

The Mead Community Primary School



What's on this Week – Monday 5th June 2017

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Term 6 Week 1

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

Monday 5 th June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y6 to Plas Pencelli• Y4 Foxes to Oxenwood
Tuesday 6 th June 2017	
Wednesday 7 th June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00am - Year 1 Class Assembly• 9.00am – Ladybirds Maths Workshop for parents• Y4 Crickets to Oxenwood & Foxes return from Oxenwood
Thursday 8 th June 2017	
Friday 9 th June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y6 return from Plas Pencelli

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last year there has been an increase in the number of terror attacks around the world and the threat of further attacks is high in The UK. At The Mead, we take our duty of care to our children very seriously and this means that we ensure children have an age-appropriate understanding of events that occur and are given the opportunity to talk in safety about issues that they might be worried about. Our Key stage two children regularly use the Newsround website to learn about a wide range of things that happen around the world and discuss these in class. We are committed to supporting children to share their thoughts in an appropriate way and address any misconceptions about events that take place.

Following the terror attack this week in Manchester, school staff provided KS2 children with an opportunity to talk through their understanding of what had happened. This was offered through circle time and class discussions. Our older children had the opportunity to watch Newsround and had time to talk about it afterwards. They were able to ask questions and share their thoughts either in a group or individually with a member of staff. By facilitating these discussions in class, children were supported to talk in a secure environment rather than sharing stories or speculating about what may or may not have happened on the playground.

With any child who raises questions or wishes to discuss events and the impact they might have, we talk to them honestly; offering simple facts and focusing children's attention on the work that people have done to help, care for and support others who have been harmed. Our staff always remain calm and impartial when discussing the children's differing thoughts and feelings. Staff never share their own personal feelings or opinions, always taking their lead from the children's prior knowledge or questions. We reiterate to the children that events like this are reported on the news because they are very rare and we talk to them about the ways adults in their lives keep them safe at home, at school and when they are out and about.

If you need any advice about how to manage any discussions about this kind of event with your children at home please use the following links:

Advice for children:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>
- <https://live.firstnews.co.uk/news/try-not-to-worry-about-the-news/>

Advice for parents and carers:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/>
- <https://www.winstonswish.org.uk/responding-children-young-people-affected-media-coverage-incident-manchester/>
- <http://davidtrickey.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/aftertheevent280410.pdf>
- <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/life/manchester-arena-attack-explain-horror-children/>

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 5th June.

Miss Emma Holton
Head of School

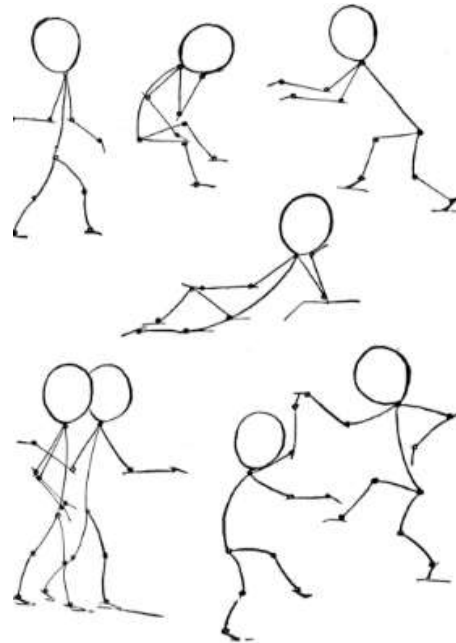
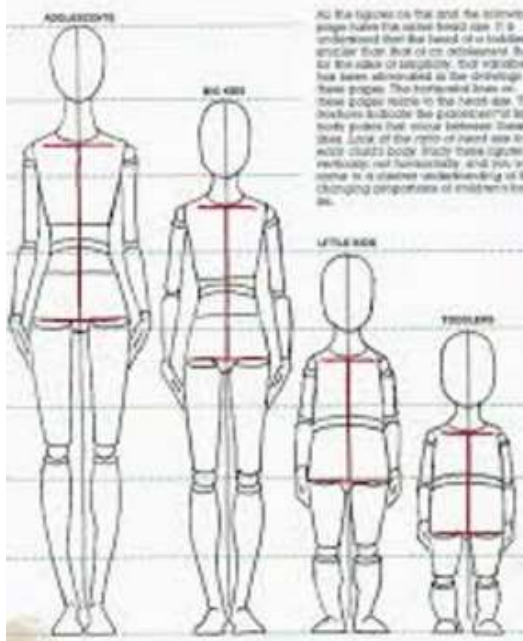
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Art Start Of The Day

This week during art STOD we have been improving our drawing skills and tackling life drawing. Figures are really hard to draw and the more you practise, the better you will become at drawing them. Remember to draw only what you can see and to spend time looking before drawing your figure. Try drawing as a stick person first and then add detail with clothes and body shape. Draw lightly and go over only the lines that you like! Why not have a go and complete some life drawings during the holidays - we would love to see your efforts.



