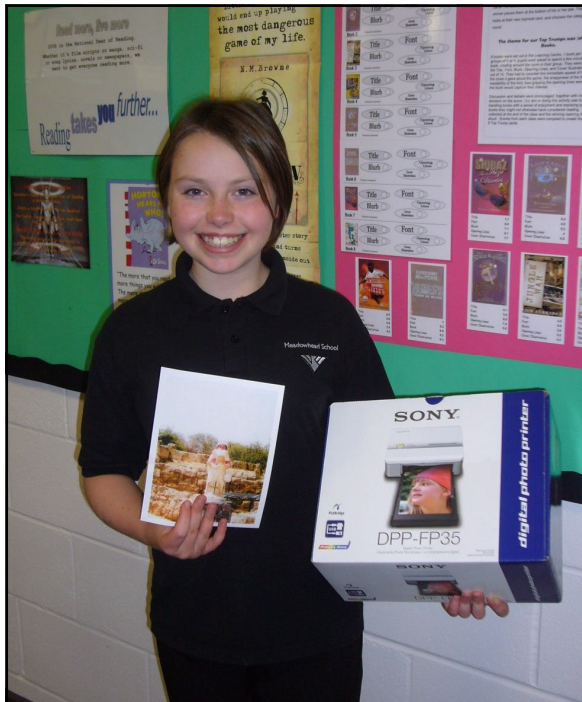
I was sponsored by 107 people and raised £649 in total for CancerActive. I felt very proud of my achievements

Josh Monks (Ex Y11)



Extreme Reading Competition

The Learning Centre asked pupils to read somewhere unusual and get someone to take a photograph of them doing so, as part of our year long celebration of the National Year of Reading, with the message that you can read "Anything, Anywhere, Anytime".



Emily showing the winning photograph of her reading at the Salarris Ruins in Northern Cyprus

Congratulations go to Emily Marsden 8J who has won the first prize of a Sony Digital printer, kindly and generously donated by Harrison Cameras, 112-114 London Road, S2 4LR. The second prize of a £5 Sainsbury's gift voucher goes to Charlotte Bromley 8A. Well done to both of them.

Mrs Webb

MEADOWHEAD LANGUAGE COLLEGE

*German
French
Greek
Spanish
Italian
Russian
Mandarin*

***Starts 15th January 2009
for 10 weeks
(7.00-8.45pm)***

***All Levels
Beginners,
Intermediate,
Intermediate plus,
& Advanced.***

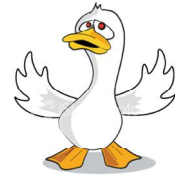
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***Contact... Alison Huff
huffa@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk
Tel: 2740416 (3.00-6.00pm)***

Gareth Ibbotson 11C



The Upper Derwent Valley (not just any...) Fieldtrip & Golden Jubilee



Quiet, rainy autumnal mornings in the Upper Derwent Valley have never been the same since September 1958 when 60 Rowlinson School students led by the ever youthful Miss Leah, Ms Thomas and Ms Harper bounded off the bus and into this beautiful area of the Peak District. For the last 50 years, unsuspecting visitors to the Upper Derwent Valley have been questioned about their intentions, thousands of ducks fed, sandwich munching sheep scared off, erosion measured and Park Rangers have been tracked down and cornered into confession. In that time, the visitors centre at Fairholmes has sold 2798 bacon sandwiches to our students, 1650 cups of tea to our teachers and not to mention the small mountain of flapjacks purchased by the long since departed Mrs Dudley. So the advent of a new and exciting GCSE curriculum in 2009 signals the end of a beautiful relationship between Meadowhead and the Upper Derwent Valley. Ms Harper's final visit to the Upper Derwent Valley (before moving on to a quiet life of dog walking and gardening) was full of blue sky and sunshine. The air was clear and fresh unlike a few years ago when an unnamed boy brought a Prima Stove to cook up a culinary delight of chicken curry and rice! Jamie Oliver and Ray Mears take note; Meadowhead students are always well prepared.

(The author cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy of dates in this piece and wonders if any of the aforementioned teachers are easily offended?)

