



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

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Key Dates:

Monday 13 Nov

Return orders for FoM Christmas Card fundraiser

Year 3 Viking Day

Tuesday 14 Nov

Steps in Time, Years 4,5,6

Wednesday 15 Nov

FOM meeting, 8.45am

Thursday 16 Nov

U9 football vs Skippers Hill, home, 2.30pm

Friday 17 Nov

Own Clothes Day for Children in Need

ISA Football Tournament

Saturday 18 Nov

ISA Swimming Gala



Reception Class Grandparents were warmly welcomed this week for Grandparents Day

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, I was lucky enough to listen to a talk given by Roger Black MBE, Olympic Medalist and two-time World Champion. While speaking, Roger described some of his most memorable races. One example he gave was when in 1991, in the World Championship 4 x 400m finals in Tokyo, he and team mates, John Regis, Derek Redmond and Kriss Akabusi were going into the meeting against a USA 4x 400m team that hadn't lost at a major championship for over 7 years. Britain, by contrast, hadn't won a gold medal in the event since the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Instead of running a second place race, against seemingly unbeatable odds, the team changed tack. According to Black, his side decided to take the initiative back from what many saw to be a likely US win. Black went first off the blocks, to use his speed to try and make up ground right from the off, two very determined laps from Redmond and Regis meant that Kriss Akabusi steamed home in Gold Medal position ahead of the US team and the rest of the field.

The resilience, grit and determination showed by Black and his teammates paid off in spades. The importance of never giving up, never putting ceilings on what we can achieve and never to let any measure of personal failure be perceived by the individual as a sign of weakness are traits that we at The Mead and those amazing athletes have in common! We ask our Mead children to consider their own learning and personal development in the same light as Black and his team. To not constantly judge themselves against the performance of others but instead to set personal goals. To try, fail, dust yourself off, try again and succeed is key to our Mead mind-set.

This is the link to the 1991 final, perhaps you may wish to watch this with your children and reflect with them on the power of never giving up and never saying never.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkL5nPqkIrs>

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Isobel Feaver

Deputy Head

Thought for the Week: As part of our PSHEE programme (and obligation) to safeguard the children, we introduced them to the PANTS rule on the NSPCC website. They were impressively grown up and mature about it and we came at it from the angle of the importance of managing their own privacy around one another when the loo is busy. Of course, there is also an important message of staying safe as they grow up and this will be linked with a follow up programme of online safety. Once again, we appreciate your support in managing and reinforcing these sensitive conversations at home as well.



Kindergarten & Pre-Reception Remembrance Day display & poppy badges & Year 5 start 3D Christmas art projects

Menu (W/C Monday 13 Nov):

Monday

Sausages, Boiled Potatoes & Carrots

Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Steak Pie, Potatoes & Sweetcorn

Yoghurts

Wednesday

Pasta Day

Jelly & Cream

Thursday

Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Carrots

Sponge & Custard

Friday

Fish Friday

Jam Tarts

Term Dates:

Friday 15 Dec

Break up for Christmas holidays (12 noon)

18 Dec - 21 Dec - Holiday Club

Tuesday 9 Jan

Start of Spring Term

Friday 9 Feb

Break up for half term

Monday 19 Feb

Return to school

Friends of The Mead News:

From a Friends of The Mead perspective, the school is a hive of Winter Fayre and seasonal planning activity at the moment and I thought that it might be helpful to flag a few key dates and deadlines.

Monday 13.11.17: deadline for receipt of orders and payments for Christmas cards. Please refer to recent correspondence, proofs and order forms from the school office.

Wednesday 15.11.17: or sooner: final deadline for hamper contributions. I am aware that some class groups have set Monday, 13.11.17, as their deadline in order to allow additional time to prepare hampers. Therefore, please refer to your class representatives and in the absence of a sooner date please get your hamper contributions in by Wednesday, 15.11.17, latest.

Wednesday 15.11.17: FOM meeting at 08:45AM which will largely be given over to finalising Winter Fayre arrangements. It would be very helpful if all class groups were represented at the meeting.

Wednesday 22.11.17 to Friday 24.11.17 inclusive: sheds to the front of school to be manned at morning drop-off time to receive tombola, secret Santa, book swap and bottle tombola prize contributions. Please refer to recent correspondence from the school office.

Thursday 23.11.17: deadline for jolly jam jars to be taken to classrooms, marked with the child's name. Please refer to recent correspondence from the school office.

Friday 24.11.17: deadline for raffle ticket stubs and payment. Please refer to recent correspondence from the school office and tickets sent home.

Friday 24.11.17 or morning of Winter Fayre: deadline for cake contributions; cakes can either be dropped off on Friday, 24.11.17, or brought along on the morning of the Fayre when they can be delivered directly to the drama room. Please refer to recent correspondence from the school office.

Saturday 25.11.17: The FOM Winter Fayre takes place between 12:00 and 2:00PM. It would be remiss of me not to stress that helpers will be needed before, during and after the event, please, to help set up, run and tidy away the various stalls and activities. Please refer to recent correspondence from the school office and/or class representatives.

I hope that this serves to help rather than confuse. Please direct any queries either to your class representative(s) or to the school office in the first instance.

The Winter Fayre is a key event for Friends of The Mead and your support and generosity really are enormously appreciated.

Here's to another fantastic FOM Winter Fayre.

James Piggott

Chair, Friends of The Mead



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