



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

Term: Spring

Issue: 1

Date: 12 January 2018

Key Dates:

Monday 15 January

Sewing/prop meeting, dining room,
8.30am

'Mathletics' presentation for parents,
4.30-5.00pm

Thursday 18 January

Friends of The Mead meeting, dining
room, 8.45am

Tuesday 23 January

Early Years Forest School
(Kindergarten, Pre-Reception & Re-
ception)

Wednesday 24 January

Year 2 trip to Tunbridge Wells Muse-
um

Year 1 - Aboriginal dance workshop

U11 netball triangular at Skippers Hill,
2.00 pm

Thursday 25 January

U9 netball quadrangular at Skippers
Hill, 2.30pm



Great to see our friends again after the holidays

Dear Parents,

A very happy new year to all of you and a warm welcome back to the new term. I am sure I'm not the only one who is appreciating the return to routine and it's been so lovely to see the children in such high spirits as they catch up with their Mead family.

I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Thomas Chave onto the team on a more official basis. After shadowing Mrs. Waight and Ms. Burley for one day a week last term, Mr. Chave has now taken up the post of year 6 teacher as well as teacher of Global Awareness from years 3 to 6.

Global Awareness has been introduced to help the children develop the wider global perspective I have spoken about so often in dispatches. In turn, this perspective will lead to greater self-awareness and a sense of where they fit in the world and what they should aspire to do. It's an incredibly exciting initiative (please note the overview as a separate attachment) and Mr. Chave is beginning to set the context by discussing the entire evolution of man!

For supporters of Mandarin, fear not, Mandarin will remain a part of the curriculum and children will also be exposed to some German, Spanish and Italian to foster a broader love of languages and an understanding of the codes that bind them all together.

As Global Awareness Coordinator, Mr. Chave will also be overseeing our leadership and enrichment programmes. To complement this new position, I have created a number of other middle management roles to help drive our learning environment further towards innovation and inspiration. Mrs. Faure is our new Curriculum Enhancement Coordinator, working closely with Miss Peace (Learning Enhancement Coordinator) to raise standards and in particular, invest in those extra-curricular opportunities which really enhance the learning experience (trips, guest speakers etc.). Mrs. Biggs is overseeing PSHEE and Mrs. Lake is our new Community Coordinator, expanding her responsibility for Eco-club to also include our charity and community initiatives.

I'm so blessed to work with such a fantastic team and would like to publically thank all of my staff for their enthusiasm and energy. The school continues to move forwards whilst cherishing all that makes it such a special environment.

Kind regards,

Andrew Webster

House Captains:

Chalybeate- Jacob Neale, Olivia Maltby;

Thackeray - Temi Adenekan, William Shrubsole;

Wellington - Emma Sabbatini, George Winning



A mysterious package is delivered to Year 2 with a special request from a palaeontologist at the National History Museum-

Menu (W/C Monday 15 January):

Monday

Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice

Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Pasta Bolognese & Green Beans

Ice Cream

Wednesday

Jacket Potatoes, Cheese & Beans

Yoghurts

Thursday

Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower

Peaches

Friday

Fish Friday

Friday Treat

'Egg-Citing' Delivery for Year 2!

Year 2 had a very intriguing and exciting delivery on their first day back to school this week.

Labelled as 'FRAGILE' and addressed to Year 2, The Mead School, the excited children opened the parcel very carefully.

What they found inside was a huge surprise: an enormous egg wrapped carefully in straw! Along with it was a letter to the Year 2 children from Mr. Walker, a palaeontologist at the Natural History Museum.

"On Sunday night a mysterious box appeared on the steps of the Museum" writes Mr. Walker, "I opened the box to find what appears to be an egg! I have been asked to investigate what type of egg it could be and where it might have come from."

Mr. Walker goes on to say that he has heard the children in Year 2 at The Mead are very inquisitive and good at finding things out and that he'd like them to help him find out as much as they can about the egg.

"I need to know where it might have come from and what could be inside the egg. You are to be my 'Egg Detectives'!"

After deciding they suspected this could just possibly be a dinosaur egg (wow!) the children brainstormed on what they already know about dinosaurs and what they would like to find out.

This is just the start of lots more research and investigating into all things 'dinosaur' to be carried out by the children this term.

We'll keep you (and Mr. Walker) posted on all our Year 2 Egg Detectives' findings!

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