



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

Term: Autumn

Issue: 5

Date: 12 October 2018

KEY DATES:

Monday 15 October

Harvest Festival donations to be dropped off to table outside kitchen (Monday-Friday)

Reception-Year 6 flu immunisation, from 9.00am

Wednesday 17 October

FoM meeting, all welcome, 8.30am dining room

Boys football U11 v Cumnor House at Cumnor House, 2.30pm

Boys football U11 v Cumnor House at The Mead, 2.30pm

Girls hockey U10/11 v St Ronans at St Ronans, 2.30pm

Thursday 18 October

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

Girls hockey U8/9 v Bricklehurst Manor at Hawkenbury astro, 2.30pm

Friday 19 October

Harvest Festival service at King Charles the Martyr Church, - all welcome, 11.15am

Break up for half term (pick up from Church), 12.00pm

Monday 29 October

Return to school

Dear parents,

This morning I presented the Junior Cup as a collective award to our entire year 6. My inbox was peppered with support for this idea from staff, first proposed by Mr Agnew, with each anecdote being as good as the last, all adding to a sum greater than its parts as we reflected on the children's performance yesterday.

I'm talking here, of course, of their capabilities and conduct in their role as tour guides during our first Open Day of the year. Their only preparation was a five minute pep talk from myself which barely covered anything more than a clarification that loos and cupboards were not necessarily to be seen as compulsory highlights! Aside from that, I simply told them to talk about their school and be themselves. The feedback, from prospective parents and staff, was overwhelming. What resonated time and again was how happy and comfortable the children were in their roles, often seen playing hide and seek with visiting toddlers. Many teachers commented on their maturity and how they naturally knew when to talk, when to listen and when to move on. They even waited patiently whilst I had initial conversations with couples, despite knowing that a cupcake (only inches away) was probably in the offing. Unbeknownst to the children, we had a secret shopper on tour yesterday, Wishford's Director of Education, Jenny Burrett, and her summative comment really says it all..."I knew I really liked the Mead but didn't fully understand why until I met those children today".

Such glowing praise and all of it on a day when many of them were nervously awaiting 11+ results. Needless to say, it was another exceptional set of results for The Mead. Whilst they were in front of the school this morning, I asked them to reflect on what they have learned about a growth mindset and how it related to the 11+ exam. They spoke about effort and progress being all important and that no-one should allow one result to define them (whether it's a pass or a fail) but instead look to learn from it and move ever forward. It is for all of the qualities highlighted above that we know our Meadites will make a success of themselves. They are so very much more than a number on a Kent spreadsheet and their chosen senior schools will be lucky to have them.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Andrew Webster, Headmaster

ON THE WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA THIS WEEK:



Fun for FoM Film Night; Year 3 investigate bones for STEAM & a warm welcome from Year 6 for our Open Day visitors

Themeadschool.co.uk/news-and-events; [Facebook.com/themeadschoolTW](https://www.facebook.com/themeadschoolTW); [@TheMeadSchoolTW](https://twitter.com/TheMeadSchoolTW); Instagram: meadschooltunbridgewells

MENU (W/C Monday 15 October):

Monday

Chicken Korma & Rice/ Fresh Fruit

Tea: Fresh Filled Sandwiches & Salad

Tuesday

Pasta Day & Salad /Yoghurts

Tea: Fresh Filled Pittas & Salad

Wednesday

Chicken Pie, New Potatoes & Peas/Tray Bake

Tea: Fresh Filled Wraps & Salad

Thursday

Burger & Salad/Cookies

Tea: Sausage Rolls & Salad

Brilliant LAMDA Results!

Huge congratulations to all our pupils who received LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Arts) Certificates for their recent exams (names listed below). They achieved a very impressive 36 Distinctions and 2 Merits.



Sophie Barr	Lottie Kilner
Harry Barton	Alyssa Marklew
Juno Borrageiro	Isla Nash
Chloe Chowdhury	Emilia Nottidge
Sam Coombs	Tamsin Phillips
Bert Dicker	Mimi Stronge
Oscar Dowling	Axel Wadsworth
Issy Doyle	Gabe Wadsworth
Max Doyle	Hamish Weaver
Amber Jones	Charlie West

Sports Report

Hockey: U10/11 v Dulwich Prep:

The girls showed determination & some great tackling & passing, winning 2 out of our 3 matches! 'Players of the matches' were Emilia N, Layla K & Amber J.



U8/9 v Holmewood House: A great afternoon of hockey. Defence was particularly strong with some good tackles & passes. U9s 'players of the matches' were Ruby J & Ella O & Maddie C for the U8s. Well done to all our players for improved performances this week.

Football: U8/9 v Beechwood: Fantastic games which were very evenly matched. Superb effort & teamwork from our boys. 'Stars of the day' were: Daniel T, Seb L & Toju O.



Congratulations to this week's Award Winners



Birds, Cats & Ants

Birds:

Alexander Absolon

Sophie Barr

Chloe Chowdhury

Oliver Corby

Harriet Hagan

Lily Head

Elodie Mitchell

Annabel Morley

Noah Mund

Luella Perrin-Weener

Birds:

Mani Place

Theo Senecal

Finn Shaw

Ants:

Aiden Henry-Crowder

Lucas McIntosh

Vassilios Nitsios

Freya Pang

Jessica Patterson

Lottie Peter

Stars-in-a-Jar

Isobel Curran

Oliver Hill

Kitty Treacy

Cups

Infants: Sophia Ellison-Hughes

Juniors: All of Year 6

**Cups: A coveted prize. The outstanding Meadite of the week, voted for by the staff, gets to keep The Infant or Junior Cup until the following Friday.*

**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:

- **Long hair tied back:** A reminder that long hair should be tied back in a ponytail, plait or bun, to help prevent the spread of headlice.
- **No Access to School on Saturdays:** The school is hired out to an external company on Saturdays. For insurance & safeguarding purposes there is no access permitted for Mead staff & parents during this time.
- **Missing Uniform:**
Halle's (5A) money belt, Misty's (4L) cardigan,
Theo's (4B) football socks, tracksuit trousers & pullover,
Kit's (4L) cap, Milo's (4L) coat, Akira's (5F) sport sock,
Jake's (5A) football glove with JJ on them,
Amber's (6L) sports top

Please kindly check your child's uniform over the weekend