

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 12th September 2016



Term 1 Week 2

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***** 'BE ON TIME, TEN TO NINE' *****

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Our Twitter feed: @TweetTheMead

Monday 12/09/2016	
Tuesday 13/09/2016	
Wednesday 14/09/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00am - Community Assembly
Thursday 15/09/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15th Birthday Celebration – Wingfield to go to Hilperton site for the morning for the celebrations
Friday 16/09/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wingfield Swimming
Sunday 18/09/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12pm - Fabulous Fifteen celebrations – please see below.

Welcome back

We have been delighted to welcome our children and families back to the Hilperton and Wingfield sites this week. The children have been very enthusiastic about their new classrooms and teaching teams, getting stuck into their learning again with great determination. The classrooms and corridors around school are looking beautiful so please do take time to have a look at the learning environment that the staff have created for your children.

The Mead is 15 years old this September – how time flies when you are having fun! On Thursday 15th September our children from Wingfield will be joining our children on the Hilperton site for an outdoor birthday celebration assembly. Parents are also welcome to join us from 10am on that day. We are then hosting a 15th Birthday Party on Sunday 18th September from 12-3pm for all families and staff 'past and present' – please spread the word about this. We would love to see as many people as possible coming along to celebrate with us.

Miss Emma Holton
Head of School

Fabulous fifteen

All pupils, families and staff (past and present) are invited to come and celebrate 15 years of

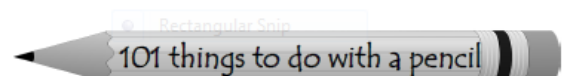
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Sunday 18th September 2016

12–3pm

Family BBQ & Bar

.....and the launch of our Arts year with great art activities, science experiments, fun and games - all using a pencil!



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INSET DAYS 2016 – 2017 31ST OCTOBER 2016, 3RD JANUARY 2017, 15TH MAY 2017

Arts Enrichment Year 2016-2017

This academic year our enrichment focus is The Arts. Every Wednesday morning at 'start of the day' all classes will be looking at the same piece of art work created by a variety of artists. Every class will have the same questions to focus their looking.

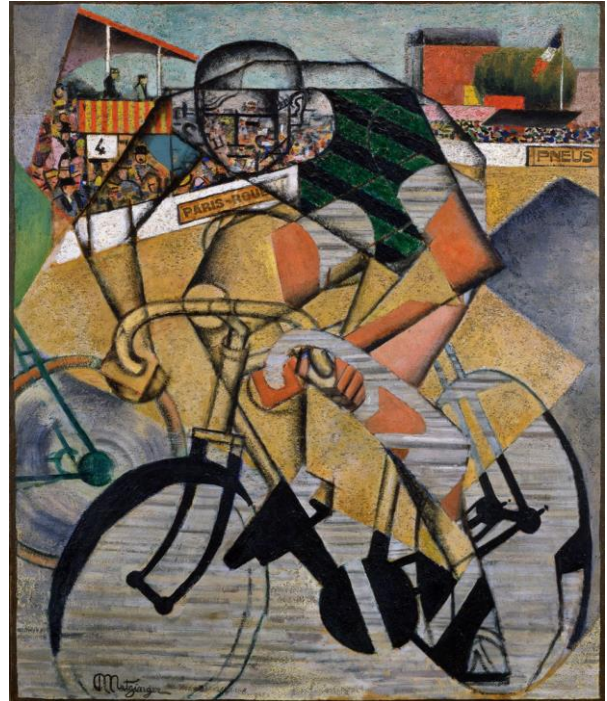
Each week we will send you the details of the art work that we have been looking at as this is a wonderful opportunity for siblings to share their discoveries with their families together.

We welcome your thoughts on this activity and hope that as families, you will enjoy appreciating and looking at art.

Our first piece of art work was
At the Race Track by Jean Metzinger
(see image to the right)

You can also view this painting at
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Au_V%C3%A9lodrome

We hope you enjoy our selection of art work.



Your child's new Reading Diary

This year we have provided the children with a reading diary instead of a planner. These are considerably cheaper to purchase and we have judged that this funding stream would be better spent on new reading books than expensive planners. Children and parents are encouraged to document reading at home in these books and they can still be used for messages to the teacher if necessary. You can also get a message to your child's class teacher via email to office@themed.wilts.sch.uk marked FAO (Teacher's name). Spellings will be tested using the home learning book from now on. Please speak to your teaching team if you have any queries.

Inset Days

We had a wonderful few days last week training and getting ready for the start of term. On Thursday staff from The Mead, River Mead and Castle Mead Schools came together for an introduction to our Arts Enrichment year. There were plenty of opportunities to brush up key skills in The Arts and plan exciting and enriching experiences for the children.

On Friday, teaching staff at The Mead focussed on Maths and the introduction of our new programme 'Maths - No Problem!' which is a textbook based approach using Singapore methodology. We are very excited about the structure of this programme and the way it supports children to develop their understanding of challenging concepts. We will be writing to you with more information about the 'Maths- No Problem!' programme next week to support you in understanding your child's experiences of Maths at The Mead.

PE Kit

School PE kit consists of a white or navy blue t-shirt and navy blue shorts/jogging bottoms. Children should have plimsolls or trainers for PE which are different to their field shoes. We have spare PE kit in school and children will be asked to change into borrowed kit if they do not have the correct kit in school. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
23 rd September 2016	International Day of Languages
26 th September 2016	Newts, Robins & Kingfishers - Indian Day Workshop
26 th – 30 th September 2016	Parent Conversation Week
30 th September 2016	Newts, Robins & Kingfishers - Wyvern Theatre to watch Gangsta Granny
24 th January 2017	Young Voices, Birmingham
27 th – 31 st March 2017	Parent Conversation Week
6 th April 2017	Whole School Performance
8 th May 2017	Y6 SATs Week
13 th May 2017	Community Day
5 th - 9 th June 2017	Y6 to Plas Pencelli
3 rd – 5 th July 2017	Y5 to Kilve Court
4 th July 2017	Y6 Transition Day at John of Gaunt and Clarendon
17 th July 2017	Y3 to Braeside

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