



# The Mead School

## NEWSLETTER

**Term:** Autumn

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### KEY DATES:

#### Saturday 24 November

FoM Winter Fayre, 12.00-2.00pm at The Mead

#### Monday 26 November

Year 4 Greek Day

#### Tuesday 27 November

Year 1 & 2 Swimming - parent viewing, Year 1: 2.00-2.30pm;  
Year 2: 2.30-3.00pm

#### Wednesday 28 November

Reception Swimming - parent viewing, 9.00-9.30am

Boys football U10/11 Mead football cup first round at Hawkenbury astro, 2.30pm

Girls netball U10 v Skippers Hill at The Mead, 2.30pm

#### Thursday 29 November

Early Years Forest School, Hargate Woods, 8.45am

Boys football U8/9 Mead football cup first round at Hawkenbury astro, 2.30pm

Girls netball U8 v Hilden Grange at Hilden Grange, 2.30pm

Girls netball U9 v Hilden Grange at The Mead, 2.30pm



Year 6 accompany our Kindy & Pre-Reception children to see the Christmas lights at the Pantiles.

Dear parents,

A current parent once described the school to me as 'a village school in a town' and this has stuck with me ever since. Our size and sense of community are everything you'd expect from an idyllic rural setting and yet, we have so much more than livestock on our doorstep.

Never was this entire comment more true than on Thursday afternoon when an impromptu trip to the Pantiles was organised for Kindergarten and Year 6. Parents were quickly phoned and gave permissions willingly and off they trooped, hand in hand, down the hill. Both groups, at opposite ends of their Mead journey, got so much from the experience. Kindy were enraptured by the fact that they were off-site with 'the big boys and girls' and Year 6 took to their roles wonderfully, enthusiastically pointing out and discussing even the most inane objects and waving to shopkeepers through tinselled windows.

Lagging slightly behind, one pair were asked if they were ok and why the going was so slow to which the year 6 leader answered (completely in role and with all seriousness); 'Well, we had to fight off alligators, crocodiles and monkeys on the way but at least we have also managed to learn one plus one.' This is a perfect example of the inspirational and independent learning I spoke of last week. Children are so desperate to learn from each other and so they are often our greatest resource in the classroom. I dare say there will be many more joint excursions to come.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Andrew Webster

### NOTICES:

#### FoM Winter Fayre - Saturday 24 November, 12-2pm at The Mead:

A huge thanks for all your generous donations this week. We're looking forward to lots of festive fun & we hope lots of our Mead families will join us on the day. Please remember to bring lots of small change (50p/£1) for stalls & a polite reminder that this is a Friends of The Mead lead event so there will therefore be no staff supervising children. Please supervise your children at all times, particularly when playing in the outside areas. The school car park will not be available for general parking.



**Summer 2019 Activity Holiday:** Lots of spaces have now been taken for the trip to the Brecon Beacons. There are still some spaces available - please return the booking form to Mr Leroy by **Friday 30 November** if your child would like to join the trip.

**Local Babysitter/Childcare:** We have been contacted by a local lady offering help with babysitting, childcare, school pick-ups etc. If you are interested please contact Elizabeth or Ruth in the office for further details.

#### Missing Uniform:

Ralphie's (3C) pullover  
Lily's (1B) coat  
Finn's (3F) coat

*Please kindly check your child's uniform over the weekend.*

## MENU (W/C Monday 26 November):

### Monday

Greek Day - Chicken Pittas, Houmous, Tzatziki, Olives, Flat-Breads & Salad/ Fresh Fruit

Tea: Fresh Filled Sandwiches/ Fruit

### Tuesday

Jacket Potatoes, Cheese & Beans/ Yoghurts

Tea: Fresh Filled Rolls/ Fruit

### Wednesday

Meatballs, Pasta & Salad/ Tray Bake

Tea: Sausage Rolls/ Fruit

### Thursday

Roast Pork, Roast & Carrots/ Jelly

Tea: Pizza/ Fruit

### Friday

Fish Friday/ Friday Treat

Tea: Chicken Goujoun Wraps/ Fruit

## SPORTS REPORT:

### Football:

**U8/9s:** We had a fantastic afternoon yesterday at Hawkenbury for our U8/9 match against Hilden Oaks. The boys were incredibly focused and we were just pipped to the post with a 3-2 score. Man of the Match was Finn S. Well done boys.



**U10/11s:** Our Year 5 & 6 teams played in a triangular tournament against Rosehill & Skippers Hill on Wednesday, resulting in two wins, one draw & three losses. Man of the Matches went to Max A, Ethan W & Bert D. Great effort from the Mead boys.

Pierre Leroy & Kate Girling

### Netball:

**U10/11s:** Our U11 teams visited Skippers Hill to compete in a mini-tournament against Ashdown House, Bricklehurst Manor and Skippers Hill. The Mead A & B teams put in a great effort with a mixture of wins & defeats & some very close matches.



**U8/9s:** We had a great afternoon of netball here at The Mead yesterday, competing against the visiting Bricklehurst Manor. All the girls enjoyed the afternoon and competed well, showing particular strength in their defending.

-Karen Harman

## Congratulations to this Week's Award Winners



### Birds, Cats & Ants

#### Birds:

Oliver Button

Ava Cannacott

Olivia Nash-Agnew

Ella Oates

Misty McQuitty Hindmarsh

Tamsin Phillips

Oliver Pitt

Rachel Putman

Lucas Slattery

Savannah Stolz

#### Ants:

Annie Balcombe

Samson Clark

Eleanor Pitt

Oscar Sanford

Alexander Wilson

#### Cats:

Maddie Carlier

Freddie Dexter

Darcie Faith

Sebastian Leuty

Alistair McCrae

### Cups:

**Infants:** Emma Lillie

**Juniors:** Henry Johns

### Stars-in-a-Jar :

Freddie Kemp

Layla Kemp

Molly Stoddard

*\*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.)*



Pupil Council holding our Fegans Kindness Project paperchain. Every link has a note handwritten by each Mead pupil describing an act of kindness.

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