



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

Term: Spring

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Key Dates:

Monday 26 February

Year 5: RE trip to Pantiles Baptist Church

Tuesday 27 February

Year 5: Guided Walking Trip around Tunbridge Wells

Early Years Forest School rescheduled to Wednesday 14 March

Wednesday 28 February

Year 5 & 6 Sports Masterclass with James Emmitt (Director of PE, Sevenoaks School) at The Mead

Thursday 1 March

World Book Day (Roald Dahl themed) & Open Day for prospective parents; children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a favourite story

U9/8 Netball vs Bricklehurst, at home, 2.30pm

Independent Secondary School Open Days:

Saturday 24 February

King's Rochester, 9.15am-12 noon

Sackville School, 10.00am-12.00 noon

Saturday 3 March

Battle Abbey School, 10.30am-12.30pm

Radnor House, Sevenoaks, 10.00am & 12.00 noon

Tonbridge School, 10.00am

Thursday 15 March

Sackville School, 11.00am - 1.00pm

**Please check individual school websites for confirmation & further details*

Dear parents,

It's been a busy first week back to school after half term with activities including a colourful Chinese dance workshop for Year 1, complete with dragon puppets and oriental fans, an inspiring visit from author Chloe Inkpen for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children, rugby and netball matches for our Junior teams and our U11 netball team have just set off to the ISA netball tournament at Lingfield as we write (go Team Mead!).



Thanks to all parents who attended last night's e-safety seminar. A summary of the key points and useful websites is attached with this newsletter. The most important message to come out of the evening was that we must educate our children to police themselves by always ensuring that their online behaviour would be acceptable in the real world. In this regard, no Meadite should have privacy over personal devices and you must ensure you develop a relationship where they only access the internet in public spaces at home and are willing to show you any activity with which they are involved. A reminder also that the minimum age for social media is 13 and so no Meadite should have a social media account. I will be reiterating this message with our senior children next week.



Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Andrew Webster

Big Schools' Birdwatch The Mead School's Report

During the Christmas break The Mead School, Tunbridge Wells took part in the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch initiative 2018 to discover more about our local wildlife and bird population.



Children and their families across the Mead School set up bird feeders and excitedly found perfect positions, to watch for one hour and count the birds in their gardens for the Birdwatch. The interesting data was forwarded on to Mrs Lake, the Eco-Coordinator, who sent the results to the RSPB. The most common bird we spotted was the house sparrow with a staggering 49 sightings!



To encourage birds to visit our school environment Eco-Club Planet Protectors sought ideas from the RSPB website and made delicious apple bird feeders. To tempt the birds we pierced the skin with sunflower seeds and hung them from branches on the perimeter of our playing field. We spotted robins, wood pigeons and starlings eating our tasty treats, but only after the bell to end playtime sounded and quiet descended on the playground!

In Class 4L we were lucky enough to spot robins, a coal tit and even a pied wagtail. Mrs Lake and 4L used our results to create a graph of the birds we counted. During form time we discussed the importance of the Big Schools Watch and decided that it brought us closer to nature on our doorsteps, helped us to appreciate the beauty of different bird species and was super fun for all of the family. We realised that we are scientists in action!

Menu (W/C Monday 26 February):

Monday

Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice/ Fresh Fruit

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

Tuesday

Pasta/ Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread/ Jelly

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

Wednesday

Steak Pie & Seasonal Vegetables/ Yoghurts

Tea: Munch Bunch/ No. 1 Club: Crackers, Cheese & Fruit; Juniors: Fresh Filled Sandwiches, Cheese/ Scrambled Egg on Toast & Salad

Thursday

Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg/ Peaches & Cream

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

Friday

Fish Friday/Friday Treat

Tea: Munch Bunch/No. 1 Club/ Juniors: Bagels with Cheese, Jacket Potatoes, Beans & Salad

Notices & Missing Uniform:

- DJ Uniforms are currently offering 25% discount on all school uniform.
- Childcare vouchers can now be used to pay for the Holiday Club run at the school. If you are paying by childcare vouchers please make sure you reference the payment with the name of your child and Holiday Club.
- Ex-Meadite Tabitha Bolter is running a Craft Workshop to raise money for charity We See Hope this Sunday 25 February, 2.15-5.00pm, The Stables, Frant. Email bolter_g@hotmail.com to book.

Missing Uniform/Items:

Tom 's (Year 1) judo suit

Aiden's (year 3) coat

Elliott's (year 3) coat (outer section)

Max's (year 5) cap

We would be grateful if you could please kindly check your child's uniform over the weekend as there may well be other items.

Pupils Awarded with Birds; Stars & Cups This Week:

Congratulations to all of this week's award winners!



Birds:

Harry Corby • Clementine Ellse • Kit Hall
• Polly Homan • Charlie McAllister •
Georgia McIntosh • Jake McMutrie •
Jago Neill • Sophia Renton • Monty Rudge

Cups:

Infants: Edward Kent
Juniors: Henry Johns

'Star in a Jar' Winners:

Phoebe Senecal
Lucas Stirling



**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.*

House Captains:

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

For further school news & photos visit our website:
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