

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 20th February 2017



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Term 4 Week 1

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

Monday 20/02/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 21/02/2017	
Wednesday 22/02/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Assembly – Bike It Crew
Thursday 23/02/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11.45am West Wiltshire Dance Festival Rehearsal• 6.45pm - West Wiltshire Dance Festival – Bath Forum
Friday 24/02/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newts Swimming

Dear Parents and Carers

This week in our Art STOD we have been looking at the work of a Renaissance painter. The artist is Giuseppe Arcimboldo, who was an Italian painter best known for creating imaginative portrait heads made entirely of objects such as fruits, vegetables, flowers, fish, and books. He worked in the 16th Century.

We asked the children to work out what each picture was showing and then by looking closer, what objects the artist had painted to create his wonderful and creative portraits. We had some amazing responses ranging from extremely large onions to apples and pears.



Who can identify all the objects painted?

Perhaps you would like to make your own mini sculpture using fruit and vegetable to create a face?

We would love to see your ideas and put them on display!

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vertumnus_\(painting\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vertumnus_(painting))

Proposal to Open New Free Schools in East Trowbridge

You should have received a letter in your child's book bag yesterday regarding The Mead Academy Trust's proposal to open new free schools in East Trowbridge. If you would like another copy of the letter, please pop to the office. If you have questions about the proposal, or would like to submit your feedback, please visit www.themeadacademytrust.org.uk/new-schools or come along to our Community Consultation at 9am on Tuesday 21st February at The Mead.

The School Grounds

Saturday 18th February 2017 – 9am until 5pm

We are excited about the opportunity to be able to offer nursery provision on our site but we have a few practical arrangements to sort out to make it possible. We will be moving our vegetable garden to a new location so we can keep this special part of our school grounds.

We really need your help and will be organising working parties to achieve this. If you can offer help please get in contact:

melaniejacob@blueyonder.co.uk.



We need volunteers to offer their labour skills as well as DIY skills. Thanking you in advance.

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INSET DAYS 2016 – 15TH MAY 2017

Safer Internet Day

This week we have taken part in Safer Internet Day 2017. The aim of this day is to increase the awareness of being safe and responsible whilst online and to think about how we can create a kinder online community. We started off our learning last week with a school assembly talking about sending and receiving photos online and how our actions can have a great effect on others. During this week we will be carrying out further age-related activities and discussions to further develop our understanding of how to stay safe online.

As a parent or carer you also play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online, taking a look at some of the resources at the link below will help you to support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

www.saferinternet.org.uk

If you have any concerns about your child's online activity, please talk to a member of staff for further guidance.

Young Voices 2018

We are delighted that so many children took part in the Young Voices event this year. Thank you for supporting this event and allowing your children to attend; yours and the children's feedback has been incredibly positive and it was thrilling to see the shared passion of so many children singing together. With this in mind we are keen to improve how we manage this event and have a number of changes we would like to implement for next year as we anticipate an even larger number of children wanting to attend. We thought you would appreciate knowing in advance.



Firstly, we are aware that the collection directly from the Genting Arena is a very slow process purely due to the volume of children waiting to be collected. Both yourselves and our children had to wait patiently for about 30 minutes before organisers allowed them through. This unfortunately delayed our departure. In order to allow us to get on the road quicker and keep your children safe we will unfortunately not be permitting collection from the Genting Arena at the end of the event next year. Secondly, we are keen to make the collection on the Hilperton site orderly and safe and would request that cars are not parked in the coach layby or along the side of the road around the car park so the coaches can swing around and children can safely exit onto the pavement.

We would also like to suggest the possibility of a parent taking on the organisation of a coach for adults that would like to attend.

We do really value your feedback so please do let us know what your children enjoyed about this incredible event but also how we can improve this trip for your children by emailing feedback@themed.wilts.sch.uk

Art Work at the Trowbridge Town Hall

Trowbridge Town Arts have been delighted by the number of visitors who have visited the Town hall to view the art work currently being displayed by a selection of children from The Mead and Castle Mead. The praise for our children's work has been outstanding. If you have not yet visited the exhibition which closes on February 21st, please do.

http://www.trowbridgearts.com/index.php?option=com_zoo&task=item&item_id=520&Itemid=291

Town Hall opening times:- Monday-Friday 10am-4pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm

Due to many requests, they have extended the opening times for the exhibition, which must close on Tuesday 21st. For the next two Monday evenings, the gallery will be open until 7.00pm. The doors will look closed, but will not be locked. If your child's work is on display, there is also a unique opportunity for you to purchase their framed work. Please contact Trowbridge Arts for further details.

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World Book Day -Thursday 2nd March

Once again this year we will be inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book day on Thursday 2nd March.

The World Book day website has a number of simple DIY costume suggestions that make use of items of clothing that you may already have at home.

While it is always great to see so many of the children dressed as princesses, witches, wizards or super hero's we do not expect anyone to go out and buy elaborate costumes. Any child who would prefer not to dress up as a book character is welcome to come to school in school uniform as usual.

Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in lots of fun reading-based activities. To promote our arts years, we will be having a particular focus on the role of illustrators. The Friends of The Mead will also be hosting an evening event at The Wingfield site – more details to follow after half term



THE MEAD ACADEMY COMMUNITY CHOIR

We were very proud to launch the new Mead Academy Community Choir (or MACC for short) on a soggy Tuesday in January. There were a good number of us squeezed into the music studio and it was great to see folk from different sites come together. We gave Stevie Wonder a unique interpretation and managed three part harmony with Carly Simon, I was very impressed by how much we covered, having only been together for 2 sessions.

All things being well, we're back after half term on Tuesday 21st Feb 8pm. Hope to see you there!



Here are some of the comments from people who came:

"I've really enjoyed the singing, company and laughs. A great all round work out! "

"I'd had a rubbish day at work and I just wanted to collapse into my sofa and not come but I pushed and came anyway. It made me feel so much happier"

"There's a real sense of community."

"I LOVED it! I will be back for sure!"

If you'd be interested in joining, please email Sara:

staylor@themed.wilts.sch.uk



Sainsbury's
Active Kids 2017
Eat well • Move well • Live well

Active Kids is back until 2nd May 2017. We will be very grateful to receive your vouchers to enable us to acquire valuable resources for our children. Many thanks.

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FOTM Treasurer – we need your help!

The Friends of the Mead are looking for a new Treasurer, as their current treasurer Natasha is stepping down at the end of the year. We are seeking an enthusiastic volunteer, preferably with a background in finance, to shadow Natasha until the end of the year and take on this important role from September 2017. Natasha has prepared some information about the role and would be pleased to speak to anyone who is interested in finding out more:

Treasurer – Friends of the Mead - Summary

Key purpose: To oversee the day-to-day finances of the PTA and give advice on forthcoming investments and events depending on funds and analysis.

Role and Responsibilities

- Pay committee members expenses in a timely manner (BACS or cheque)
- Pay suppliers in a timely manner (BACS or cheque)
- Advise committee as to funds available
- At committee meetings talk about recent expenditure, talk through fundraising ideas etc.
- Liaise with bank prior to obtaining float to request denominations
- Arrange floats for all events (sign cheque and obtain counter signatory and go to bank and get cash out)
- During events distribute floats and whilst event is in progress go around stalls and ensure everyone has the change they need. At the end of the event count money and bank (on convenient day). There are always helpers from the committee who will count the money with you.
- Provide ad-hoc analysis on historic fundraising or speculative fundraising
- Advice on ideas for fundraising to ensure the funds are spent wisely and where necessary a suitable return is achieved
- Gift aid return
- Lottery Return
- Liaise with suppliers
- Keep records and update accounting software (Quickbooks) on PTA laptop
- Produce monthly bank reconciliations
- Produce Final Year accounts and send to Accountant for independent audit

In summary the role is varied and you are involved in all aspects of the PTA. You get the chance to work alongside a great group of people and whilst having a laugh you are working towards improving the outside space for our children to grow, develop and be inspired.

Any questions please contact me, as I'm more than happy to discuss any aspect of the role and my son is only in Year 2 so I will be around to help and answer questions.

If you are interested in finding out more about this exciting opportunity, please contact us via feedback@themed.wilts.sch.uk and we will pass your questions on to Natasha.

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Parking

Once again, please could you be reminded about considerate parking, particularly on the one-way section. It is very difficult to get around the narrow corners if you have parked on them inconsiderately.



We also kindly ask that you model your respect for our school to the children by not parking on or driving on the grass outside of the school at the beginning or end of the day.

Thank you.

The John of Gaunt School has published an end of term 3 newsletter. Links to this newsletter can be found on our website: <http://themed.wilts.sch.uk/the-john-of-gaunt-school/>



FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
2 nd March 2017	World Book Day - evening event on the Wingfield Site 5.30pm – 7.30pm
7 th March 2017	Friends Sponsored Event
8 th March 2017	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Studley Green School
24 th March 2017	Reports being sent home
25 th March 2017	Spring Celebration on the Wingfield Site – 2.00pm – 4.00pm
27 th – 31 st March 2017	Parent Conversation Week
3 rd April 2017	Class Photographs
4 th April 2017	Community Assembly – Year 5 classes
6 th April 2017	KS2 School Performance - Narnia
W/E 7 th April 2017	Clubs finish this week
Friday 7 th April 2017	Last day of Term 4
Monday 24 th April 2017	First day of Term 5
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
24 th May 2017	Community Assembly – Ladybirds
Friday 26 th May 2017	Last day of Term 5
Monday 5 th June 2017	First day of Term 6
5 th - 9 th June 2017	Y6 to Plas Pencelli
7 th June 2017	Community Assembly – Year 1 classes
5 th – 7 th & 7 th – 9 th June 2017	Y4 to Oxenwood
20 th June 2017	Hilperton Site Sports Day
21 st June 2017	Community Assembly – Year 6 Plas Celebration
22 nd June 2017	Hilperton Site Sports Day Fall Back Date
23 rd June 2017	School Disco
28 th June 2017	Community Assembly – Year 4 Oxenwood Celebration
3 rd – 5 th July 2017	Y5 to Kilve Court Residential

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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	Transition Morning for the children Family Picnic 5pm – 6.45pm – both sites
12 th July 2017	Community Assembly – Year 2 classes
17 th July 2017	Y3 to Braeside
19 th July 2017	Transition Day – New Classes
21 st July 2017	Leavers Assembly
Friday 21 st July 2017	School Year Ends

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