

# The Mead Community Primary School

## What's on this Week – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016



Term 1 Week 3

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Our school latest news: [www.themead.wilts.sch.uk/news-dates/latest-news](http://www.themead.wilts.sch.uk/news-dates/latest-news)  
Our Twitter feed: [@TweetTheMead](https://twitter.com/TweetTheMead)

Sunday 18/09/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12.00pm – 3.00pm - 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Celebrations on the Hilperton site</li></ul>
Monday 19/09/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9.00am - Celebration Assembly (parents are invited when their child is Star of the Week)</li><li>Clubs start this week</li></ul>
Tuesday 20/09/2016	
Wednesday 21/09/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9.00am - Community Assembly - Braeside Celebrations - Year 4</li></ul>
Thursday 22/09/2016	
Friday 23/09/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maths No Problem drop in session – open to <u>all</u> parents, Wingfield site – 2.30pm-3.15pm</li><li>International Day of Languages</li><li>Swimming</li></ul>

### 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

This week we celebrated 15 years since the school opened with a special assembly on the Hilperton site. All the children and staff from Wingfield came over and joined us for an outside assembly where Mrs Bolton and Miss Holton shared memories of when the school first opened. Everyone joined in with fabulous singing and Stewart Foster spoke to us about becoming an author. He also read an extract of his book 'The Bubble Boy'. We thought about wishes for The Mead in the future and released 15 white doves to symbolise our wishes and hopes (some of them decided to hang around on the roof of the school for the rest of the day!). After assembly we all enjoyed birthday cake and were given badges to help us remember our special day. Thank you to The Friends of The Mead for organising the cake and badges for the children and for helping out on the day. We are all now looking forward to our birthday party on Sunday from 12-3pm at The Hilperton site. We hope that you are all able to come along and join us.

We are collecting memories of our Fabulous Fifteen years at The Mead. If anyone would like to contribute a memory, please forward it to the school office via [feedback@themead.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@themead.wilts.sch.uk).

Miss Emma Holton (Head of School)

### Parent Conversation Meetings – Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September

Please come in to school or telephone the office next week to make an appointment to see your child/ren's class teacher/s. These will take place for Year 1-6 parents during the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September. This is the opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher properly, discuss your children in detail and talk about how they have settled in at the start of the new year. The sign-up sheets will be available on Monday morning from Breakfast Club onwards.

Parents of Year R children in Ladybirds and Swallows have very recently had a home visit with their teacher, so a parent conversation meeting will be scheduled at the start of Term 2 to enable teachers and parents to talk about how they have settled into school.

Please remember that any of our teachers will be happy to meet with you at any time during the year. If you have any questions or concerns, you don't need to save these until our set parents meetings. Just get in touch either directly with your child's teacher at the start or end of the day, or via the school office on the telephone or email: [office@themead.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@themead.wilts.sch.uk) and we will be happy to help.

INSET DAYS 2016 – 2017 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2016, 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2017, 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

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## Arts Enrichment Year 2016-2017

As part of our Arts Enrichment Year, this week all the children in school have been looking at **'A Sunday on la Grande Jatte'** by **Georges Seurat** (**web link**) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A\\_Sunday\\_Afternoon\\_on\\_the\\_Island\\_of\\_La\\_Grande\\_Jatte](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Sunday_Afternoon_on_the_Island_of_La_Grande_Jatte)

This is a famous painting that typifies the pointillist art movement- where artists painted only in dots of colour to create an image.

The questions we asked the children were:-

How has the artist painted this picture?

Can you see...

- a boat that might be sinking?
- a girl with a small bunch of flowers?
- a man playing a trombone?
- a little girl dressed in white?
- 8 parasols
- a lady taking a monkey for a walk?

We hope you enjoy exploring this painting further at home with your families.



## International Schools Award

We are thrilled to have been reaccredited with the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of our work to bring the world into the classroom. The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international education, such as through links with partner schools overseas. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need to live and work as global citizens.

The Mead's international work focused on 7 activities, including a link with a French school where children exchanged postcards and videos, an art link with Delhi Public School, and Skyping with a Spanish school. Other projects helped children's understanding of climate and the environment, with Year 5's Weather Watch featuring in a Royal Society film and Year 6 growing wheat from seed to bread through their Good Life Project.

John Rolfe, from the British Council, said: 'The school's fantastic international work has rightfully earned it this prestigious award. The International School Award is a great chance for schools to demonstrate the important work they're doing to bring the world into their classrooms. Adding an international dimension to children's education ensures that they are truly global citizens and helps prepare them for successful future careers in an increasingly global economy.'

Many congratulations go to Mrs Herrin for all her amazing effort in securing this amazing award for our school.

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### International Day of Languages - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

The whole school is celebrating Languages Day. Each class will choose a different country to learn about and celebrate. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> the children can either dress up in their chosen country's costume OR in the colours of the Country's flag. Please don't buy anything new if you don't have these colours, own clothes will be fine.

Swallows – Italy – Red, White and Green  
Kingfishers – Mexico – Red, White and Green  
Falcons – Ireland – Orange, Green and White

### Our Curriculum

Each week we have decided to give you a little information about the different subjects and aspects that make up our curriculum. We have decided to start with Modern Foreign Languages as next Friday is International Day of Languages.

At The Mead we believe that the learning of a foreign language provides a valuable educational, social and cultural experience for our pupils. Our main language is French, although we do provide opportunities to celebrate a great variety of languages and culture. KS2 children have lessons which have been planned, and in some classes delivered, by a specialist languages teacher. They are taught to speak, listen, read and write in French as they begin to develop their language skills. Children in Early Years and KS1 learn to tell familiar stories and rhymes in French.

### FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2016	International Day of Languages
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Newts, Robins & Kingfishers - Indian Day Workshop
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Parent Conversation Week
28 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Stoats, Adders and Falcons (Year 6 only) - Festival of Engineering – Olympiad, Chippenham
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Newts, Robins & Kingfishers - Wyvern Theatre to watch Gangsta Granny
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Kingfishers & Swallows Christmas performance at St Mary's Church
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church Wingfield
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Falcons Christmas performance at St Mary's Church
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Young Voices, Birmingham
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	Parent Conversation Week
6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Whole School Performance

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8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Y6 SATs Week
13 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Community Day
5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Y6 to Plas Pencelli
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Y5 to Kilve Court
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Y6 Transition Day at John of Gaunt and Clarendon
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Y3 to Braeside

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