



The Mead Community Primary School



Monday 26th September 2022

Term 1, Week 4

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PARENT CONVERSATION WEEK

Monday 26 th September 2022	
Tuesday 27 th September 2022	
Wednesday 28 th September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trowbridge Youth Parliament hosted by Castle Mead• Ospreys & Foxes to walk to Trowbridge Library
Thursday 29 th September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• YR Phonics and Early Reading Workshop with Mrs O'Leary• Otters & Squirrels to walk to Trowbridge Library
Friday 30 th September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Author visit Years 4 – 6, Fireflies and Hedgehogs also attending• 2.20pm Star of the Week Assembly by invitation on Zoom

Dear Mead Families,

Hard to believe that we're entering week four of the term! So much has already happened this year as time races along, and next week brings the first round of parent conversations for this school year. We are back to having all conversations on site at school, which we feel is much more appropriate and enables you to have a far greater feel for your child's school experience – and you can have a good look at all of their school work too (Reception children will have their conversations slightly later in term 2, as we have just completed our home visits with you).

Next Saturday is Autumn Fair day and a huge thank you to everyone for such generous donations that we received on non-uniform day (Friday 23rd September). There are lots of lovely things for the stalls and tombola at the fair. I do hope you can join us on the day.

Next week also sees us host our annual international languages week. Thank you to Mrs Herrin and Mrs Greswell for arranging. You will see arrangements later in this newsletter, and note that the children can dress in the colours of the country they have learnt about on Friday 30th September.

Finally, it has been great to see the return of the primary school football season. Both our Wingfield and Hilperton teams have played two fixtures and Mr Smith and Mr Hackett are very proud of the performance of all of the girls and boys in the teams – representing us with skill, pride and character.

Kind regards
Mark Stenton

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Wingfield Facebook and twitter are now both @MeadatWingfield
Hilperton Facebook and twitter are now both @MeadatHilperton
Hilperton Nursery Facebook and Twitter are now both @MeadatOrchard

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Vacancies at The Mead

We currently have two vacancies at The Mead:

Clerk: Effective Governance is one of our key Trust priorities for the next four years, and we would like to appoint an experienced, organised Clerk to support us as we move forward and continue to develop our governance plans. Our Clerk will join an existing team of clerks to support our local governing boards (called Academy Advisory Groups). There is flexibility in the role to support one, two, or three of the Groups, with hours to be agreed accordingly. The number of hours needed each week will vary depending on the schedule of meetings, and the majority of the meetings take place in the evening, during term time. Flexibility to work later hours when there is a meeting is essential, but the preparation and administration can be done at any time of day.

Teaching Assistant: This is a term-time only role, working 8.45am – 4.15pm Monday – Friday (plus one hour a week of planning time, to be agreed within your team) at the Hilperton site. We will give full training to the right person, as we believe strongly that it's much more about attitude and approach than it is about experience. As a result, we welcome applications from people who are passionate about working with children, no matter what their background is. You might have just finished a qualification in childcare or Teaching and Learning, or have been a Sports Coach, worked as a childminder, or be looking for a complete career change. Our staff come from a huge variety of backgrounds, and we embrace and actively welcome people from all walks of life.

For more information about either role, please visit our website in the first instance:
<https://www.themeadtrust.org/join-us/vacancies/>.

Reading Volunteers

Reading for pleasure is a priority at The Mead and we would love your help in giving children the opportunity to read with an adult. If you are able to spend some time in school reading with children, please can you email office@themead.wilts.sch.uk with the subject "For Mrs Baber" (if your children are at Hilperton) or "For Miss Demski" (if your children are at Wingfield) with the following information:

- Which classes you'd prefer to read with (e.g. I have children in __ class)
- Which days/ times you'd be able to spend time in school (e.g. any morning Mon-Weds)
- How many sessions you'd be willing to pop in (e.g. once a week? More?)

If you are able to help us with hearing children read, then please email by Friday 30th September, so that we can put a timetable together and get back to you with information about how to obtain a DBS check.

We are extremely grateful for anytime you can offer- thank you!

Mrs Emma Baber
English Lead and Year 6 Class Teacher

Trowbridge Football League

15.9.22 The Mead 2 – 1 Grove

It was a highly promising first performance for The Mead in the Trowbridge Football League. Despite going behind to an early goal, the team grew in confidence as the match progressed. The equaliser was expertly taken by Finlay as he brought down a long ball and smashed it past the keeper. It was an even game and The Mead gradually began to control the game with some composed passing and quick pressing. As the game neared the end, The Mead snatched a winner when a Grove player accidentally diverted a cross into their own net. It was a good start to the league.

