



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES:

Monday 5 November

STEAM Make-Do Challenge, Year 4

Year 2 trip to Herstmonceux Science Centre

Wednesday 7 November

Boys football U11 v Skippers Hill/Rosehill at The Mead, 2.30pm

Girls hockey U10/11 v Skippers Hill at Skippers Hill, 2.30pm

Thursday 8 November

Grandparents' Morning, Reception, 9.00am

Boys football U9 v St Ronan's at The Mead, 2.30pm

Boys football U8 v St Ronan's at St Ronan's, 2.30pm

Girls netball U8/9 v Derwent Lodge at Derwent Lodge, 2.30pm

Dear parents,

Issue 31 of the free lifestyle magazine, Kudos, fell on my desk this afternoon as it did, I'm sure, on many of your doormats. I must admit to giving only scant attention to the interview with Call the Midwife heartthrob, Jack Ashton and even less time to the Kudos Christmas Gift Guide (there, I've done it, the C word has now been officially mentioned in school dispatches!) as I performed my usual routine of quickly moving to the Heads Up section where local independent school heads give their view on one educational topic or another. It's always very interesting to size up my competition and see how other heads and schools are tackling the issues of the day.

This month we were asked to report on how we support our pupils' mental health and well-being. It was only within the context of this broad spectrum of opinion and approach that the importance of our family culture becomes apparent. My opening paragraph mirrored the tones of many of the other heads as we listed our most important and recent initiatives (a development of a Growth Mindset and our Loose Parts Play, for example). Where the Mead stands out though is through its intrinsic drive to treat every child as if they're our own. As I said in the second half of my article...

More than anything however, we (and most experts) believe that it is through honest, supportive and sincere relationships that humans find their emotional resilience. The Mead has long been regarded for its pastoral care and there is no magic formula here. It is simply personified in the dedication of all of its wonderful staff, willing to go the extra mile, to know and care for every child as if they were part of their family and to always seem to have the time to listen and put an arm around one of our wonderful little people who might be struggling that day. Being a small school under one roof we have a level of care that permeates throughout the building and it is the first intangible commented upon by most prospective parents. No policy or initiative can replace the most vital things you can give to children to support their mental health and development, your time and respect. At the Mead they have both in bucket loads.

I'd recommend picking up a copy of Kudos if you have the time and inclination, not least for the ultimate indulgent dessert recipes on page 66!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Andrew Webster



Great to see our friends after half-term, Year 2 enjoy their space-themed day launching their Above & Beyond topic

Our beautiful poppy display on the front hedge created by the children using recy-

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MENU (W/C Monday 5 November):

Monday

Sausages, Mash & Beans/ Fresh Fruit

Tea: Fresh Filled Sandwiches

Tuesday

Chilli Con-Carne & Rice/ Yoghurts

Tea: Fresh Filled Rolls

Wednesday

Macaroni Cheese/ Tray Bake

Tea: Pizza

Thursday

Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Cabbage/ Jelly

Tea: Sausage Rolls

Friday

Fish Friday/ Friday Treat

Tea: Fresh Filled Bagels

Sports Report

Hockey: U8/9 v Skippers Hill

The girls travelled to Skippers Hill and were lucky to miss the heavy showers! The U8s are to be congratulated on keeping to their positions in their matches. The U9s did a great job of going in for tackles more quickly. The girls have really improved in hockey since the beginning of term. Well done! Karen Harman



Football:

All our Year 5 and 6 boys played in matches against Hilden Grange on Wednesday. It was lovely to see the boys proudly representing our school and enjoying a win, captained by John L, against the opposition. Players of the Matches went to Sam C, Quinn M and Archie J and well done to Freddie K for scoring his first hat trick.

Thank you to all the parents for helping with the driving and supporting the teams. Pierre Leroy & Kate Girling



Congratulations to this Week's Award Winners



Birds, Cats & Ants

Birds:

Milo Deniz
Clemmie Ellse
Thomas Gerrish
Lottie Homan
Arthur Johns
William Taylor
Sofia Thain
Tom Webster

Ants:

Holly Roche
Maxim Sergievskiy
Michael Waggott

Cats:

All of Year 2
Orlando Blond

Stars-in-a-Jar

Olivia James
Lucas McIntosh
Holly Roche

Cups

Infants: Sophia Renton
Juniors: Oliver Button

**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:

- **Cardboard request** from Mrs G Wilson: We still need lots of cardboard for our Year 4 STEAM event on Monday. Please can you bring in any card/cardboard boxes (big, small, any shape) you have spare & deliver to the gum on Monday morning. All cardboard collected will be recycled. - **FoM Christmas Cards:** Please hand in order forms to the office by **Tuesday 6 November**, along with payment for the order (cash or cheque made payable to Friends of The Mead). Many thanks for your support.
- **Holiday Club:** Anita and her team have recently made the decision not to continue to run our Holiday Club and therefore there will be no Holiday Club over the Christmas holidays. We are looking to outsource the provision and will try to get things in place as quickly as possible. We will keep you notified as soon as we have further information.
- **Girls' school shoes**—please note that girls' school shoes can be navy or black. We will update our uniform list accordingly.
- **Missing Uniform:** Ralphie's (3C) pullover; Jonty's (3F) coat; Halle's (5A) winter felt hat; Ben's (5A) coat.
Please kindly check your child's uniform over the weekend.