



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

Term: Spring

Issue: 3

Date: 26 January 2018

Key Dates:

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 January

RSPB Birdwatch (please give Eco Club your results)

Wednesday 31 January

U10 - 9-a-side contact rugby & U11 - 7-a-side tag rugby vs Skippers Hill at Bayham, 2.00pm.

Thursday 1 February

Year 4 - Bronze Age History Workshop in school

U9/8 tag rugby (2 teams) vs Skippers Hill at Bayham, 2.00pm

Tuesday 6 February

Year 3 - Tudor Steps in Time performance in school

Year 5 - Local history talk by Jeremy Kimmel, Tunbridge Wells Museum, in school



Year 2 learn about fossils at Tunbridge Wells Museum, Pre-Rec & Kindy celebrate Fred the puppet's birthday & first run for our new Cross Country Club for Yr 5 & 6

Dear parents,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Jo Oogarah to teach EYFS and KS1 French from next week onwards. Jo studied for a degree in European Law and Languages and is fluent in both French and Spanish. At interview, the feedback from staff was overwhelmingly positive and we found Jo to be engaging and intuitive with our youngest.

To continue along a similar vein, it is also an apt moment to mention the improvements that have been made to our swimming provision, both in terms of procedure and expertise. I have doubled the number of professional swimming coaches we employ at the pool. This means every group will now be led by one of our trained sports staff or a professional employee provided by the leisure centre. Furthermore, we have introduced a shuttle bus approach to transportation and this, coupled with the fact that most sessions run over a break time means that the children do not spend any unnecessary time at the pool and the time taken for their swimming lesson does not eat into their timetable much more than if we had a pool on site. In short, we are very pleased with the improvements that have been made to the efficiency and effectiveness of swimming coaching at the Mead (not least because this was an area for improvement flagged by many of you in last summer's survey) and look forward to seeing the children make good progress over the coming terms.

Finally, I wanted to publically thank Mr Chave for his unflappable approach to taking over KS2 French teaching. Clearly a natural linguist, Mr Chave speaks French, Spanish, German and a fair dusting of both Italian and Mandarin. He has seamlessly continued with the French curriculum in years 3 to 6 and the children seem to have handled the transition with equal composure and enthusiasm. On the ICT front, my diligent and committed teaching staff have embraced this opportunity to embed our ICT provision more intrinsically within our curriculum. Moreover, this term's core themes of discerning research and online safety naturally lend themselves to age appropriate teaching led by the class teacher. Staff training is already booked for the first week back after half-term and plans are being put in place to reintroduce specialist teaching as soon as a suitable candidate has been found.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Andrew Webster

Parking Plea

I have only this morning received a complaint (with accompanying photographs!) from a local resident about our parking at pick up time.

Firstly, to the majority, a huge thank you for being considerate and selfless in your willingness to park legally, regardless of time constraints or distance from the school.

To the few who park illegally, I firstly give you my empathy. I understand that it's only intended to be for a moment and that all our lives are busy. However, it is rarely just a moment and even if it was, it only takes a moment for a lethal accident to happen. Consider your feelings towards an illegally parked driver who caused your child to blindly step out into the road. Please have this in mind the next time you think you're in a rush.

As always, I'm hugely appreciative of your support.

Andrew Webster.

Menu (W/C Monday 29 January):

Monday

Chicken Korma, Rice & Cucumber

Fresh Fruit

Tea: Munch Bunch/No. 1 Club/Juniors: Pizza

Tuesday

Pasta Bolognese & Vegetables

Ice Cream

Tea: Munch Bunch/No.1 Club: Baked Beans/
Hoops on Toast; Juniors: Fresh Filled Rolls & Salad

Wednesday

Beef Casserole, Carrots, Peas & Warm Bread

Mince Pies

Tea: Munch Bunch/ No. 1 Club: Cheese, Crackers & Salad; Juniors: Fresh Filled Bagels & Salad

Thursday

Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower

Jelly

Tea: Munch Bunch/No. 1 Club/ Juniors: Fresh Filled Wraps & Salad

Friday

Fish Friday

Friday Treat

Tea: Munch Bunch/No. 1 Club/ Juniors: Warm Sausage Rolls & Salad

Independent Secondary School Open Days:

Saturday 27 January

Brighton College Open Morning

Saturday 3 February

Bethany School Open Morning & Year 6 Masterclasses

Worth School Open Day

Saturday 17 March

Sevenoaks School Information Morning

Worth School Open Day

**Visit school websites for further information & booking details*

Pupils Awarded with Birds; Stars & Cups This Week:

Birds:

Annie Balcombe •
Elliott Berry • Joshua
Boler • Isobel Curran •
Cleo Corrigan • Lola
Corrigan • Max Doyle
• Clementine Ellse •
Archibald Jermyn •
Selina Maher • William
McClure • Rachel Putman •
Ralph Renton •
Thomas Roche • Sonny
Shelton • Sofia Thain

Congratulations
to all of this week's
award winners!



'Star in a Jar' Winners:

William Hunt • Arthur
Johns • Amelia Oates •
Annabelle Peter

Cups:

Infants: Savannah Stolz
Juniors: Temi Adenekan

*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 have shown exceptional behaviour, hard work, perseverance, kindness, good manners etc.

*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.

Netball Match Report:

Thursday 25 January - Netball Triangular at Skippers Hill

After lunch yesterday, nine Mead netballers (Olivia, Lola, Halle, Layla, Alexia, Ruby, Saskia, Tilly & myself) travelled to Skippers Hill for our first away match and tournament. There was us, Skippers Hill, Bricklehurst and Holmewood House. Our first match was against Holmewood House and we drew 1-1. After two more exciting matches we came third equal with Holmewood House. Everyone played their best. Well done to our players Tilly, Saskia and Ruby from Year 3 and thank you to Mr Webster for driving us, Anita for organising and Mrs Webster for looking after us and umpiring.

Written by Ellie-Beth Bowman, U9 Captain



House Captains:

Chalybeate– Sienna Graham, William Beazley ; Thackeray - Megan Bolter, Tabitha Weekes ; Wellington - Olivia Ellse, William McClure

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