Mr Podbury



Upper Derwent Valley & Meadowhead 1958-2008

Can you spot a young and enthusiastic Mr Taylor in the 1958 photo?



The 4 P's @ Alton Towers



Nothing to do with bladder bursting, death defying rides, but everything to do with key GCSE marketing concepts! Our year 11 Leisure & Tourism students visited Alton Towers at the beginning of October to take part in a workshop to find out about some rather different aspects of Alton Towers. This trip enabled our students to use Alton Towers as a comparison organisation with Chester Zoo to complete their marketing portfolio.

The day was cold and wet but the newly designed talk was superb and gave the students a completely new insight into the business and marketing activities of this massively popular leisure attraction. Aspects of promotion, price, product and place were covered in some detail by a member of the Alton Towers Education Department giving our students all the inside information needed to work on their portfolio.



A new side to the Towers... Inside the Education Room at Alton Towers during the presentation.

After a packed morning of activities, the students were chomping at the bit to try out the parks products and services and were able to get on all the major rides multiple times because the park was so quiet!

Mr Podbury



Ready, Steady Ride! Danica, Amy, Natalie, Russell, Jordan, Oliver, Harry, Abby, Lydia, Rose, Amy and Beth

Visit to South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Training Centre

The fire service has an initiative to involve fire fighters in the community and develop positive communication with young people.

As part of this initiative a fire fighter from Lowedges is coming into school for one morning a week. He is working with a group of students in Year 9, supporting them in two English lessons and a Maths lesson.



Brett Ibberson 9D

Through his involvement we were able to arrange a visit to the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Training and Development Centre on the 15th October.

This was an impressively well organised visit that was very interesting and enjoyable, as well as providing serious messages about safety and respect for the fire service.

The students were able to try some of the equipment the fire fighters use and were made aware of the hazards they encounter. Exploring a fire engine was a highlight, along with observing the flashovers that gas explosions can cause. The video about a crash made them think carefully about who to travel with and the necessity of wearing seat belts.

Lunch in the canteen with all the fire trainees was very much appreciated . In the following English lessons the students were keen to write about their experiences and recalled everything that they had seen and done clearly.

The success of this visit was due to the impressive organisation and leadership of the team at the Centre and Mr Saunders. They could not have been more helpful or considerate towards the students.

This project will continue with further visits that will help the students be aware of possible career opportunities as well as their responsibilities as members of society.

Ms White

HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL



Hi, we are Harrison Carter and Abby Morley, Head Boy and Head Girl of Meadowhead School.

Abby and I were chosen out of the Pupil Mentors last year to undertake these very special roles in the School.

Our first job was to supervise the mentors on Induction Day and make sure the transition between Years 6 and 7 for our pupils was as smooth as possible. After the induction day, we sat on the platform party at the New Intake Parents Evening alongside other members of Staff and introduced ourselves to the new Y7 pupils and their parents. This was a great success and got us off on the right foot!

The first event Abby and I represented the School at was a School Watch Seminar which was about safety in schools. It proved rewarding and hopefully has established a partnership between the school and the programme for years to come.

We helped out at the Summer School set up for the new intake Year 7s during the last two weeks of the Summer Holidays. Abby and I made a speech on the last day of the Summer School in front of the Lady Mayor of Sheffield about all the hard work and effort put into the Summer School programme and we praised the well behaved children who attended it.

One of our main roles is supervising the Pupil Mentoring System. Every morning Pupil Mentors and Senior Mentors in their blue and red Meadowhead sweatshirts go on duty on the Year 7 and Year 8 corridors. Abby and I supervise these morning duties making sure everything runs smoothly.

Abby and I represent the school at events involving the local community. We play a big part in the Families for Learning Evenings which bring Parents into the school. We make sure there are enough mentors to assist on these evenings and produce rotas for these Mentors to work from. At the Open Evenings, Abby and I supervise the student helpers.

For Year 11, we are co – chairpersons of the School Council which means we preside over the meetings and lead the discussions. In school, Abby and I have responsibility for the Pupil and Senior Mentors and we organise and chair meetings with them about different aspects of mentoring.

