

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 28th November 2016



Term 2 Week 5

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

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Our Twitter feed: @TweetTheMead

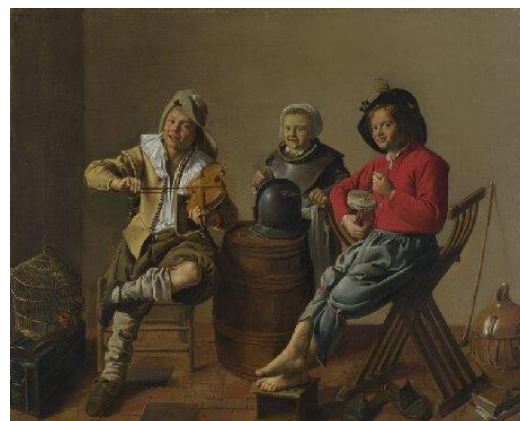
Monday 28/11/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ladybirds Parent Conversation Week• 9.00am – Celebration Assembly – Star of the Week• Y2 Fire Safety Workshops• Auditions for School Performance 2017 - Years 4-6
Tuesday 29/11/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Wednesday 30/11/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00am - Community Assembly – Advent with Rev. Alan Coutts, St James' Church• 10.30am - Trowbridge Youth Parliament (hosted by The Mead)
Thursday 01/12/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Friday 02/12/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4 Google Expeditions in class• Y5/6 selected children swimming

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have been looking at a painting that shows how different life was like in the past. The painting is over 400 years old and was painted by a Dutch artist. This picture was painted by Jan Miense Molenaer in 1629. He has signed it with his initials and the date on the trunk in the bottom left-hand corner. It shows 3 children using different objects to make music.

The questions we asked the children were as follows:-

- Can you guess the name of this painting?
- What are the children doing?
- Do you think they are rich or poor and why?
- Why is one of the children not wearing shoes?
- How are the children feeling, whilst 'making music' in this picture?
- What might 'their music' sound like?
- One child is playing a rommelpot, Dutch for 'rumbling pot'. This was made from a jug containing water, with skin stretched tautly over the top. A small stick was pushed through a hole in the skin – when you moved the stick around inside the jug it created an ear-splitting sound.
- Can you make your own instrument at home with your families? Perhaps you might like to record at home, everyone making music together? We would love to hear what you create?



<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/jan-miense-molenaer-two-boys-and-a-girl-making-music>

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

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PE Kit

Although the weather has turned cold the children will still be having PE lessons outside. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school including a jumper and jogging bottoms for the cold weather. Thank you.



Black Friday - Caution

This weekend, retailers around the globe will be offering deals and discounts as part of 'Black Friday' and 'Cyber Monday'. These are some of the busiest days of the year for online shopping and you can snap up some real bargains. However, they also offer opportunities for criminals to carry out fraud on unsuspecting shoppers so preparing yourself with some basic online safety tips is important.

To help keep people safe when they're buying goods online; Action Fraud has put together some hints and tips which we have attached for you with this message. For more information and advice on staying safe online there are some great resources and links available via the Wiltshire Police website:

<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/information/cyber-crime>

Message sent by

Andrew Grant (Police, Communications Officer, Wilts)

Music Charges

We are pleased to advise that we have reviewed the overall cost of our peripatetic music tuition and can confirm that with effect from January the cost of a 15 minute individual lesson / 30 minute paired lesson will be reduced to £7.50. Group lessons will be £3.75. We will need to review this for the Summer Term to ensure this is an affordable position, but for the Spring Term this will be the cost.

Kerry Thain, School Business Manager

MUSIC MATTERS!



Christmas Post Box ... available from Thursday 1st December

Please remember to put the receiving child's first name, surname & class on the envelope to ensure safe delivery by our Post Box Elves.



Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Performance Tickets ... have been sent home this week

Please call in the office if you haven't yet ordered yours. Please also note that tickets are not required for the Dress Rehearsal Performance.



Children In Need



We are thrilled to announce that we raised a total of **£536.70** last week in aid of Children in Need. Many thanks for all the cake donations & purchases !!

Arrangements for collecting your child from school YR-2

If, for any reason, you would like/need your child to be collected by another adult, please contact the office so your message can be passed to the staff working with your child.

Class teachers will not release children to an adult that they don't know or is different to your regular arrangements, unless they have been told to do so.

Have you booked your Christmas Lunch yet?



If you would like to book a Christmas lunch please come to the office and collect a Term 2 menu as it is incorporated within the normal school meal booking form.



Bad weather and snow



Now that the winter months are upon us with the possibility of extreme weather we would like to draw your attention to a useful link from the local authority of roads that are treated on a precautionary basis for your information –

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roads/highwaysstreetcare/gritting/grittingroutesmap.htm>

At school, the safety of our pupils, staff and parents is paramount to us and as such we would like to inform you of the safe route in and around school, should such conditions arise. We will ensure there is a path from the school pedestrian gates all the way through the school playground, round to Year 1. We do ask that in icy/snowy conditions, children use the designated path provided as the rest of the playground will be unsuitable to walk on.

We are not in a position to grit the main car park as this belongs to the council. However, in adverse conditions the road leading to the school and the car park will not be a priority and therefore we ask for everyone to take extra caution when travelling to school.

In the event of school closure we will update our website accordingly, inform local radio stations and send a text via Parentmail X. Please ensure that you have updated your contact details on Parentmail X.



LIVE ON

*to the memory of the fallen
And the future of the living*

I am very pleased to share with you that your collection for Poppy Appeal this year came to

£93.57

which is an excellent sum of money, thank you all very much indeed for your generosity.

Rick Owen

*Hon Secretary, Branch Welfare Officer & Hon Poppy Appeal
Organiser*

The Royal British Legion in Trowbridge

Fitness Friday

On Friday mornings, the Sports Council will be leading a workout on the playground and we encourage all children to join in. (Adults are welcome as well if they would like to!) This aims to get children physically active and boost their learning power for the day ahead!



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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Saturday 3 rd December	Christmas Fayre 2pm – 5pm
5 th December 2016	Crickets to @Bristol
8 th December 2016	Foxes to @Bristol
W/E 9 th December 2016	Clubs finish this week
15 th December 2016	Christmas Lunch for both sites
3 rd January 2017	INSET DAY
W/C 16 th January 2017	Clubs will start on both sites
24 th January 2017	Young Voices, Birmingham
27 th – 31 st March 2017	Parent Conversation Week
6 th April 2017	Whole School Performance
W/E 7 th April 2017	Clubs finish this week
25 th – 28 th April	Life Bus on site
8 th May 2017	Y6 SATs Week
13 th May 2017	Arts Community Day
15 th May 2017	INSET DAY
5 th - 9 th June 2017	Y6 to Plas Pencelli
5 th – 7 th & 7 th – 9 th June 2017	Y4 to Oxenwood
21 st June 2017	Class photos - Wingfield
3 rd – 5 th July 2017	Y5 to Kilve Court Residential
4 th July 2017	Y6 Transition Day at John of Gaunt and Clarendon
W/E 7 th July 2017	Clubs finish this week
10 th July 2017	Family Picnic 5pm – 6.45pm
17 th July 2017	Y3 to Braeside
19 th July 2017	Transition Day – New Classes

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Leavers Assembly

For the latest secondary school newsletters please use the links below:-

Clarendon Newsletters <http://www.clarendonacademy.com/parents/newsletters>
John of Gaunt <http://johnofgauntschool.org/information/newsletters-and-notice/>

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