



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

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Key Dates:

Saturday 10 March

Modern & Tap Coaching

Monday 12 March

Year 5: Church study visit to King Charles the Martyr Church

Tuesday 13 March

Year- 1 & 2 Spring Show, performance to parents, Trinity Theatre, 4.00pm

Year 6 - ISA Drama Entry performance to parents, Trinity Theatre, 5.30pm

No swimming

Wednesday 14 March

Kindergarten, Pre-Reception &

Reception - Forest School

Year 3 & 4 - LAMDA exams

U11/10 tag rugby at Beechwood, 2.30pm

Thursday 15 March

Year 3 & 4 - LAMDA exams

Friday 16 March

Year 2,3,4,5,6 - Fun swim session (AM & PM)

Year 4 - football & netball matches at Battle Abbey, followed by Award Ceremony & tea, 1.00-4.00pm

Saturday 17 March

Modern & Tap exams



Year 5 enjoy their trip to Canterbury Cathedral

Dear parents,

This term we have been reviewing our new and evolving ethos. Initially, we set out to define what the school stood for and, as you know, we developed the concept of 'One family, limitless opportunity and a global perspective'. However, this was only stage one. The next challenge was to go beyond defining the school and instead, and far more importantly, defining the qualities that said culture would foster and grow in the children. This has resulted in our 'Mindset of a Meadite'. Our motivation is simple and clear. If we can raise children with the qualities outlined below then we are confident that they will go on from The Mead to lead happy and fulfilling lives and hopefully, in their own unique way, make the world a better place.

The Mindset of a Meadite

Compassion We treat others as we would wish to be treated; namely with kindness, empathy, honesty and exemplary manners. We champion and nurture one another as a large family under one roof. As our global perspective grows, so does our respect, tolerance and sense of responsibility. We are charitable by nature and offer unfailingly warm hospitality.

Ambition We take pride in our work and have unapologetically high expectations. Independently and collaboratively we embrace challenge and seek improvement through accurate communication, craftsmanship, resilience, perseverance and adaptability. We live at the edge of our capabilities, willing to push beyond them with confidence and optimism on our journey to becoming lifelong learners and leaders.

Curiosity We are creative and adventurous risk takers, free from the fear of failure and inspired to seek passions, interests and a deeper knowledge and understanding. We are discerning truth seekers, determined to investigate accuracy. We are brave future leaders, willing to challenge convention and stereotype. We are mindful, self-reflective, open minded and spiritually aware.

Kind regards,

Andrew Webster

Our Trip to Canterbury Cathedral: By Amber Jones, Oliver Conway & Sonny Shelton

On Monday Year 5 went to Canterbury Cathedral, it was a long journey but it was worth the wait! When we arrived we got to dress up as monks, pilgrims, kings and queens and archbishops & then had a guided tour of the Cathedral. The first place we went to was the Nave and we saw a large art piece made from clothes that had been washed up from immigrant children from the beaches. It was very sad.

We learnt that the older arches were more rounded and then became more arched to make them stronger. Our favourite fact was that if the monks did something bad they were forced to have dried peas in their sandals all day! We also learnt a gruesome fact: Thomas Becket was murdered in the Cathedral. There was a modern day sculpture marking the place as Henry V111 had ordered his original shrine to be destroyed.

After our lunch (yummy!) we went to the activity room where there was lots for us to do. We lifted blocks using a winch, we made pilgrim badges with tin foil, built the wooden arches with blocks, painted stained glass windows and chipped our initials into the stone. This trip was very educational, we loved it and hope to go again!

Menu (W/C Monday 12 March):

Monday

Chicken Korma, Rice & Cucumber/ Fresh Fruit

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

Tuesday

Hot Dogs & Salad/ Cookies & Fruit

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

Wednesday

Pasta Day/ Fruit

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

Thursday

Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg/ Yoghurts

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

Friday

Fish Friday/Friday Treat

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

Notices & Missing Uniform:

- Well done to Wellington House who raised an amazing £220.20 this week at their stationery & book sale in aid of United World Schools.
- Our Grandparents' Day & Mummies' Morning were a huge success. Details & photos on our website & Facebook page.
- Please note next week's key dates relating to the Modern & Tap coaching, LAMDA exams & Trinity performances.
- A list of Secondary School Open Events in 2018 is being sent out as an attachment with this newsletter & hard copies are available from reception.
- DJ Uniforms are currently offering 25% discount on all school uniform.

Missing Uniform/Items:

Ian (5F) - school cap

Henry (2R) - school cap

Pupils Awarded with Cups & Birds This Week



Cups:

Juniors: Isla Nash

Stars-in-a-Jar:

Eliza Craddock

Jacob Morton

Birds:

Annie Balcombe • Joshua Boler
Amy Cobbold • Max Crompton
Charlie Eddy • Jonty Gillett
Louis Grebot Baker • Oliver Hill
Jake Jones • Sebastian Leuty
Monty Lewis-Grey • Mia Ludlow
Louie Lyons • Georgia McIntosh
Alex Munthali • Vassilios Nitsios
Amelia Oates • Holly Roche
Sophia Slattery • Akira Takano Pasbola
Tom Webster •

Congratulations to all of this week's award winners!

**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

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