We both think that the positions we have are very rewarding and we are looking forward to future challenges and responsibilities. To contact us, use the post boxes next to the Pupil Mentor Photographs in the Rosling.

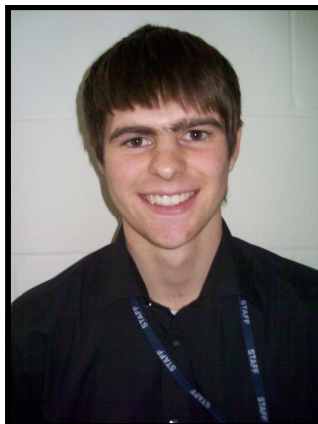
Harrison Carter & Abby Morley

We Welcome

the following members of staff this term:



Miss H Goodrum
Faculty Assistant PEPA



Mr D Gill
Trainee ICT Technician



Miss K Roberts
Maths Faculty



Mrs S Hollins
Leadership Administrator



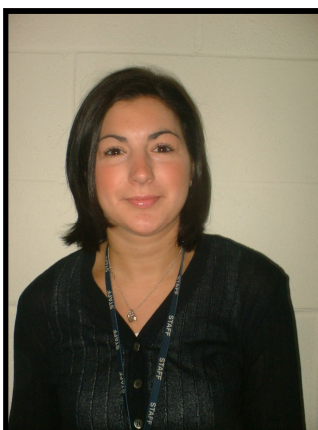
Mr P Calloway
Science Technician



Mr A Murphy
Science Technician



Miss A Jacklin
Faculty Assistant Humanities



Miss A Vilela
Y8 Pastoral Assistant



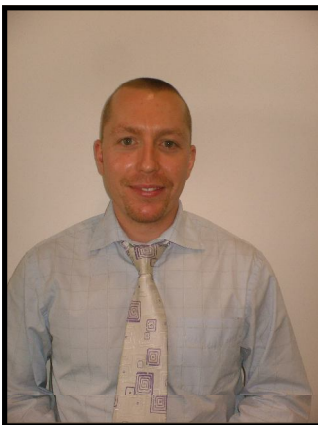
Mrs C Burton
Food Technology Assistant

We Welcome

the following members of staff this term:



Miss A Crump
ADT Facility



Mr C Hodgson
Maths Faculty



Miss Natalie Legree
Languages Faculty



Ms J McDonagh
Teaching Assistant



Miss Mirium Von Bommell
KS2/KS3 Transition Teacher



Miss Kirsten Fortenscue
Languages Faculty



Ms Julie Tonque
Teaching Assistant



Mr D Paramore
Curriculum Leader Maths



Mr S Askew
ADT Technician

Language College Assistants

In October we welcomed 3 Foreign Language Assistants from France, Germany & Spain. PJ, Julia and Fran will be working with all our pupils in their language lessons helping them improve their spoken language skills on a 1 – 1 basis.

Pierre Jean Le Boudouil
French Assistant



Salut!

Je m'appelle Pierre-Jean, j'ai 21 ans et je suis l'assistant de français cette année à Meadowhead School.

En France j'habite en Bretagne, c'est la région qui se trouve au Nord-Ouest du pays. J'habite une petite ville de 15000 habitants appelée Hennebont, c'est petit mais très joli. Je vis dans une maison avec ma mère, mon père et mon petit frère, dans un quartier tranquille.

Autrement j'étudie l'anglais à l'Université de Lorient, j'aime beaucoup cette Université parce que tout le monde se connaît bien. Mes matières préférées à l'Université sont : la littérature, l'histoire, la compréhension orale et le cinéma.

Mon métier idéal serait professeur de français dans un pays Anglophone, mais professeur d'anglais en France me plairait bien aussi.

J'aime bien Sheffield, le centre-ville est sympa, il y a beaucoup de magasins et j'adore les parcs ici !

Allez je vous laisse. A bientôt !
Pierre-Jean

Julia Lingenfelser
German Assistant

Hallo! Ich heiße Julia Lingenfelser, ich bin 23 Jahre alt und ich komme aus Deutschland. Ich bin die neue Fremdsprachenassistentin und werde bis Ende Mai an der Meadowhead School arbeiten.

