

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 19th September 2016



Term 1 Week 3

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Our Twitter feed: [@TweetTheMead](https://twitter.com/TweetTheMead)

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

15th 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.

Miss Emma Holton (Head of School)

Parent Conversation Meetings – Week beginning 26th 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 26th 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 and we will be happy to help.

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

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.



'The Office at the Gate' – Mrs Bailey's pop-up office

You might have noticed this week that Mrs Bailey has been up by the gate at the start and the end of the day. She can collect forms or letters from you to save you having to come to the office and wait. She can also try to answer any questions that you might have. We are trialling this in the hope that it is a useful service to you. Please let us know if you would like this to continue.

Please note – due to our cash handling procedures, Mrs Bailey cannot accept any envelopes containing money at the gate. You can deliver these directly to the office or give them to your child's teacher to put in the register.

Mrs Bailey is hoping to collect remaining Blue Forms from all parents and Flu Immunisation forms from Y1-3 parents next week – have you handed yours in yet?

Dogs at the gates

We are asking all parents to consider whether they need to bring their dogs for a walk when dropping off and collecting children from school. It has come to our attention that many children have been frightened by dogs being tied up near the school gates this term. If you do choose to bring your dog to school please ensure that they are left well away from the school gates/fences and any busy paths where they might cause distress to our children. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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.

Bikes and Scooters

We are trying to remind all children that they should not ride bikes or scooters when they are inside the school gates. Please help us to ensure that everyone in our school community is safe at the beginning and end of the day by asking your children to walk with their bikes and scooters between the bike racks and the top gates, where it is less crowded. Please also support any pre-school siblings to walk rather than ride or scoot when they are in the school grounds. Thank you for your support.

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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.

International Day of Languages - Friday 23rd September

The whole school is celebrating Languages Day. Each class will choose a different country to learn about and celebrate. On Friday 23rd 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.

Sand Kitchen resources needed

Over the summer holidays The Friends of the Mead have created fantastic play areas outside year one for all the children to use at playtimes. This space includes an amazing new sand kitchen. We are now looking for any old pots, pans and other cooking utensils that the children could use in their play. If you are able to donate any unwanted items, please bring them to the office or the Year 1 classrooms. Thank you.

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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 September 2016	Skylarks and Eagles to the Hidden Woods
26 th – 30 th September 2016	Parent Conversation Week
28 th September 2016	Stoats and Adders - Festival of Engineering – Olympiad, Chippenham
30 th September 2016	Newts, Robins & Kingfishers - Wyvern Theatre to watch Gangsta Granny
6 th October 2016	Crickets and Foxes – We'll Meet Again, Steam Museum
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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