Player of the Match – Finlay Goals – Finlay, OG

23.9.22 The Mead 1 – 1 St Johns

Another great performance and a 1-1 draw this time against a strong St John's side. The Mead took control of the game right from the start and took the lead when Finlay scored from a left wing cross. Composed passing particularly from Jack and Harry in the middle helped us to dominate the game but unfortunately St John's managed to sneak a late equaliser. Berat was player of the match for his outstanding work rate.

Player of the match – Berat Goals – Finlay

Trowbridge District Football League Table 2022 / WEEK 2 (Large Schools)

Position	School	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
1	St John's	3	2	1	0	8	2	7
2	Bellefield	2	2	0	0	11	1	6
3	The Mead	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
4	Staverton	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
5	Grove	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
6	Walwayne	3	0	1	2	0	4	1
7	Castle Mead	2	0	0	2	2	13	0



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International Day of Languages

Monday 26th September is the International Day of Languages. In school, we are going to celebrate languages from around the whole world throughout the week. If your family has strong links with another country, please do send photos, song words or stories in with your children for us to share in our classes. On **FRIDAY 30th September** we are having our own languages day during which classes will pair up to learn and share a song in the language of their chosen country. The children may come in dressed in some or all of the colours of their country's flag. These countries are:

- Nursery - ITALY (red, white and green)
- Reception - MOROCCO (red and green)
- Years 1 and 6 SPAIN (red and yellow)
- Years 3 and 4 GERMANY (black, red and yellow)
- Years 2 and 5 FRANCE (red, white and blue)
- WINGFIELD
Cygnets Malaysia (red, white, yellow and blue) Swans Italy, Fireflies France, Hedgehogs Spain

Please don't buy any new clothes! Close colours, home-made badges or small face paint flags will all be great ways to show which country your child is celebrating next FRIDAY!

Dates for your Diary	These dates are all subject to change Parents are invited to all Community Assemblies
11 th – 14 th October	Wiltshire Air Ambulance Emergency Awareness Training for all Hilperton Site children
Wednesday 12 th October	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly – Tiger Martial Arts
Friday 14 th October	School Disco - Y1, Y2 & Y3 5.15pm – 6.15pm, Y4, Y5 & Y6 6.30pm – 7.30pm
18 th & 19 th October	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Friday 11 th November	10.30am - Hilperton Site Community Assembly - Remembrance
Wednesday 14 th December	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly – Christmas Celebration
Wednesday 25 th January 2023	Young Voices Event in Birmingham
Wednesday 1 st February	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly –
9 th & 10 th February	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 22 nd March	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Monday 24 th – 28 th April	Parent Conversation Week
Monday 8 th – 12 th May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 17 th May	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Thursday 25 th & 26 th May	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Tuesday 27 th June	Hilperton Site Sports Day
Thursday 29 th June	Hilperton Site Fall Back Sports Day
Friday 30 th June	Wingfield Site Sports Day
Monday 3 rd July	Wingfield Site Fall Back Sports Day
Monday 10 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 12 th July	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Tuesday 18 th – 21 st July	Year 6 to Kolve Court – 3 night residential
Thursday 20 th – 21 st July	Year 4 to Braeside – 1 night residential
Tuesday 25 th July	9.00am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Reminder - After School Care Bookings

Please note that the ASC booking system on Arbor is not available from 11am for same day bookings. However, bookings for future dates can still be made. We will of course be able to make bookings for exceptional circumstances, but you will need to phone the school office to arrange this.

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022 -23

Wiltshire Council

September 2022					October 2022					November 2022								
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	Th	3	10	17	24		
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25		
Sa	3	10	17	24	Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26			
Su	4	11	18	25	Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27			

December 2022					January 2023					February 2023								
M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28
W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	W	1	8	15	22		
Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	Th	2	9	16	23		
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	F	3	10	17	24		
Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	4	11	18	25	Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26			

March 2023					April 2023					May 2023								
M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	M		1	8	15	22	29
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu		2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	W		3	10	17	24	31
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		6	13	20	27	Th		4	11	18	25	
F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	F		5	12	19	26	
Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa		6	13	20	27		
Su	5	12	19	26	Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su		7	14	21	28		

June 2023					July 2023					August 2023								
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	Th	3	10	17	24	31	
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25		
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Su	4	11	18	25	Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27			

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 School Holiday
 Bank holiday
 Term Time

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

5 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time, set by the Headteacher and Governors of each school.