Meine Familie lebt in Karlsruhe, das liegt im Süden Deutschlands. Karlsruhe ist eine schöne und lebendige Stadt mit etwa 300 000 Einwohnern. Ich liebe Karlsruhe, weil es dort viel zu tun gibt und es eine der wärmsten Städte Deutschlands ist. Man kann dort super einkaufen, Sport machen und Kultur erleben! Toll ist auch die Lage von Karlsruhe. Nach Frankreich fährt man mit dem Auto gerade einmal zwanzig Minuten und der Schwarzwald liegt praktisch vor der Haustür.

Meine Universität liegt in Heidelberg. Heidelberg ist eine beliebte Studentenstadt.

Sheffield finde ich klasse, weil es eine Großstadt ist, in der immer etwas los ist. Ich liebe den Peak District und die vielen Einkaufsmöglichkeiten in Sheffield. Das ist super, denn ich möchte so viel wie möglich von England sehen!

Julia



Francisco Candelera
Spanish Assistant



¡Hola a todos! Me llamo Francisco y soy el auxiliar de español de este año en Meadowhead. Soy español y tengo 24 años. Mi ciudad se llama Jerez de la Frontera, está en el sur España cerca de Cádiz y Sevilla. Jerez es una ciudad famosa por sus vinos (Sherry), los caballos cartujanos, el flamenco, la feria del caballo y el mundial de Moto GP.

Soy licenciado en Filología Inglesa por la Universidad de Málaga. También fui estudiante Erasmus en la Universidad de Wolverhampton.

En mi tiempo libre me gusta jugar al fútbol, escuchar música española o inglesa, ver series o películas, y estar con mis amigos. También me encanta viajar y pasar los veranos en las fantásticas playas de Cádiz.

En el futuro me gustaría enseñar español en Inglaterra o inglés en España. Creo que Meadowhead es muy buen colegio, tanto por sus alumnos como por sus profesores. Y estoy muy contento de trabajar aquí. Espero que aprendáis mucho de mí, y estoy seguro que yo también aprenderé mucho de vosotros. Un saludo

Fran

Y10 German Students Flying High

A new German qualification has started with a select number of Year 10 German students. Mr Merritt is pioneering the British Airways Flag Award with Hayley Wasden, Amie Patchett, Bethany Fenwick, Emily Golland, Abbie Spooner, Francesca Scotrick-Boyd, Alexandra Mettam, Sophie House, Jessica Park, Hannah Harper, Julia Odawa, Jake Ledger and Agnetha Spencer.



These brave students will attend sessions after school to learn about using German in real-life business situations. For example, they will need to deal with customers in German in a car hire shop, in airports, in shops and in restaurants to name but a few. They will also need to be able to have conversations in German about their family life as well as interpret customer queries into and from German. Most excitingly of all, they will have the real British Airways cabin crew's script so that can announce passenger information in German – the actions are optional!

It will be wonderful help for their GCSE German exam and it will be an incredibly valuable addition to their Record of Achievement as it indicates to future employers that they have achieved the required level of competency in German needed by businesses which use foreign languages.

Those who are successful will also receive their British Airways Flag Badge (the ones cabin crew wear to show their proficiency in a language), as well as an official British Airways certificate.

So best of luck to all those students taking part! We hope you enjoy the flight...

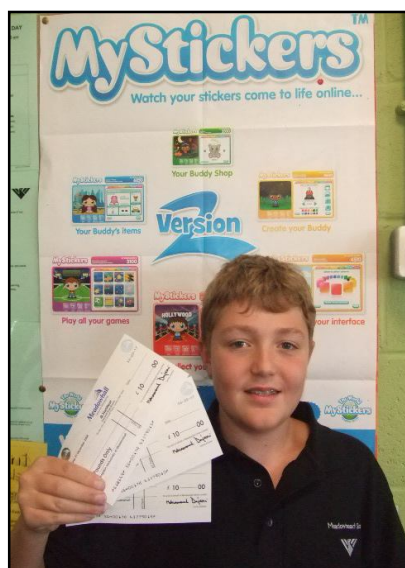


Geog@Meadowhead



Fancy a trip to Meadowhall this Christmas?

