



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

Term: Summer

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Key Dates:

Monday 23-Friday 27 April

Year 6 - Bikeability

Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 April

School photographer - Sally Grace

Tuesday 24 April

First Transition Session for Reception 2018/19 children; 1.45-3.15pm

Wednesday 25 April

Year 1: session with cricket coach

Friday 27 April

Year 4,5,6 swimming (Week 2 speed badges)

Monday 30 April

Key Stage 1 & 2: NSPCC Assembly

Reserve day for school photographer

Tuesday 1 May

Second Transition Session for Reception 2018/19; 1.45-3.15pm

Wednesday 2 May

Year 6 Safety In Action

U11 quadrangular rounders at Skippers Hill

Inter House Cricket

Thursday 3 May

FoM meeting - all welcome, dining room, 8.45am

Year 6 Young Enterprise Market Day

U9/8 rounders at Bricklehurst, 2.30pm

Friday 4 May

Talk with PC Vernon Barker

Monday 7 May

BANK HOLIDAY

Dear parents,

I am pleased to announce some exciting new appointments which have been finalised over the Easter break.

Mr Thomas Liddle will be taking over as Director of Music from September. Thomas is a local chap who is currently teaching music at the British International School of Chicago (where I interviewed him). He is a trained primary classroom practitioner and a professional piano accompanist and will be a fantastic addition to the team. Most impressive was Thomas' ambition to further our links within the local community and enhance our reputation as a centre of musical excellence.

Joining Thomas will be Mrs Gemma Wilson as our new STEAM and Computer Science teacher. Gemma is currently Head of Faculty at Skinners Kent Academy and was previously Senior Assistant Headteacher with KS3 Curriculum oversight at a large comprehensive school in London. It has been a notable coup to acquire the services of someone so experienced and we're both thoroughly enthused by the development of Computer Science as well as our new STEAM curriculum in KS2 which aims to join the dots of topic-based learning through real world projects (more to follow on this).

Completing the new triumvirate is Mrs Danielle Mackenzie as our new Head of Girls' Games. This is a brand new appointment and, along with the potential development of the astro, will signal a transformation in the delivery of sport at The Mead. Danielle is currently Head of Faculty at Moira House, teaching girls from 3 to 18, and is highly experienced in delivering a broad spectrum of sport as well as managing an impressive fixture and extra-curricular calendar. Danielle made the national (USA) collegiate Water Polo team and represented the USA as part of the Junior Olympic team in Women's Artistic Gymnastics.

There will be more news to follow soon on these appointments and other notable developments, including MFL, as well as an outline to the staffing plan and class structure for next academic year.

Kind regards,

Andrew Webster

Notices:

Parking next week: Due to Bikeability taking place every day next week there will be no car park operating in the school playground.

Individual Pupil Photos: A photographer will be at school Monday and Tuesday next week. Please ensure your child/children are wearing smart summer uniform & hair is tidy.

Lost Property: Please see photos attached with parentmail for lost property items leftover from last term. They will be donated to the second hand uniform stock or charity shops if not claimed by the end of next week.

Menu (W/C Monday 23 April):

Monday

Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice / Fresh Fruit

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

Tuesday

Jacket Potatoes, Cheese & Beans/ Choc Ices

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

Wednesday

Sausages, New Potatoes, Peas/ Yoghurts

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

Thursday

Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Broccoli/ Cauliflower/ Mousse

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

Friday

Fish Friday/ Friday Treat

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

Bright Sparks Create Electric Models

Year 4 has been buzzing with creative energy as they designed, planned & constructed models which use electricity. Each week a selection will be displayed in our reception. This week's include a lighthouse with a spinning light, a rotating unicorn carousel, a solar powered fan, an ice hockey arena with radio & 'Spend a Penny' - a machine that shoots pennies down a slide!



Stars in a Jar Winners This Week



Stars-in-a-Jar:

Elliott Newland

Emilia Nottidge

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.

Amazing Work from Year 5 for Place of Worship Project

Year 5 were recently set the task of planning, designing & constructing a model of their choice of a place of worship for Religious Studies. Each week a selection of the pupils' creations & plans will be displayed in our reception area. Here are this week's projects which include King Charles The Martyr Church made from gingerbread, a chapel with lights, a Chinese temple complete with yoga mats and a Buddhist cave.



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