



# The Mead School

## NEWSLETTER

**Term:** Autumn

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### Key Dates:

#### Tuesday 18 Sept

Year 3 to Herstmonceux Science Centre

#### Wednesday 19 Sept

Friends of The Mead AGM, dining room, all welcome

Boys football U11 v Beechwood at The Mead, 2.30pm

Girls hockey U11 v Hilden Oaks at Hawkenbury astro, 2.30pm

#### Thursday 20 Sept

Boys football U9 v Skippers Hill at The Mead, 2.30pm

Girls hockey U8/9 v Hilden Oaks at Hawkenbury astro, 2.30pm

### Open Events for Entry into Year 7 Sept 2019

*(Check school websites for further details & up-to-date information)*

-Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School: 20 Sept, 5.30-8.30pm

-The Skinners School: 4 Oct, 4.00-7.00pm; 16 & 17 Oct, Open Mornings

-Bennett Memorial Diocesan School: 25, 27 Sept & 3 Oct, 6.00-7.30pm

-The Skinners Kent Academy: 9 Oct, 4.30-7.30pm

-St Gregory's Catholic School: 27 Sept, 4.30-7.30pm, 17 & 18 Oct, 9.00-10.15am

-Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys: 1 Oct, Open Evening, 5, 15, 18 Oct, Open Days

-The Judd School: 16, 17, 18 Oct, Open Mornings

Dear parents,

This week's overriding emotion has been pride and it has come in waves, relentlessly. The timescale for the astro build was so tight that even an hour's worth of rain would have put plans in jeopardy. The weather, thank goodness, was with us and the last pile of rubble was shovelled off site just a day before we returned. Totally oblivious (and rightfully so) to the scale of the undertaking, the children have already forgotten their previous outdoor existence and the astro is now as familiar a facility as any other part of the school. It's been joyous to watch them sprint from one end to the other at playtime, especially knowing they can now do so all year round.

I was prouder still to watch the children welcome schools to our first home fixtures and conduct themselves with such hospitality and sportsmanship and my bucket was almost full when I witnessed the difference that the extended outdoor play area has made to life in Reception. In fact, I have just left children digging a tunnel through the sand.

My proudest moment though was on a show round with parents of a two year old girl. Whilst chatting near the climbing frame some of our Reception girls, without saying a word, came over and took little Tania's hand and they all went off to play together for ten minutes. Needless to say, they are already signed up for 2020.

Every September brings a reminder that we have one of the most privileged and rewarding jobs going and that every day at The Mead is magical in its own way.

Here's to the year ahead.

Best,

Andrew Webster

### On our Website News & Social Media Pages:

- Welcome Back to School & Fun on New Astro Pitch*
- Mr Webster On Exciting Developments at The Mead in Kudos Magazine*
- Open Day for Prospective Parents on Thursday 11th October*
- STEAM: Young Scientists Learn Planning & Investigation Skills*



Read all about it & see more photos at:  
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## Menu (W/C Monday 17 Sept):

### Monday

Lasagne/ Fresh Fruit

### Tuesday

Sausage Casserole, New Potatoes & Peas /  
Yoghurts

### Wednesday

Fajitas & Salad/ Ice Cream

### Thursday

Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Carrots/ Raspberry  
Mousse

### Friday

Fish Friday/ Friday Treat

## Sports Report

The Year 3 & 4 girls played Rosehill on Thursday in their first ever hockey match. Through a series of coaching games the girls improved in both their passing and spacing and really worked hard! There were a mixture of wins and draws and this has spurred the girls on to play even better against Hilden Oaks next week. Players of the match were Charlotte Peter, Holly Roche, Annabel Morley and Charlotte Patience. A great start to the season. All parents are invited to come and watch and cheer the girls on at their match against Hilden Oaks next Thursday at Hawkenbury Astro (2.30pm).



The Year 5 & 6 girls played in their first set of hockey matches this season against Claremont Prep. We had four teams with a mixture of wins, draws and losses but through coaching games everyone improved greatly. The girls face off against Hilden Oaks next week and it should be an exciting set of matches as their skills improve. Great job girls! Players of the match were Amber Jones, Lola Corrigan, Ellie Beth Bowman, Freya Pang and Lilah Cockayne-Francis.

