



# The Mead Community Primary School

Monday 30th January 2023



## Term 3, Week 5

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Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On-Line Internet Safety Day</li><li>• 1.30pm – Swimming for selected children</li></ul>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO SELECTED TEACHER UNION STRIKES</li></ul>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8.30am – Fitness Friday on the playground</li><li>• Author Visit Years 4 – 6</li><li>• Netball – selected children – Clarendon Academy</li><li>• 2.20pm Star of the Week Assembly by invitation on Zoom</li></ul>

Dear Mead Families,

What a busy week we had!

Our children took part in a science workshop, carrying out investigations to find out who stole the cake. They visited Birmingham to sing along with over 6000 other children at the Young Voices event. They also enjoyed a visit from a geologist where they were able to build on their knowledge and understanding of rocks. The feedback from the children was filled with positivity, excitement and new found knowledge.

We also launched our Book Club on Friday, thanks to our Friends of the Mead volunteers. It was a real pleasure to see so many children excitedly flicking through books and recommending texts to each other. We look forward to the next sale at the end of February.

Thank you, as always, for your support from all of the Wingfield Team.

### World Book Day

With industrial action in schools declared for 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we have taken the quick decision to move our **World book Day** celebration to the **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March** (not 3<sup>rd</sup> March is previously considered).

### 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.

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.

### Family Gardening Club at The Mead, Hilperton

Family gardening club is for parents and children to come and grow their own veg and learn about gardening together. Tools and seeds provided although it is recommended you wear wellies and provide your own gardening gloves. Your family will have their own small plot and you will be supported to grow veg in your own plot. You will take home the veg you have grown.

Families who join need to commit to attend regularly for the growing season - February until October 2023. Club takes place on a Sat or Sunday morning at 10am - sessions vary between every three weeks and weekly depending on time of year. You do not need to attend every session but you do need to attend the majority of sessions.

If people are interested they need to email me [melaniejacob@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:melaniejacob@blueyonder.co.uk) for more information. Places will be awarded on first come first served basis.

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### Girls Football Finals – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

On a bitterly cold morning, ten girls from The Mead competed in the Wiltshire Girls Finals at Green Lane Devizes. The opposition were strong and determined but the girls held their own and battled hard.

In the opening two matches we could not convert despite many shots and unfortunately slipped to narrow defeats. However, in our final match, the girls increased the intensity even more and managed a 2-2 draw with Monkton - Bonnie and Jess coolly slotting home.

It was a fantastic experience to play on the Wiltshire FA pitches and all the girls should be proud of their efforts.

Thank you to all Parents, family members and friends for your support.

Evie, Bonnie, Sienna, Lottie, Grace, Ruby A, Ruby M, Jess, Michellene, Alice

Player of the Tournament from The Mead – Ruby A.



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## Young Voices - 2023



I can't put into words how amazing our trip to Young Voices was. The children and the adults had such a wonderful experience.

Our children were simply outstanding! Myself and Miss Elly were blown away by the enthusiasm, passion and energy shown by each and every one of them. What a pleasure it was to be sharing the

stage with these talented young people. Thank you all for a very special day, you were awesome!

We have some very exciting news to share.

Miss Elly has decided that, before she takes her career in education any further, she is going to go travelling and see a little more of our wonderful world.

This adventure will start at the beginning of March and her first stop is beautiful Bali.

While I know we will miss her smiley face at the gate and the huge amount of support and care she provides for our children, I am sure you will join me in wishing her a safe journey filled with new and exciting experiences.





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<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	<b><u>These dates are all subject to change</u></b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Trowbridge Youth Parliament – Staverton School hosting (note change of date)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	West Wilts Dance Festival – selected children
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	World Thinking Day for the Guiding and Scouting community
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day celebration (not 3rd March is previously considered)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	School Closed due to Teachers Union Strike Action
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Woodpeckers, Wrens and Swans to Farleigh Hungerford Castle
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Careers Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Trowbridge Youth Parliament – The Mead School hosting (note change of date)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closed due to Teachers Union Strike Action
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closed due to Teachers Union Strike Action
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Poetry Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Conversation Week
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Young Blooms visiting Woodpeckers, Kestrels and Swans
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	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
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents
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
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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