



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

Term: Autumn

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KEY DATES:

Monday 19 November

Year 3 Victorian Day

Reception trip to British Wildlife Centre, Lingfield

Tuesday 20 November

Year 3 trip to Synagogue & Rochester Cathedral

Wednesday 21 November

Donations for Winter Fayre to be dropped off to front shed, 8.15-8.30am: Wednesday 21– Friday 23 November

Boys football U10/11 v Rosehill & Skippers Hill at Rosehill, 2.30pm

Girls netball U11 tournament at Skippers Hill, 2.30pm

Girls netball U10 training at The Mead, 2.30pm

Thursday 22 November

Kindness Day

Boys football U8/9 v Hilden Oaks at Hawkenbury astro, 2.30pm

Girls netball U8/9 v Skippers Hill at The Mead, 2.30pm

Saturday 24 November

FoM Winter Fayre, 12.00-2.00pm at The Mead



Year 3 experience life as Vikings for the day!

Dear parents,

Last term, I chaired a curriculum group with a cross section of the teaching staff and discussed, in essence, what excellence looks like when it comes to teaching and learning. This term, many of the new policies written by that group have come into practice and it feels like the right moment to share some of that journey with you.

Our first job was to establish the educational aims of the school and we agreed that our minimum standard should be the school's existing motto, **Enabling Every Child To Feel Success**. This in itself, when you reflect for a moment, is a significantly challenging baseline to achieve on a daily, weekly and/or termly basis but we wanted to go even further. As a result, our team's relentless goal is summed up in a simple acronym, **ECOP**, or **Every Child: Outstanding Progress**. In the true spirit of a Growth Mindset, this simple acronym recognizes that a teacher's job is never done, that there are always ways to tweak and improve our practice and that there is infinitely more progress to be made. ECOP is our Everest, a potentially insurmountable summit, but our mindset is that it's far better to get three quarters of the way up Everest than to aim for and achieve base camp.

Within the context of our new educational aims and the core values laid out in The Mindset of a Meadite (Compassion, Ambition and Curiosity) the next publication was a new Learning Policy (attached) which aims to articulate our aspirations for classroom culture at The Mead. At its heart is a drive to create independent (ambition) and inspired (curiosity) minds where children are thoroughly engaged in their lessons and are regularly required to really think for themselves.

This week, I have begun an appraisal process, observing lessons and looking through books as we begin to gauge how far things have developed towards the fairly lofty goals we have set ourselves. I must say, it's been wonderful to spend significant time watching the teaching staff at work and reminding myself of what an inspiring and fulfilling job we do.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Andrew Webster

NOTICES:

FoM Winter Fayre: We are looking forward to a wonderful festive family afternoon for this year's Winter Fayre next Saturday 24 November (12-2pm).

-Donations of bottles, good quality toys, secret-santa gifts would be very gratefully received. Please bring to the front shed at drop off time Wednesday 21-Friday 23 November where an FoM member will meet you.

-Donations of cakes & biscuits would be very much appreciated and should be dropped off to the table outside the dining room on Friday or brought directly to the cake stall in the Drama Room at the beginning of the Fayre.

-Jolly Jam Jars - Decorated jam jars filled with goodies should be handed to class teachers by Thursday 22 November. Please label the bottom with your child's name. There will be a prize given for the best jar in each class! Children who have brought in a Jolly Jam Jar will be able to buy one at the Winter Fayre.

-Raffle tickets for our amazing themed hampers are available from the office & also will be sold outside school on Wednesday-Friday mornings. They will also be available to buy at the Fayre.

Thank you for your support - we couldn't run events like this without your help! FoM Committee



Missing Uniform: Henry's (5F) PE shirt & PE sock

MENU (W/C Monday 19 November):

Monday

Victorian Day - One Pot Chicken Stew/ Fresh Fruit

Tea: Fresh Filled Sandwiches/ Fruit

Tuesday

Pasta Day/ Yoghurts

Tea: Fresh Filled Wraps/ Fruit

Wednesday

Chicken Korma & Rice/ Tray Bake

Tea: Sausage Rolls/ Fruit

Thursday

Steak Pie, New Potatoes & Sweetcorn/ Smoothies

Tea: Chicken Goujon Wraps/ Fruit

Friday

Fish Friday/ Friday Treat

Tea: Cheese & Crackers/ Fruit

SPORTS REPORT

U11 Hockey v Ashdown House: The girls worked well together, focusing on their passing & making progress up the pitch.

U10 Netball v Fosse Bank: The Mead girls were stoic in defence and passed the ball down the court nicely. Great effort from the team.

U9 Netball v Marlborough House: The Mead girls defended their partners well & their passing got much better as the game went on.

U8 Netball v Marlborough House: Each of the U8 teams scored a goal & they were encouraged by this. There were some great passes to be seen. The girls may not have been victorious in the final score but they're certainly all winners when it comes to progress and effort against seasoned opposition.

- Karen Harman

FOOTBALL:

The U8 & U9 boys had a great afternoon playing matches against Rosehill on Thursday. The boys played really well working as a team to make their way up the pitch. There were some fantastic saves and passes with lots of positive support amongst players. Overall there were 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss for the boys this week. It really has been a week where the hard work this term has started to pay off. Men of the Matches went to Joshua B, William P, George RG, Mani P, Oliver P and Tom S. Well done boys. -Pierre Leroy & Katherine Marsh



Congratulations to this Week's Award Winners



Birds, Cats & Ants

Birds:

Matilda Andrews
Arwen Attiogbe
Elliott Berry
Romy Bettelley-Purcell
Lily Head
Sebastian Leuty
Dhanya Magdani
Lade Obidairo
Luella Perrin-Weener
Tamsin Phillips
Lucas Slattery
Ben Turley
All of Year 1 & 2

Ants:

Katie Allen
Maddie Carlier
Edward Kent
Emma Lillie
Quinn Massey
William Piggott
Tom Stirling
Tristan Taylor
Tom Webster
Cats:
Tilly Ross
Monty Rudge

Cups:

Infants: Jack Barratt
Juniors: Bert Dicker

Stars-in-a-Jar :

Eleanor Kent
Quinn Massey
Freya Pang

**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.)*

STRICTLY WORKSHOP

Our Mead School dance teacher Miss Chantelle is running a Christmas 'Strictly' workshop at Knole Academy on Saturday 15 December. It will be a jazz-based workshop, learning various styles as seen on 'Strictly Come Dancing'. Dancers are encouraged to wear something sparkly if they wish to!

Contact chantellepoole@hotmail.co.uk to book your place.

Strictly Dance Workshop!
With Chantelle Poole

Strictly Come Dancing

Saturday 15th December
Knole Academy, Sevenoaks

10am - 11.30am (ages 3 - 6) - £15
11.45am - 1.45pm (ages 7 - 11) - £20
2pm - 4pm (ages 12+) - £20

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