The winner of the summer 2008 prize draw for the Geog@Meadowhead and www.mystickers.co.uk rewards scheme was Thomas Mackinder of 10D. Thomas is pictured below with his prize of £30.00 Meadowhall vouchers. Well done to Thomas on all his hard work over the year, a truly worthy winner.



What is Mystickers?

Mystickers is a free website available to children under the age of 18 who attend any school in the UK.

To collect points on Mystickers pupils need to be rewarded stickers and postcards from their Geography teacher which are provided by www.schoolstickers.co.uk.

The rewards can then be collected on Mystickers where they are allocated points which will be entered onto a leader board where the top 5 point scorers each month will win prizes! These have included a Nintendo Wii and Playstation consoles in the past.

The next prize draw will take place on the last week of this term and will consist of a first prize of £30.00, second prize of £20.00 and third prize of £10.00. All you need to do is print your Mystickers front page with your points total and enter it into the draw box in one of the Geography rooms.



BUSINESS LANGUAGE CHAMPIONS!

In the last newsletter I reported that Meadowhead Y10 students had completed a project helping Gripple create a French audio tour. We now hear the fantastic news that we have been nominated for a national award for Meadowhead's and Gripple's participation in the scheme!

Students were rewarded for their hard work with a celebration at Hollywood Bowl, followed by a meal at Frankie & Benny's, courtesy of Gripple and our Language College.

Emma Hibbert, the sales office manager at Gripple, who worked with our students on this project, presented everyone with special Business Language Champion certificates of achievement.

Emma said "Meadowhead students have worked hard to produce this authentic French audio CD, and it will be very useful for our French visitors to the company. I am very impressed with the way the students have led this project this year, and I look forward to starting a new project with your new Y10 students in the new academic year."



Ms Allen

Japanese Embassy Visit

On Wednesday 23rd October, Mr Lockley, myself and 17 Y9 pupils travelled down to London to visit the Japanese Embassy. We travelled by train to St Pancras and then got the underground to Piccadilly. We had our lunch at a nearby restaurant. We even had Japanese tea to wash it down with; unfortunately the tea didn't go down too well!

At the Japanese Embassy we were greeted by a big security guard who escorted us through the security gate. We looked around the exhibition that the Embassy had put on and then the pupils were asked to do a quiz.

We were then split into two groups. My group did paper folding. Everyone did really well and we all made a samurai hat. Secondly we did some origami and tried to make a bird called a crane, I must admit some looked more like strangled ducks than cranes. After that we did some calligraphy which everyone really enjoyed.

Our last task was dressing up. The girls wore a pink/green Kimono with an Obi and a big bow and the boys wore a dark blue one. The boys reminded me of a television programme called Mr Ben, because as soon



as they had the Japanese outfits on they all became Japanese warriors fighting using martial art movements. We all had our photos taken, which are shown below and we left the Embassy at 16.10.

We had very little time to get to St Pancras Station for our train at 16.55.

Everyone did really well in keeping up and staying together as we went through the gate to the underground.

Thankfully we'd all had a good day and we all found a seat for the journey home. The boys managed to get free Mars bars and an orange drink at the buffet for everyone. We even got a mention over the loud speaker as we got off the train.



I would like to thank each and everyone of the Y7-9 pupils that went to the Japanese Embassy. The day was very enjoyable. However, lastly I would like to say a big, big thank you to Mr Lockley for inviting me along. I had an absolutely fabulous day and congratulations to him as I have never seen a teacher count children so many times.

Mrs Clapham

Sporting Achievements 2007-2008

ATHLETICS

Sheffield Competitions



*Track and Field League - Sheffield Champions
Y8 Girls -Track and Field League Winners
Y8 Boys -Track and Field League Winners
Y9 Boys -Track and Field League Winners
Y7 Boys - Sheffield Relays Competition Winners
Y10/11 Girls - Sheffield Relays Competition Winners
Y8/9 Boys - Sheffield Relays Competition - 2nd place
Y8/9 Girls - Sheffield Relays Competition - 3rd place*

ROUNDERS

Sheffield Tournaments

*U12 Mixed -Tournament Winners
U14 Girls – Runners Up
U16 Girls – Tournament Winners*