The Year 3 children are working on a project for Store House Food Bank in Trowbridge.

Between the 5th and 16th June, we are collecting non-perishable foods and toiletries to donate to the Store House Food Bank. We would be grateful for any donations that you would like to make. Here are some examples of what you might bring:

- Pasta and noodles
- Tinned foods
- Cereal
- Crisps
- Shampoo, conditioner, shower gel,
- Toothpaste, new toothbrushes, mouthwash
- Deodorant
- Sponges and flannels

If you would like to bring a donation, please bring them to your classrooms and the Year 3s will collect them.

We hope that you can bring something in and help people in our community.

Many thanks, Newts and Robins

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Art Studio update

You may remember that we were awarded a grant from The Theatre Royal earlier in the year from their Creative Fund. Together with a generous donation from The Friends of The Mead, we have been able to fund and design our own Art Studio. Construction is due to start on this project over half term. The Studio will be large enough for group work and will provide a much needed additional space for learning on The Hilperon Site. Here is what our new studio will look like:



Our next project is to realise a similar standalone building at The Wingfield Site. If you would be interested in joining a working party to help shape this provision, please email us at feedback@themead.wilts.sch.uk. Thank you for your continuing support.

Important

There have been new additions to the Future Dates and further changes to Class Assembly dates. These are all highlighted in yellow below. Please check carefully to ensure you don't miss anything important to your child.

Thank you.

Nursery

As you will see the nursery construction is moving at quite a pace! Please contact the school office if you are interested in a space when the nursery opens in September 2017. We currently have sessions available on most days but spaces are filling fast! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Mrs Bailey in the office.



INSET DAYS

2017 – 2018

1ST & 4TH
SEPTEMBER 2017,
30TH OCTOBER
2017,

4TH JANUARY 2018,
21ST MAY 2018



Don't forget to send
in your vouchers.
Thank you.

Once a
week
take a
peek

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Safety Reminder for Before School Club

Please can we remind you to use the pedestrian gate and not walk through the vehicular gate when you are dropping your children off at Before School Club. This is the time when most staff are arriving in the car park and it is dangerous if people are walking through where vehicles are moving around. Thank you.

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
Monday 5 th June 2017	First day of Term 6
5 th - 9 th June 2017	Y6 to Plas Pencelli
5 th - 7 th & 7 th - 9 th June 2017	Y4 to Oxenwood
7 th June 2017	Community Assembly – Year 1 classes
8 th June 2017	Ravens and Frogs to Take 2 Tapestry, Longleat
14 th June 2017	Class Photos being retaken – NO COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY
16 th June 2017	Sports Day Assembly with Mr Smith
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	Friends Non School Uniform Day for Summer Fair
23 rd June 2017	School Disco
27 th June 2017	Y5 Curriculum Day at Clarendon
28 th June 2017	Community Assembly – Year 4 Oxenwood Celebration
29 th June 2017	Y6 Transition Day at St Laurence
1 st July 2017	Summer Fair at The Mead (Hilperton Site)
3 rd - 5 th July 2017	Y5 to Kilve Court Residential
4 th July 2017	Y6 Transition Day at John of Gaunt and Clarendon
5 th July 2017	Community Assembly – Year 2
6 th July 2017	Y6 Transition Day at St Laurence
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
11 th July 2017	CSL Music Event at The Civic Centre
12 th July 2017	Y5 Curriculum Day at John of Gaunt
12 th July 2017	Community Assembly - Sports Personalities with Mr Smith
13 th July 2017	Y6 Leavers Performance at The Arc Theatre 1pm and 7pm
14 th July 2017	Y5 Kilve Celebration
17 th July 2017	Y3 to Braeside
19 th July 2017	Community Assembly – Summer Reading Challenge followed by Transition Day – New Classes
21 st July 2017	9.00am - Leavers Assembly
Friday 21 st July 2017	School Year Ends

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

WESTWOOD 2017
"FAMILY FILMS"
SCARECROW TRAIL
MAY HALF TERM WEEK
SAT 27 MAY - SUN 4 JUN

Trail maps £3 from
Westwood Stores (BA15 2BU)

ENTER OUR GREAT PRIZE DRAW
FREE PARKING at Westwood Social Club

WWW.WESTWOODNURSERY.ORG/SCARECROW-TRAIL
**ALL PROCEEDS TO WESTWOOD NURSERY
& WESTWOOD WITH IFORD SCHOOL**

Play Park:
Bring a picnic

Bank Holiday
weekend: pop-up
refreshments
available

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