



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

Term: Summer

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Key Dates:

Saturday 30 June

Year 3 & 4 to Bushcraft (finishes 3.00pm, 30 June at Peshurst)

Monday 2 –Friday 6 July

Summer Show rehearsals at Trinity Theatre all week - please see parent-mail for further details.

A reminder that Crescent Road car park is open to permit holders only Mon-Fri 8.00am-6.00pm

Tuesday 3 July

Year 6 party to celebrate ISA Drama win, 3.40-4.30pm, dining room

Friday 6 July

Summer Show Performance, Trinity Theatre, 11.00am

Summer Show Performance, Trinity Theatre, 3.00pm

Saturday 7 July

Prize-giving, Trinity Theatre, 11.00am

Summer Show Performance, Trinity Theatre, 2.30pm

Monday 9 July

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Tuesday 10 July

Year 6 Leavers' Service, King Charles the Martyr Church, 11.15am; all welcome

Break up for summer holidays, pick up from church, 12.00pm

Friday 13-Monday 16 July

Activity Holiday, Norfolk Lakes Adventure Centre

Thursday 6 September

Autumn term commences

Dear parents,

They say play is a child's work and we've seen huge evidence of that this week.

Play is fundamental to child development and we are passionate about it as EYFS teachers. Play isn't mindless or unskilled, it is important for problem solving, creativity and making relationships and allows children to find out new things for themselves. In a world where screen time is part of our children's lives, you could argue that the art of 'play' has been pushed aside. We are determined to keep that art alive and not just in our Early Years curriculum. We are introducing an initiative to our school which will benefit all.

Loose Parts Play will be included into our break time provision which involves a large sand pit, water, tools, planks of wood, guttering, cable reels, tyres and wooden blocks in the first instance.

We made observations on Tuesday morning, where the EYFS children, deep in outdoor learning on the field, were joined by the Infants and then the Juniors. The collaboration of the different aged children sparked new ideas and fed into their play in a hugely positive way. We observed discussions which involved problem solving, compromise and active learning and physical strength being challenged whilst moving heavy tyres and blocks into their construction. Children assessed risks and made decisions on the benefits and you could see their confidence grow. Water is a very important resource in Loose Parts Play and children find any way to incorporate it into their ideas.

Next week we are going to visit a school who have just received Platinum status from Opal for Loose Parts Play and we look forward to implementing some of the ideas we observe and sharing our experience and more information with you all in due course. The future of 'play' time is an exciting one.

Mrs Webster and Mrs Ovenden



Notices:

- **Job Vacancies:** We currently have vacancies for a full-time **Classroom Assistant** & a part-time **Gardener**. Please contact Rebecca on 01892 525837 for further details.
- **Missing Uniform** Isabella, 6L - PE net bag & boater; Isabel, 1B - ballet shoes (size 13) *Please kindly check your child's uniform over the weekend.*

Friends of The Mead:

We are delighted to announce last Saturday's Summer Fayre raised £3689. An enormous thank you to everyone who contributed. So many of you gave a lot of time, effort and donations in order to make the day happen. We are very grateful for your support and enthusiasm. The atmosphere was fantastic and we hope you had a wonderful time.

-The FoM Committee



Menu (W/C Monday 2 July):

Monday

Trinity Picnic

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

Tuesday

Trinity Picnic

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

Wednesday

Trinity Picnic

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

Thursday

Trinity Picnic

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

Friday

Trinity Picnic

Meadite Mathematicians Excel at Inter-School Maths Challenge



Four of our Year 5 pupils recently had the opportunity to compete against top mathematicians from 13 different primary schools.

Pupils Alistair McCrae, Amber Jones, Sam Coombs and Oliver Conway took part in a Maths Challenge session at Dulwich Prep School.

They were set a series of mathematical problems and puzzles over a two hour period and competed in pairs.

All of our pupils competed really well and did our school proud. Alistair and Sam performed particularly well and ended up finishing in second place.

I thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and I look forward to taking some top mathematicians again next year! -Mr Agnew

Fantastic Football from Year 2!

Congratulations to The Mead's Year 2 footballers who took part in their highly anticipated inter-class matches these last two weeks. The final scores were a tense 3 all on aggregate. Well done to all of you this year for making great progress and showing good teamwork. -Mrs Girling.



Congratulations to this week's Award Winners



Cups

Infants: Lottie Treacy

Stars-in-a-Jar

George Mitchell

Tamsin Phillips

Mimi Stronge

Birds

Kate Allen Edward Kent

Henry Bagshaw Ellie Kent

Harry Corby Monty Rudge

Eliza Craddock Freddie Smith

Max Crompton Tom Stirling

Jonty Dexter Ivy Webster

Amber Jones Year 5

Hazel Jones

**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:

-Super Sports Day & Summer Fayre

-Outdoor Learning Inspires Creativity & Imagination

-Supermarket Sums for Year 4 Mathematicians

-Windsurfing Fun for Year 6 at Bowl Water



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