

The Mead Community Primary School



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

Hilpertion Site - Hackett Place, Hilpertion, Trowbridge BA14 7GN

Term 4 Week 6

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

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

Monday 27/03/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents Conversation Week• 9am – Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 28/03/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y5 African Dance Workshop
Wednesday 29/03/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am – Community Assembly• 9am – Y2 SATs Parents Meeting• Netball Tournament after school – selected children
Thursday 30/03/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y5 Drumming Workshop• 2.30pm – Y2 Banquet – parents invited
Friday 31/03/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class Photographs (Hilpertion site) – please note change of date

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday we were delighted to welcome our School Improvement Advisor (SIA), for a visit to The Mead. She spent time in observing teaching and learning at the Wingfield Site and then had discussions about school effectiveness and improvement with myself and Lyssy Bolton, Executive Headteacher. These are some of the wonderful words that she used in her report following the visit:

- The Senior Leader (Mrs Seviour) has an outstanding knowledge and understanding of the teachers, adults and all pupils in the school. Her knowledge and passion to do the best for the pupils is a strength at Wingfield.
- The observations evidenced outstanding teaching, learning and assessment. The engagement of the pupils was total, the relationships were warm and purposeful, the questioning open and insightful, the displays of writing were remarkable, the pace was fast but inclusive, the focus on Disadvantaged Learners was clear, progress was made by the pupils in all classes and the quality of learning and use of the outside environment for the Early Years pupils by the TA, was particularly effective. There was evidence of good use of language structures, peer evaluation, personalised learning, differentiation and exemplary behaviour. The school's ethos shows an outstanding climate of positive learning with a focus on respecting and enabling the pupils as individuals.
- The Mead's current judgment for teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding. The SIA verifies this judgment.
- The rigorous data analysis is effective in improving outcomes for pupils as teachers use the information for planning and leaders use the information for effective, focussed monitoring. The expertise and commitment of the head of school is a driving force to ensure staff have as much information as they need for planning and what she needs to ensure appropriate actions are taken to improve learning for pupils.

I am sure that you will be as delighted as I am with this wonderful recognition of our amazing school. The leadership team and I look forward to welcoming you to school over the coming week for conversations with teachers. Please do look out for your child's Annual Report which they should bring home from school today.

Have a lovely weekend – we hope to see as many of you as possible tomorrow at The Spring Celebration at Wingfield from 2-4pm.

Miss Emma Holton (Head of School)

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Art Start of the Day

This week the children have been detectives trying to find small details in a painting.

The painting we looked at was *The 9:45 Accommodation* which was painted by an American artist Edward Lamson Henry. The artist was inspired by rail road transport and his wife is quoted as finding the sum of "\$500, an almost unheard-of-price at that time" which her husband received for his work.



We asked the children to find the following:-

3 dogs, 1 pair of Oxen, 2 parasols, 1 brass bell, 1 soldier with a crutch, 1 newspaper, 1 pair of antlers and the time 9.45.

The children found them all. Is there anything else you can spot that is unique that we missed?

<http://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/11060>

World Autism Awareness Week

(27th March – 2nd April 2017)



What is autism?

It can be hard to create awareness of autism as it is an **'invisible' disability** – you cannot necessarily tell someone has it from their appearance. Parents of children with autism often say that other people simply think their child is naughty.

Autism is more diverse than originally thought, with new ideas being put forward every day. One idea suggests women and **girls with autism have been underdiagnosed**, compared to men and boys.

Girls with autism may....

- Like **routine**, dislike change
- Be quiet, shy, awkward, compliant, **passive**
- Not ask for help, camouflaging emotions or **mask symptoms** at school
- Have explosive outbursts or **meltdowns**
- Be exhausted from the pressure of constant **social imitation/mirroring**
- Be a **perfectionist**
- Be very determined and **like to be in control**
- Have **sensory difficulties**
- Experience **anxiety** more intensely than others
- Shut down or cry over small things due to **sensory/emotional overload**
- Hate injustice
- Affect different personalities and may not have a strong **sense of identity**
- Be socially immature and **vulnerable**
- Try to impose scripted, **controlling play** on peers

If you would like to find out more about Autism please speak to member of our Inclusion team, Jo Birkett-Wendes, Georgina Bennett or one of our PSAs, Jackie Percivall & Sarah Holmes.

Useful links

<http://www.autism.org.uk/>

<http://www.nasen.org.uk/resources/resources.girls-and-autism-flying-under-the-radar.html>

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INSET DAYS

2016 - 2017 – 15TH MAY 2017

2017 – 2018 - 1ST & 4TH SEPTEMBER 2017, 30TH OCTOBER 2017, 4TH JANUARY 2018, 21ST MAY 2018

Don't forget..... 'Once a Week, Take a Peek'



Young Voices Thursday 6th April

Our Young Voices club on the Hilperton site will not run on the final Thursday of term (**6th April**) as most children are involved in the Narnia Show at the Wiltshire Music Centre on that day. Our final club for Young Voices will be on Thursday 30th March.

Sandra Dixon - Senior Teacher - Music

School Meal Survey

Thank you to all those who have completed our School Meal Survey. Your responses and comments are greatly appreciated.

The Kitchen Team have taken your comments regarding portion sizes on board, and reviewed the portions being offered to pupils. Portion sizes will vary slightly according to the year group being served, with all children being served within the ranges defined by The School Food Standards and the Eat Well Plate. If you would like to read more about these Standards, please feel free to use the link below.

<http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/>

The survey is still open if you haven't had chance to complete it and would like to. Please click on the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TheMeadSchoolMeals>

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.

There will also be a unique opportunity for some of the children who took part in the recent dance festival at The Forum in Bath to perform their dance. This will also be performed at our Gala evening at The Town Hall on Thursday April 27th.

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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.

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/>

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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
6 th July 2017	Y6 to the Good Citizen Event at Potterne
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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Spring Celebrations with a
Wonderland Twist at Wingfield
Saturday March 25th 2017 2-4pm

Featuring

Active Trowbridge Queen of Hearts Trail
Games Mother's Day Crafts

Light Refreshments Uniform Sale

Mad Hatter's hat competition

Tattoos Olympic Garden makeover

Candy Floss and much more...

Come join us for some spring fun in the sun!!