### Danielle Mackenzie

The U8 to U11 boys' Radnor House v Hilden Oaks matches were a fantastic way to inaugurate the new astro. All our boys were enthusiastic and tried their best. We played mini tournaments, with the U8 and U10 teams winning at their levels. The U11 finished second in their group and the U9 third in their group. It is my aim that every boy will get plenty of match experience this term. **Pierre Leroy**



## Congratulations to this week's Award Winners



### Birds

Max Averill	Lucas McIntosh
Romy Bettelley-Purcell	Eva Newland
Alexander Clinton	Isabelle Paine
Kazuki Cowley	Freya Pang
Milo Deniz	William Piggott
Seb Dexter	Rosie Ross
Samuel Garcia Hynes	Oscar Sanford
Olivia James	Savannah Stolz
Layla Kemp	Daniel Thomson
John Lillie	Lottie Treacy
Alistair McCrae	Lorcan Wilson

### Stars-in-a-Jar

Kitty Blackwell  
Samuel Garcia Hynes  
Loye Obidairo

*\*Birds: Awarded to children who have shown exceptional behaviour, hard work, perseverance, kindness, good manners etc.*

*\*Stars-in-a-Jar: Outstanding examples of work are taken to Mr Agnew and the children pop their name in the Star Jar. Every Friday, names are pulled from the jar and the winners receive a colourful piece of stationery.*

## Notices:

- We currently have a vacancy for a **Road Crossing Patrol Officer**. Please contact Rebecca on 01892 525837 for further details.
- **Parking:** Please park considerately on our neighbouring residential roads as we have had several complaints from neighbours this week and we kindly request that you do not park on white lines, up on kerbs or on street corners as this makes parking & exiting driveways difficult for local residents.
- **Morning drop-off:** The **minibus service** will resume again next week. Drop off is at the car park (former coach park) at the bottom of Montacute Road (just before turning into Linden Park Road) The minibus will be there every morning from 8.15am, departing at 8.25 for an 8.30 drop off at school. Now we are using this car park this service is very straightforward and easy to use.
- The **playground car park** gates open at 8.15am, close at 8.25 & then open again at 8.35 for cars to exit. Mr Webster & a lollipop patrol officer will be outside school from 8.15-8.35am.

## Friends of The Mead

We are very excited to introduce ourselves as the totally brand new FOM. - Kate Glover (Treasurer), Tammy McIntosh (Secretary), Emma Kent (Chair) and Alice Patience (Vice-Chair).



New FoM Committee

Our main priority for the coming year is to run a mixture of fun events and activities that bring The Mead families together outside of the classroom and in turn raise funds for the FOM.

We thought it would be helpful to clarify why the funds are needed and what we do with them. Everything we do is to add value and enrich our children's education, over and above what the school already provide. This can be anything from tangible things, such as the fabulous new loose parts play sand area, which was installed over the summer holidays and will be an amazing addition to the playground for all our children to use their creativity and learnings from the classroom to explore imaginatively. On the other side of the spectrum, we also will be looking at how we can use the money to fund workshops and experiences away from their desks. This term we have agreed with Mr Webster that FOM will fund the school's excursion to the pantomime at the Assembly Hall Theatre. Last year all the children had a wonderful time together and some even got the chance to meet the cast afterwards.

Any ideas that anybody has in terms of projects we could fund are most welcome. This also goes for fundraising events that we could do. Our next meeting is **Wednesday 19th September** and we would love to see lots of new faces there. FOM only exists with the help of all your support, and the most precious thing you can give to us is your time. Equally if you are unable to attend any of the meetings, but wish to be involved in some way, then please do let us know.

For the first term we will all be settling into our new roles, but we have some really exciting ideas for 2019 and we look forward to sharing these with you when they have been confirmed! In the meantime we wanted to let you know, that there will be a movie night on **Friday 5th October**, so please put this date in the diary. More information will be sent out shortly.

FoM Committee