



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

Term: Autumn

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KEY DATES:

Wednesday 3 October

Boys football U11 v New Beacon at The Mead, 2.30pm

Boys football U10 v New Beacon at New Beacon, 2.30pm

Girls hockey U10/11 v Bricklehurst Manor at Hawkenbury astro, 2.30pm

Thursday 4 October

Choir to perform at Baptist Church, 10.20-10.50am

Boys football Years 3 & 4 Football Cup, first round at The Mead

Girls hockey U8/9 v Hilden Grange at Hawkenbury Astro, 2.30pm

Friday 5 October

FOM Film Night & Parents' Drinks, 6.00-8.00pm, The Mead



Kindy enjoy Loose Parts play,
Excited Year 6 depart for Isle of Wight &
Year 1 learn about algorithms

Dear parents,

I am writing to you from our year 6 Isle of Wight adventure. The weather has been absolutely glorious and the children an absolute credit to their parents and the school with the seemingly continuous commentary on their impeccable manners, happiness and behaviour almost becoming a hindrance to our progress around the island.

Back at school, the induction sessions for our new Loose Parts Play initiative were completed this week with each year group having guided time in its dedicated area. I would like to thank Mrs Wilson, Mrs Ovenden and Mrs Webster for spearheading the development, FoM for their significant funding and anyone within our community who has contributed to the resourcing (please find the original letter reattached as our appeal for Loose Parts remains very much live).

The ethos behind Loose Parts Play is the protection of childhood and the promotion of some of the most fundamental factors in childhood development, currently threatened by our all-pervading digital culture; namely collaboration, communication and creativity.

'Give a toddler a toy and they'll be more interested in playing with the box!' It's a timelessly accurate cliché, indeed, I've often watched our 3 and 4 year olds turn a box into an entire other world. It does beg the question(s) how, when and why do children lose this creativity and imagination. This is where Loose Parts Play comes in. Our new area is filled with generic resources: sand, water, timber, tyres, guttering, wheels etc and the children's mission statement is simply to spend break times (and rotationally timetabled sessions) exploring and creating whilst honing their collaborative and communicative skills. It's been fascinating to watch mixed year group teams plan, negotiate and resolve differences in opinion. It's also been inspiring to see their imaginations in top gear, creating role plays and designs which are beyond the predictions of most adults.

I'd highly recommend Ken Robinson's Ted Talk on creativity as a further insight into priorities that have always been intrinsically embedded within the Mead's psyche. It's an exciting time for the school as we edge ever closer to a truly holistic education for all Meadites.

Kind regards

Andrew Webster

Headmaster

SCHOOL WEBSITE NEWS & SOCIAL MEDIA:

-Sporting Meadites show Determination & Enthusiasm

-Awesome Algorithms Lesson for Year 1

-Ex-Meadite has the X-Factor!

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MENU (W/C Monday 1 October):

Monday

Chicken Korma & Rice/Fresh Fruit

Tea: Fresh Filled Sandwiches & Salad

Tuesday

Jacket Potatoes, Sausage & Beans/Yoghurts

Tea: Fresh Filled Rolls & Salad

Wednesday

Meatballs & Pasta /Tray Bake

Tea: Sausage Rolls & Salad

Thursday

Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Vegetables/
Smoothies

Tea: Pizza & Salad

Friday

Fish Friday/Friday Treat

Tea: Fresh Filled Wraps & Salad

SPORTS REPORT

Hockey

U10 Girls hockey v Sacred Heart,
Wadhurst.

On Wednesday, two U10 teams played against U10 and U11 girls from Sacred Heart. The experience and age of our opposition was a challenge but, once again, The Mead girls learnt much from the experience. They never gave up, and their attitude is a credit to them and will be rewarded if they continue to be patient and positive. Hard work paid off for the Yellow team when good passing to players who found space led to a goal by Layla K. Nell M and Freya P gave good accounts of themselves in defence. Polly H and Ellie B were chosen as 'Players of their matches'. Onwards and upwards!

- Mrs Harman



Football

All the Year 3 and 4 boys enjoyed a sunny afternoon of triangular matches at Marlborough House joined by Hilden Grange. The matches were fairly evenly fought with all the boys showing good sportsmanship and teamwork. Players of the matches go to Alfie M, Daniel T and Louis G B. Well done boys.

- Mrs Girling



Congratulations to this week's Award Winners



Birds, Cats & Ants

Birds:

Maddie Carlier

Kazuki Cowley

Sophia Ellison-Hughes

Clementine Ellse

Henry Hall

Mani Place

Finn Shaw

Matilda Sunnucks

Cat:

Thomas Gerrish

Stars-in-a-Jar

Isabelle Chattenton

Alford Glover

Florence Grebot Baker

**Birds: Awarded to children who show compassion for others.*

**Cats: Awarded to children who show curiosity.*

**Ants: Awarded to children who show ambition.*

**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.
(Names above are this week's Star-in-a-Jar winners.)*

NOTICES:

- **Minibus:** Please note there will be no minibus service on Monday 1 October as Nigel is away.
- **Parking:** A reminder that the kerb outside the front of school is for drop-off only & we request that parents only get out of the car to help unload children & bags & that the children should walk into school on their own. We kindly ask that there are no exceptions to this, even if it's just to quickly drop off something at the school office, as this clogs up the space & as there are traffic wardens now patrolling the area, also runs the risk of receiving a parking ticket. Please park elsewhere if you wish to walk into school with your children or utilise the minibus service from the old coach park near Sainsburys.
- **Missing Uniform:**
 - Theo's (4B) pullover
 - Molly's (4B) sports sock
 - Charlie's (2W) coat

Could you please kindly check your child's uniform over the weekend to ensure that they have all of the correct items.