Sheffield League

U12 Mixed – League Winners



FOOTBALL

*U 12 Boys - Sheffield Schools 6-a-side Tournament Finalists
U13 Boys- South Yorkshire Cup Finalists
2nd place in the Sheffield Schools League
U15 Boys - English Schools Cup Quarter Finalists
Sheffield Schools Cup Semi Finalists
U16 Girls Team – Sheffield League Winners*

HOCKEY

U16 Girls - Sheffield Champions



Meadowhead Enterprise Team

November 6th saw the launch of our Team. We are 24 students from Year 9 who have been selected to study for a Business Studies qualification. This is the first time this Business Studies Course has been offered in the school. We will be involved in various projects and will meet with local Business people over the year. We have already met representatives from Cost Co and HSBC who are very willing to be involved with our work over the coming year.

We are all very enthusiastic and can't wait to start. Comments heard from us over the last few days include:

"Meeting new people will increase my confidence".

"When I wear my Business Enterprise Sweatshirt I become a Business thinker and my behaviour improves."

"It is nice to be in a team doing activities that need my skills, I sometimes forget how good I am at things."

"Now I know why I have to learn Maths and English"



Please see us if we can assist or run an enterprise event for you. Our contact person is ***Mrs Tomlinson***



Work Experience June 2008

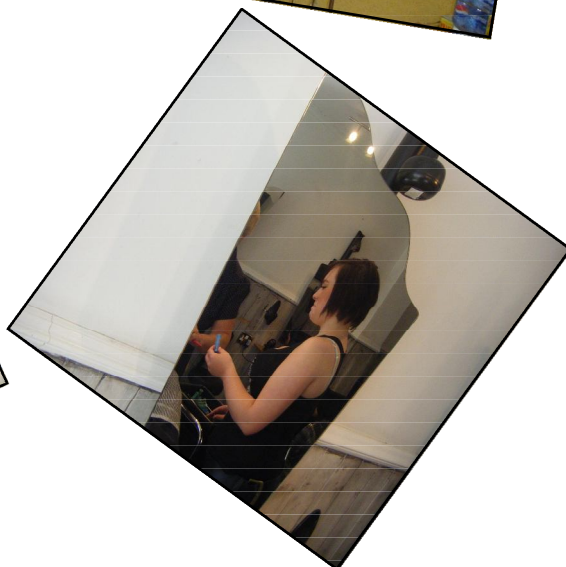
Y10 students completed their two Work Experience in June; this involved all students experiencing the reality of the world of work, in some cases it came as a nasty surprise how tiring it was! The response from the majority of employers was excellent with many of our students having a successful placement resulting in positive employer comments to go in their Record of Achievement folders. Some students were offered future part time work. The placements, as usual, covered a wide range of occupations and businesses.

The present Y10 students are due to participate in Work Experience between 1st-12th June 2009.

We do have some placements available to offer students but we also encourage students to find their own placements. Please check with Mrs Maleham first before approaching employers or schools as some employers deal directly with school.

If you are an employer or are able to offer a placement to a Meadowhead School student on the above dates please contact Mrs Maleham, Tel 2372723.

Mrs. Thornton



Y10 College Taster Days

Y10 students had an opportunity in July to attend a taster day at college to experience a range of post 16 courses available to them in September 2009.

Groups of students were able to participate in a wide range of course including photography.

Mrs Thornton.

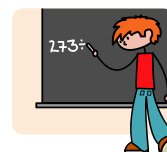


Maths Video Conference

On Friday the 17th of October 2008, 8X1, one of the three top sets in Year 8 for Maths had a video conference with four other schools and the University of Cambridge. The schools were from all over the country!

- Manor College of Technology, Hartlepool
- Pleckgate High School, Blackburn
- St Joseph's College, London
- The John of Gaunt School, Wiltshire

The conference was run by Nadia Baker, a lecturer from the University at Cambridge. Her role is to help children have a feeling of belonging and understanding within Mathematics and is part of the Millenium Mathematics Project run by the University. The topic of this session was code breaking and its history.



