



# The Mead School

## NEWSLETTER

**Term:** Summer

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### Key Dates:

#### Monday 11 June

Kindergarten & Pre-Reception trip to Blackberry Farm (leaving The Mead at 9.10am & returning to school by 1.50pm)

Years 1,2,3: Informal Music Concert, school gym, 2.15pm

#### Tuesday 12 June

Year 2 trip to Sikh Temple, Gravesend (leaving The Mead at 8.45am & returning to school by 3.30pm)

Years 5 & 6: LAMDA exams

#### Wednesday 13 June

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Ballet Exams

Early Years Daddies morning

#### Thursday 14 June

FoM meeting, dining room, 8.45am

New Children's Morning

Years 4,5,6: Informal Music Concert, school gym, 2.15pm, parents welcome

Years 3 & 4: Inter-house Cricket & Rounders

#### Friday 15 June

Mini-Meadites, dining room, 8.45-10.25am

Year 6 travel to Hatherop Castle for Wishford Weekend (returning Sunday 17 June)



Great to see our friends again after half term

Dear parents,

I'm pleased to announce that Mrs Lake will be continuing her Mead journey on a permanent basis this September after a year's maternity cover for Mrs Wilson. Mrs Wilson is returning for 3 days a week and will be heading up our KS2 Geography department, as well as our Forest School provision. Mrs Lake will therefore be remaining in place as year 4 teacher and will also be taking over as Head of MFL. I would like to thank Mr Chave for deputising as Head of Languages since Mr Carnoy's departure and I'm pleased that I am now in a position where I can ask Mr Chave to concentrate on his Global Awareness curriculum with experienced languages teacher (we are very blessed!) Mrs Lake, taking over the teaching of French alongside her class commitments. Indeed, I'm very pleased with the new symmetrical look to our KS2 staffing with every class teacher also taking responsibility for a specialist subject. Mrs Faure will be Head of History, Mrs Biggs, Head of RS and Mrs Feaver and Mr Agnew coordinating English and Maths respectively. Mrs Gemma Wilson (having two Mrs Wilsons will prove to be a challenge I'm sure) and Mrs Latty complete the class teacher team in year 6 and also as Heads of STEAM and Art, as you already know. Specialist subjects will therefore benefit from real continuity as teachers will pick up groups in year 3 and take them all the way through the rest of their time at the school.

French will remain as our core language, taught by Mrs Lake but with more time now on the timetable, we are looking to expand our languages provision via our Global Awareness curriculum and introduce the children to Spanish, German, Italian and Mandarin throughout their time at The Mead. The aim is to foster a love of languages and an understanding of the fundamentals that tie all languages together so that Meadites can go on to senior school with a desire to develop their expertise. I have indicated previously that I would like to 'open the door' more and increase parental involvement. On this note, if there are any relevant linguists among the parents who would have time to volunteer their support, I would be interested in discussing potential collaboration. Equally, we are hoping to expand our team of parent readers next year and so, again, if there are any willing helpers in this regard then do please let me know.

Finally, a reminder that we have New Children's Morning next Thursday. All children will find out about their new class teachers and class mates for September upon arrival and spend the morning in their new classrooms. We will email you all the new class lists on Thursday morning so that you are up to speed before the children come home.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Andrew Webster

### Notices

- Please support our Mead Moonlight Walkers team who are taking part in The Hospice in The Weald Moonlight Walk on Saturday. The charity is close to many of the staff's hearts as former Mead parent Clare (mother of ex-Meadite Jess) is being cared for by the Hospice (the story is in Spring Hospice in The Weald Newsletter). A collection bucket is in reception.



Mead Moonlight Walkers

- A reminder there will no ballet rehearsal on Sunday. LAMDA exams will take place on Tuesday & Wednesday. Please can all ballet candidates remember to bring in a hair bag on Wednesday morning. It should contain: hair brush/comb; hair bands; bun net (same colour as hair); hair grips and pins; hair spray/gel.
- **Missing uniform:** Edward (RIH) - cap ; Sonny (5A) Judo Kit  
*Please kindly check your child's uniform over the weekend.*

## Menu (W/C Monday 11 June):

### Monday

Lasagne & Salad/ Fresh Fruit

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

### Tuesday

Jacket Potatoes, Cheese & Beans/Yoghurts

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

### Wednesday

Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Carrots/ Peaches & Cream

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

### Thursday

Mexican Day - Fajitas/ Ice Cream

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

### Friday

Fish Friday/ Friday Treat

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

### Friends of The Mead News

**FoM Meeting: Thursday 14 June, 8.45am, dining room.** All warmly welcome, we hope to see you there.

**Summer Fair 23 June 12-2pm**  
(straight after Sports Day)



**Helpers Needed!** Volunteers are needed to help on stalls & serve refreshments. Please contact class reps directly or Ruth at: [marketing@themeadschool.co.uk](mailto:marketing@themeadschool.co.uk) .

**Donations Request:** Donations of cakes, good quality children's bric-a-brac & bottles will be very gratefully received. We'll send details of when & where to drop off soon.

The Summer Fair is a fun, sociable event for all the family with stalls, activities, children's dance display, raffle, giant inflatable & refreshments. We can only run the Fair with the support of volunteers so please do help if you are able to.



Letter from Downing Street for one of our Eco-minded pupils! Read all about it on our website News page.



## Congratulations to this week's Award Winners



### Cups

Juniors: Emma Sabbatini

### Stars-in-a-Jar

Samuel Garcia Hynes

Alexia Giddins

Jacob Morton

### Birds

Alexander Absolon	William McClure
Chloe Adams	Jacob Neale
Ava Cannacott	Tamsin Phillips
Freddie Dexter	Rachel Putman
Harriet Hagan	Sophia Slattery
Aiden Henry-Crowder	Olivia Turley
Lottie Homan	Hamish Weaver
William Hunt	Classes 1B & 1C
Monty Lewis-Grey	Class 2M
Freya Ludlow	

*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.*

### On our Website News & Social Media Pages This Week:



-Welcome back to school!  
-Letter from Downing Street for Eco-Minded Meadite  
-Busy Week of Outdoor Learning for Kindergarten



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