

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 27th February 2017



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Term 4 Week 2

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

Monday 27/02/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 28/02/2017	
Wednesday 01/03/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community AssemblyNetball Tournament at John of Gaunt School (selected children)
Thursday 02/03/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00am - Year 1 Reading and Phonics Workshop for parentsWorld Book Day – See information belowWorld Book Day - Evening event on the Wingfield Site 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Friday 03/03/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Newts Swimming

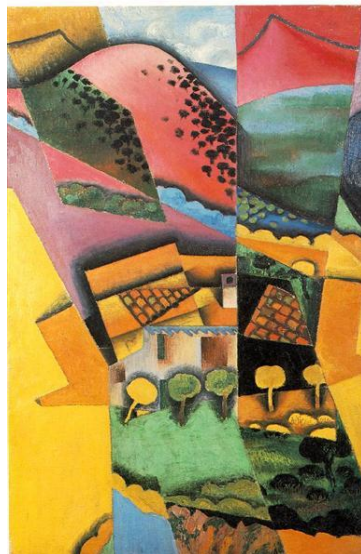
Dear Parents and Carers

This week in our Art STOD the children have been looking at a modern landscape picture. 'Landscape at Ceret' was painted by the Spanish artist Juan Gris. Juan was Picasso's neighbour and was a key artist in developing cubism.

We asked the children what they thought the artist might have painted but then focused our questioning on his use of colour.

We also asked the children to find the primary and secondary colours and if they could spot them next to one another to create a slightly dazzling visual effect.

<https://www.wikiart.org/en/juan-gris/landscape-at-ceret-1913>



Proposal to Open New Free Schools in East Trowbridge

You should have received a letter in your child's book bag recently 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 on Saturday 25th February at The Mead School between 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

'Once a Week, Take a Peek'

We seem to have recurring 'visitors' in the children's hair particularly in our Year 3 classes. Please could we ask that you all check your children's hair regularly to try and control this persisting problem.



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INSET DAYS 2016 - 2017 – 15TH MAY 2017

Whole School homework ART COMPETITION

On May 13th we will be having our annual Community Day– this year it will be an arts themed day with lots of music, dance, art, drama and crafts. All the activities will be free for all the family.

Our theme for the day is 'One Moment in Time' – we will be thinking about key moments, events, and inventions that have changed the world or made a big difference to the way we live. These moments might include the first moonwalk, invention of the camera or key historical events like World War 2. Activities might include giant junk modelling, painting, drawing, music and dance workshops, live performances, photography and more – you might like to visit the website for the last art day to get a feel of some of the other activities that we will offer www.localsuperheroes.wordpress.com



We are looking for a logo design that captures our theme and activities. All children are invited to submit a design – IT MUST BE DRAWN ON AN A4 SHEET AND SHOULD NOT INCLUDE ANY WORDS /LETTERING. PLEASE USE PAINT OR COLOURED PENS (NOT PENCIL). Please put your name on the back of the paper in pencil. This will make sure we can scan in your designs and get the best result.

The winning design will be used on all posters, website and other publicity for the event.

Please submit your designs by end of day Friday 3rd March. The winner will be announced the following week and will receive an Amazon voucher for £25.

Calling actors, singers, musicians, artists and dancers!

If you are at The Mead Community Primary School and have a talent for music, dance, drama or art you are invited to be part of our Gala Evening on April 27th 2017 in Trowbridge Town Hall.

The Gala evening will showcase the talents of our past and present students with an invitation only audience of parents, staff and special guests. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate with families and students and enjoy a great evening's entertainment with performances and an art exhibition. As a school we recognise the importance of the arts in building confidence and creativity and have always worked hard to give our children opportunities to develop their talents.

In the first instance you will need to register your interest by emailing melaniejacob@blueyonder.co.uk with your name, year group/age and brief details of your proposed performance or artwork. We will then send you further details to ensure you can prepare your performance or artwork.



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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During British Science Week, on Saturdays 11 and 18 March, 10am-2pm, *Northabout* will be hosting Open Days at her berth in Portishead Marina.

A rare chance to gain access to this polar exploration yacht before she heads off on her expedition to Greenland this summer!

Crew from the recent multi-record-breaking Polar Ocean Challenge will be there to talk about their experience and answer your questions, and each young person who visits will be able to take away a piece of rope which travelled around the North Pole on *Northabout* during the Polar Ocean Challenge voyage!

Members of the Wicked Weather Watch team will also be on site with fun games and quizzes and to talk to you about the impact climate change is having on the Arctic.



Address: Portishead Quays Marina, The Docks, Portishead, North Somerset, BS20 7DF
Please note parking is pay and display.

For more information please contact Vicky on schools@wickedweatherwatch.org.uk or 07855 964625

www.wickedweatherwatch.org.uk



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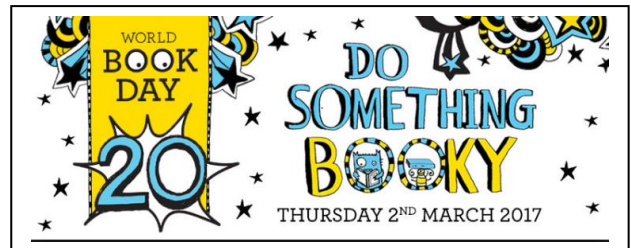
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World Book Day -Thursday 2nd March

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.

Schools Budgets 2017- 2018

As many of you will be aware the government is introducing a Fairer Funding Formula to allocate school budgets in the future. As Wiltshire Council has been lobbying for a considerable time, as part of the lowest funded authorities group (F40), we were expecting the Fairer Funding Formula would benefit us at The Mead. However whilst we are pleased that small rural schools in Wiltshire will benefit, the factors mean, (based on the indicative budget we have been provided with) that large schools like The Mead will lose out and face a reduction. This is in addition to rising staff costs and the cessation of the Education Services Grant. If you would like to respond to these proposals, please feel free to use the link below to the Government consultation.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>

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.



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

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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.

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.



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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
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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