Term dates summary:		
Term 1	01 September to 19 October 2022	35 days
Term 2	31 October to 16 December 2022	35 days
Term 3	03 January to 10 February 2023	29 days
Term 4	20 February to 31 March 2023	30 days
Term 5	17 April to 28 May 2023	29 days
Term 6	05 June to 25 July 2023	37 days
TOTAL		195 Days

Bank and Public Holidays 2022/2023	
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2022
Christmas Day Holiday (substitute day)	27th December 2022
New Years Holiday	02nd January 2023
Good Friday	07th April 2023
Easter Monday	10th April 2023
May Day Holiday	29th May 2023
Summer Bank Holiday	29th August 2022

INSET DAYS

31st October 2022, 3rd January 2023, 5th June 2023

<https://www.themeadtrust.org/news-and-dates/term-dates/>

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

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Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



Sources: <https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/21/21333431/roblox-over-half-of-us-kids-are-playing-virtual-games-online>
<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

THE FRIENDS OF THE MEAD AUTUMN FAIR DONATION DAY

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR NON SCHOOL UNIFORM IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION TO BE USED AS PRIZES AT THIS YEARS AUTUMN FAIR.



NURSERY,
RECEPTION & YEAR 1
FILLED JAR



YEARS 2, 3 & 4
CHOCOLATE



YEARS 5 & 6
A BOTTLE

CHOCOLATE - ANY ITEM OF CHOCOLATE FOR THE CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
BOTTLES - THIS IS FOR THE BOTTLE STALL, SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE SOFT DRINK,
BEER, CIDER OR BUBBLE BATH

FILL A JAR - DECORATE AND FILL A JAR FOR OUR HOOPLA STALL. PAST IDEAS HAVE
BEEN SWEETS, HAMA BEADS, TOY CARS, BOUNCY BALLS TO NAME BUT A FEW.

IF YOU CANNOT SUPPLY THE REQUESTED DONATION, YOU ARE WELCOME TO DONATE ANOTHER
ITEM OF THE LIST.



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ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING
THE CHILDREN AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU
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To be opened by
Olympian and World Champion
Danny Talbot

The Friends of The Mead

AUTUMN FAIR

12 noon - 3pm

Saturday 1st October

The Mead Primary School
Hackett Place, Hilperton. BA14 7GN

-  Children's book-themed scarecrow trail
-  Stalls and games
-  Dog agility show
-  Inflatables
-  Face painting
-  Sports demos
-  Forest school activities
-  Autumn pie competition

*Please bring all entries, sweet or savoury,
to the Autumn Pie Stall by 2pm for judging.*

**Live music | Hot dogs | Jacket
potatoes | Hot and cold drinks**

All proceeds will go towards supporting the children of The Mead Primary Schools.

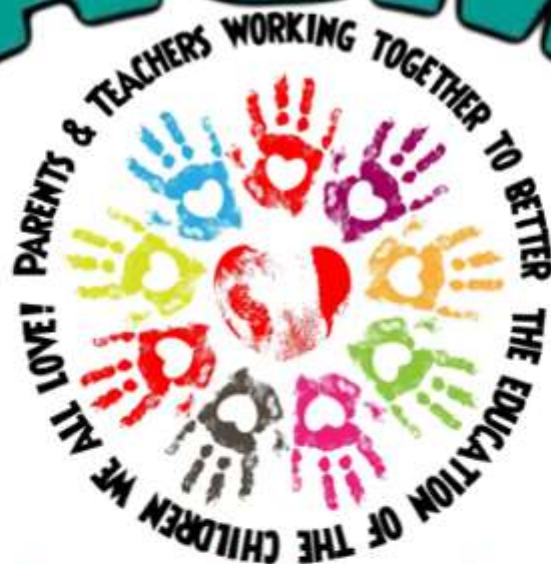




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WE NEED YOU!!!

THE FRIENDS OF THE MEAD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2021

@7PM

MUSIC STUDIO, HILPERTON SITE

The Friends of The Mead are looking to appoint a new committee! The roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer & Secretary need to be filled.

If you are interested in joining, either in a named position or as a committee member, please bring your nominations on the night or hand in to the school office by the end of the school day on the 11th October.

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ALL WELCOME!

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