



# The Mead Community Primary School



Monday 23rd January 2023

## Term 3, Week 4

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Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Science Workshop for selected Y5 children – Clarendon Academy</li><li>• 1.30pm – Swimming for selected children</li></ul>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bikeability - Y6 Wolves catch up from previously cancelled lesson (selected children)</li></ul>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Young Voices in Genting Arena, Birmingham</li></ul>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geologist visiting Kestrels and Puffins</li><li>• Birds of Prey Centre visiting Moles and Robins</li></ul>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8.30am – Fitness Friday on the playground</li><li>• 2.20pm Star of the Week Assembly by invitation on Zoom</li></ul>

Dear Mead Families,

A cold week draws to a close with a wonderful Year 1 walk in the winter sunshine. Thank you to all of the parents who supported this lovely learning event this morning.

Internet Safety and Children's Mental Health Week will soon be upon us, and I am delighted that we have been able to book Richard Pomfrett to work with us on 30<sup>th</sup> January to kick-start this essential and continuous learning for children, staff and parents. Further details are in this edition of the newsletter.

You will have had communication from us this week in relation to the strike days in the education service. The letters outline the circumstances behind the industrial action and the logistics for school on those dates. We will be closed to most pupils on those dates, and will write before each strike date with further details as things can change over time with industrial action campaigns. The letter sent today outlines the childcare arrangements we are putting in place for emergency services families and front-line care workers on the 1<sup>st</sup> February. Thank you for the very respectful messages and conversations received this week in relation to this situation.

I can confirm that due to the expected industrial action on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, our celebration of World Book Day will now move to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Finally – best of luck to our amazing young Voices Choir with their trip to this fabulous annual event in Birmingham next week: always a highlight of the school year.

Thank you as always for your support,

Mark Stenton  
Headteacher

**INSET DAYS**  
**5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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### **Internet Safety Week 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Internet Safety is one of the most important issues for parents and carers. Educating children at an age appropriate level about online safety and safe use of technological devices is an OFSTED priority for all schools - and rightly so.

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January we are fortunate to have the opportunity of Richard Pomfrett working with our children all day. Richard provides expert primary age input on internet safety and comes highly recommended from other Wiltshire primary schools where he has presented to children. Our PSHE leads have been in communication with him and have planned a really thorough and exciting day for Years 1 to 6. This will provide an amazing introduction to both National Internet Safety Week for Schools and Children's Mental Health Week, which both follow on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

The timetable is as follows:

**09.00 - 10.30** - Y3 - 4 90mins '**Building a Digital Toolkit**' Giving young people the tools to use throughout their online lives.

**11.00 - 12.00** - Y1 - 2 60mins '**Becoming a Digital Hero**' Simple steps to stay safer and happy online.

**13.00 - 15.00** - Y5 - 6 120mins '**Taking control of my Digital Life**' Empowering young people to take control and make the correct decisions online.

The sessions will require the main hall and classrooms at Hilperton to accommodate all children, and we will be organising coach transfer to and from Wingfield site throughout the day in accordance with this timetable (**precise arrangements on the coach timetable to follow at start of next week for Y1 to 6 Wingfield children**).

There is a cost to the school for this event, but we hope you agree it is very important. The cost per child when averaged out across the site will be £1.50 each. This has now been added to your Arbor account.

We will also be providing information for parents and carers to follow up on this essential learning for all of us to ensure we keep our children safe online.

### **World Thinking Day**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 is World Thinking Day and as school we will be supporting this. It is a chance for all members who are part of the Guiding and Scouting community to wear their uniform with pride and think about the wider family around the world. If your child is part of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, they will be able to wear their scouting uniform to school on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 if they would like to.



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### **Midda Martial Arts Free Trial**

Did your child enjoy their taster session with Midda Martial Arts last week? If you would like to book a free trial lesson, please click on the link below.

<https://keap.page/hpt672/trow-kids-trial-1/thank-you.html>

Alternatively, you could send an email to: [infomidda@gmail.com](mailto:infomidda@gmail.com)

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	<b><u>These dates are all subject to change</u></b>
	Parents are invited to all Community Assemblies
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Trowbridge Youth Parliament – Staverton School hosting
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	West Wilts Dance Festival – selected children
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 6 Bikeability – selected children on the Hilperton Site
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	World Thinking Day for the Guiding and Scouting community
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 6 Bikeability – selected children on the Hilperton Site
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Woodpeckers, Wrens and Swans to Farleigh Hungerford Castle
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Foxes and Ospreys to Bristol Hindu Temple
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Careers Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Trowbridge Youth Parliament – The Mead School (Hilperton) hosting
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Poetry Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Conversation Week
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Foxes and Ospreys walking to Trowbridge Museum
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Young Blooms visiting Woodpeckers, Kestrels and Swans
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bees to Warleigh Lodge Farm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Butterflies and Cygnets to Warleigh Lodge Farm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Trowbridge Youth Parliament
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Kestrels, Puffins and Fireflies to The Roman Baths
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Performance – Wiltshire Music Centre
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Squirrels and Otters to Bristol Buddhist Centre
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Woodpeckers, Kestrels and Swans to Hengistbury Head Beach
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 to Cotswold Water Park
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Hilperton Site Sports Day
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Hilperton Site Fall Back Sports Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Wingfield Site Sports Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	School Disco
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Wingfield Site Fall Back Sports Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 to Thoulstone Park – long day – see letter dated 01.12.2022 (and on Arbor)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 to Kilve Court – 3 night residential
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 4 to Braeside – 1 night residential – see letter dated 01.12.2022 (and on Arbor)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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