

Monday 30th January 2023

Term 3, Week 5

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

Dear Mead Families,

We were so proud of Team Mead at Young Voices in Birmingham on Wednesday. So much effort went into rehearsals and preparation for this annual trip. A magnificent experience for pupils and staff alike.

Well done!



Thank you as always for your support – we receive so many kind comments each week and are very lucky to serve such a great community.

Mark Stenton
Headteacher

World Book Day

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

INSET DAYS

5th June 2023

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Internet Safety Week 6th – 10th 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 30th 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 6th 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 22nd 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 22nd February 2023 if they would like to.

Family Gardening Club

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 for more information. Places will be awarded on first come first served basis.

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Girls Football Finals – 17th 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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Dates for your Diary	These dates are all subject to change Parents are invited to all Community Assemblies
Wednesday 8 th February	Trowbridge Youth Parliament – Staverton School hosting (note change of date)
Thursday 9 th February	West Wilts Dance Festival – selected children
9 th & 10 th February	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Wednesday 22 nd February	Year 6 Bikeability – selected children on the Hilperton Site
Wednesday 22 nd February	World Thinking Day for the Guiding and Scouting community
Thursday 23 rd February	Year 6 Bikeability – selected children on the Hilperton Site
Wednesday 1 st March	World Book Day celebration (not 3 rd March is previously considered)
Thursday 2 nd March	School Closed due to Teachers Union Strike Action
Friday 3 rd March	Woodpeckers, Wrens and Swans to Farleigh Hungerford Castle
Tuesday 7 th March	Foxes and Ospreys to Bristol Hindu Temple
6 th – 10 th March	Careers Week
Tuesday 14 th March	Trowbridge Youth Parliament – The Mead School hosting (note change of date)
Wednesday 15 th March	School Closed due to Teachers Union Strike Action
Thursday 16 th March	School Closed due to Teachers Union Strike Action
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21 st March	World Poetry Day
Wednesday 22 nd March	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Monday 24 th – 28 th April	Parent Conversation Week
Tuesday 25 th April	Foxes and Ospreys walking to Trowbridge Museum
Friday 28 th April	Young Blooms visiting Woodpeckers, Kestrels and Swans
Thursday 4 th May	Bees to Warleigh Lodge Farm
Friday 5 th May	Butterflies and Cygnets to Warleigh Lodge Farm
Monday 8 th – 12 th May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 17 th May	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Wednesday 17 th May	Trowbridge Youth Parliament
Thursday 18 th May	Kestrels, Puffins and Fireflies to The Roman Baths
Wednesday 24 th May	Whole School Performance – Wiltshire Music Centre
Thursday 25 th May	Squirrels and Otters to Bristol Buddhist Centre
Thursday 25 th & 26 th May	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Monday 5 th June	INSET Day
Friday 9 th June	Woodpeckers, Kestrels and Swans to Hengistbury Head Beach
Tuesday 20 th June	Y5 to Cotswold Water Park
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
Friday 30 th June	School Disco
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
Friday 14 th July	Y3 to Thoulstone Park – long day – see letter dated 01.12.2022 (and on Arbor)
Tuesday 18 th – 21 st July	Year 6 to Kilve Court – 3 night residential
Thursday 20 th – 21 st July	Year 4 to Braeside – 1 night residential – see letter dated 01.12.2022 (and on Arbor)
Tuesday 25 th July	9.00am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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