We arrived in the Learning Resources Centre, otherwise known as the library at 10:20 and we sat down. On the screen in front of us a motion picture was showing each school on rotation. It was quite scary when we realised all the other schools around England in places like London, Blackburn and Wiltshire could also see us!

Nadia showed us many forms of codes and code breaking including a very rare Enigma machine which was used in the Second World War for creating different codes. We had a go at deciphering (figuring out) a code used by the Spartans in Ancient Greece and we also looked at another ancient code known as the Caesar Shift Cipher; so named because the person who invented it was Julius Caesar!

It was a great experience which everyone enjoyed. Luckily those of us in Y8 have the chance to carry on this wonderful opportunity throughout the course of this year. There will be several more meetings through video conferencing where we can present our projects and learn more about code breaking.

We had a great time and we're sure there is a lot more to look forward to. By the end of it we will probably be able to break into the Bank of England!

By Billi Golland & Jasmine Welsh in 8D (on behalf of all of 8X1.)

YEAR 9 WHITBY GOTHIC STUDY DAYS.

It was a bright November morning when we arrived in Whitby after an early start from school. We, being myself, plus twenty six Fast Track Y9 students who were accompanied by the capable Mrs. Flack and the cool Mr. Furniss. We were staying at the Youth Hostel on the East Cliff, which gave us stunning views over the harbour and West Cliff, as well as the towering ruins of the Abbey. The Youth Hostel itself was an historical stone-built building with many gothic elements: dark, labyrinthine corridors, arched windows and heavy, creaking doors, which made it a very fitting venue for our stay.

After lunch we visited the abbey. Wandering around its ruined structure and grounds, taking photographs and listening to voices from the past on the audio commentary gave us lots of ideas to use in the stories we were planning to write. Though, I have to say, that as the head sets looked like mobile phones, anyone watching the group might be forgiven for thinking that twenty nine people were engaged in an endless, one sided mobile phone conversation.

Before we descended the 199 steps from the cliff top and visited the attractions of Whitby Town Centre: the winding back

streets, quirky shops and cafes and, of course, The Dracula Experience, we spent some time in St. Mary's grave yard. We even managed to find the head stone for one of the characters that features in the novel, Dracula, which we are currently studying for GCSE.

After tea, we ventured out again. St. Mary's churchyard was even creepier after dark. We met our host for the evening Ghost Tour at the whale bone arches on the West Cliff. Dressed in a long, black, gothic style coat and a top hat, he really looked the part. He led us through a maze of back streets, through the Screaming Tunnel, and around the harbour, keeping us entertained all the while with a range of stories, some scary, some silly. Again, plenty of material to be utilised by the students in their writing session which took place back at the Y.H. before bed.

The following morning, we set off early, armed with copies of Bram Stoker's Dracula. We followed Dracula's grisly trail through the town, as he wreaked havoc on some of its inhabitants; sometimes in the guise of a man, sometimes as a huge black dog, sometimes as a large air borne bat. Reading extracts from the novel in the places they were set really brought the words to life. We paused after each reading to drink in our surroundings and make notes of each location, despite the freezing wind blowing in off the sea, and the drizzle which had begun. We did get some strange looks from the locals, and from the imaginatively dressed Goths who were still in town from the Halloween celebrations of the week end.

We returned home after lunch, our visit over all too soon. The drive across the misty, wind swept moors and though driving rain was a fitting end to our memorable, gothic trip.

Mrs. Aitken



EXTRACTS FROM THE STORIES BEGUN BY STUDENTS WHILE ON THE TRIP

My numb, freezing body perched on the solid wooden bench. I looked out onto the long bold pier where I saw the silhouettes of two lovers strolling, sheltering each other from the sharp wind.

Matilda M 9H



Sinister and dramatic in stature, the abbey loomed. Its infinite history cast a menacing shadow across the town. Empowered by a dark, disturbing legend, each brick climbed higher as if to reach the heavens, but only succeeded in reaching a ghostly hell.

Thomas Ryan 9I

Stone graves were lit dimly by the shimmering moonlight, their stonework worn away by years of heavy rainfall transformed into thousands of bullets by the fierce wind.

In the dark, bitter, cold, the graveyard was submerged in blackness. The gravestones surrounding the church were crooked and crumbled. On the horizon the dark vivid shadow of the Abbey stood high above everything else.

Fraser Kelly 9H



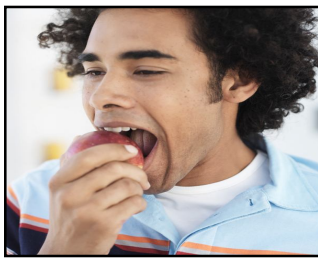
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Mr Mason





We asked for YOUR
views on the Catering Service, and this is what
YOU said

You Said	What we are doing
Why cant we have spicy sausage on pasta king any more	We have explained that this is due to food regulations , but we will introduce spicy beef
We would like a greater variety of breads for our sandwiches	Introduced sun dried tomato baguettes and deli rolls
We love the home made pasta bakes	We are looking to place them on the menu twice or three times weekly
We want more chicken tikka and mayo wraps	We are increasing the number we produce
We don't like the long queues at the 'to go pronto' bar	We are encouraging you to use the 'Fast Track' order forms, to pre-order many of the items we sell from the pronto bar, we have introduced jacket potatoes onto fast track
We aren't always sure if we will like a new product, which is why we don't always purchase it	We will make sure we offer 'free' samples of new products We have small sample pots of pasta king sauces. Just ask to try before you buy

YEAR 8 INNOVATE!

In the summer term, this year group took part in a new enterprise challenge set over six weeks in Learning Management. The aim of the project was to let the students come up with their own business enterprise for a day, selling products and services to the whole school, and any profits raised were donated to charities nominated by the students themselves.

Students worked in small teams within their forms to create business plans, pitched their business ideas to the rest of the form in a dragons' den type of lesson, and finally 12 teams were voted in to take part in the final and actually run their chosen business for a day.

Students set up their business stalls in the Rosling, selling a variety of goods from customised socks, healthy smoothies, cakes and jewellery. Prizes of £50 Meadowhall vouchers & certificates were awarded to 3 teams who had made the most profit, worked best as a team, and the team who had the most innovative idea.

However, it has to be said that each and every stall on the day did a fantastic job of marketing, producing and selling their products to both staff and other students. Behaviour was excellent, and some students really excelled in their ability to communicate and sell sell sell! These teams were a credit to their year group and the whole school, so well done Year 8!

The Year group raised a fantastic £423.60 and nominated the money to go to Cancer Research and the NSPCC.

The event was so popular, that Mrs Holland would like to run this event for the new Year 8 team next summer term, so watch this space!



A BIG THANK YOU TO **HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Meadowhead School to thank all the Home School Members who have given so much of their time, energy and support to the school over the past year.

So much money had been raised.

Last year the HSA provided all the wooden seating and plants in the Rosling making it a welcoming social area to sit at lunch-times and afterschool.

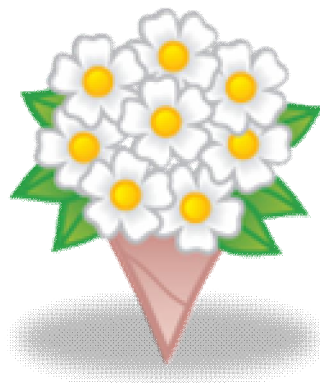
This year the HSA has raised over £2,000 from the Auction, Quiz Night, Concerts and Parents Evenings. This money is sponsoring the Phoenix Awards which recognise the achievements of all pupils at Meadowhead School throughout the year.

Home and School have just organised a Christmas Raffle to raise more money. Thank you to all parents who have supported our fundraising activities. For those parents who haven't already done so – please join our Cash Monthly Draw for £12.00 per year, 3 winners each month.

Any parent requiring more information or wishing to become involved with the HAS, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Finally I would like to thank our Chairperson – Lynn Nevin for her tireless efforts and commitment to the school and Mrs Smith and Mrs Brand for their support in school.

Mrs Bowker



DIARY DATE:
STAFF & PARENT QUIZ & BAKED POTATO SUPPER
THURSDAY 26th MARCH 2009
7.30 PM

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