

The Mead at Wingfield



Week beginning – 8th February 2021

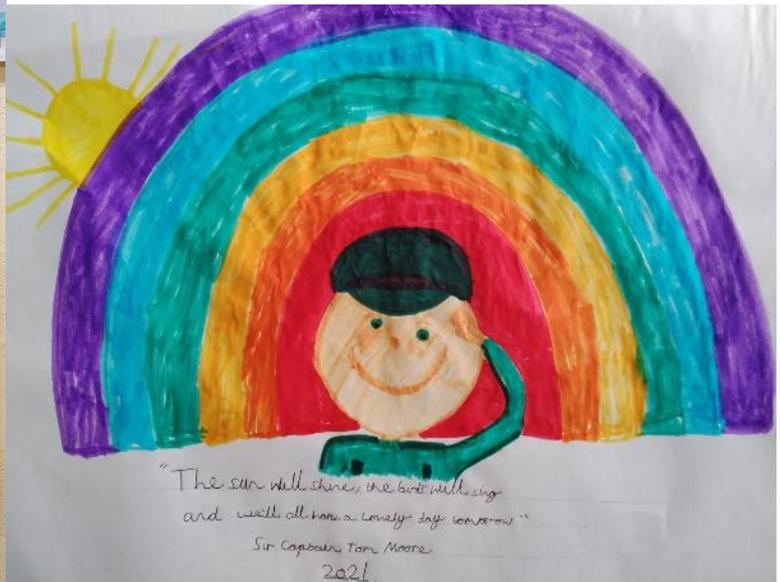
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for another week of your amazing support. I have had many conversations with parents this week and we know you're doing amazingly in such challenging circumstances. I reported this to the Academy Advisory Group (AAG – our school governance) on Tuesday night and they were stunned by the number of posts on Seesaw since last March – well over 100,000 for our school. It has been so hard for you all – we know that – but we have come together as a community and the team effort has been humbling.

Yesterday I saw some amazing artwork from Butterflies and Bees; four and five year olds reinterpreting Vincent Van Gogh's starry night. It is truly superb and has made everyone smile in school. Thought I would share it – along with a Year 3 tribute to Sir Captain Tom Moore:



The BBC ran an article today entitled 'Five Reasons to be (Cautiously) Hopeful'. It's a heartening read: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-55941234>

Stay safe.

Warm regards

Mark Stenton
Headteacher

INSET DAYS 2020 - 2021: 7TH JUNE 2021

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Wingfield Updates

Google Meet sessions

You may have noticed recent weeks that we are having some significant issues with our Broadband, which has impacted on the quality of some of our Google Meet sessions. We know that this is frustrating, for you and your children and also for staff who have had their planned sessions disrupted.

Teachers will continue to ensure that all essential learning is pre-recorded and available to you and your children via Seesaw. While the connectivity of the live sessions is not always reliable enough to teach new content, these live sessions will continue to provide an opportunity for your children to connect with school staff and with each other in fun ways. These sessions will be planned to link to current curriculum content and to deepen children's knowledge and understanding of what they have been taught. Thank you for your continuing support.

World Book Day – 4th March

To celebrate we ask that the children to draw/paint/colour a book cover of one of their favourite books to display in their windows at home to create a community book trail! We would love to make this a wider event and have book covers popping up in windows all over Trowbridge and beyond!

Please send us a photo of your book cover to wingfieldoffice@themed.wilts.sch.uk and we will display them at school too!

Wingfield Celebrations – Week beginning 1st February

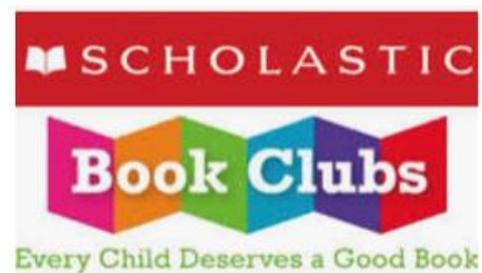
The children who were chosen to be Stars of the Week last week were: Floss from Mice, Ollie from Pine Martens, Miller from Fireflies and Milly from Hedgehogs.

Last week's Hot Chocolate Friday winners were: Austin from Mice, Rosa from Pine Martens, Max from Fireflies and Oliver from Hedgehogs. Hot chocolate sachets have been sent out to children at home.

Huge congratulations to all of these children – we are so proud of them.

Scholastic Book Club

Don't forget that our latest Scholastic Book Club is now online at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/the-mead-ba14/digital-book-club>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 20p for our school in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by February 15th, 2021.



Wingfield Celebrations – Week beginning 8th February

The children who have been chosen to be Stars of the Week next week are: Oliver from Mice, Ben from Pine Martens, Sienna from Fireflies and Henry from Hedgehogs.

This week's Hot Chocolate Friday winners are: Noah from Mice, William from Pine Martens, Sam from Fireflies and Rory T from Hedgehogs. Hot chocolate sachets will be sent out to children at home.

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Message from Mr Stenton – Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

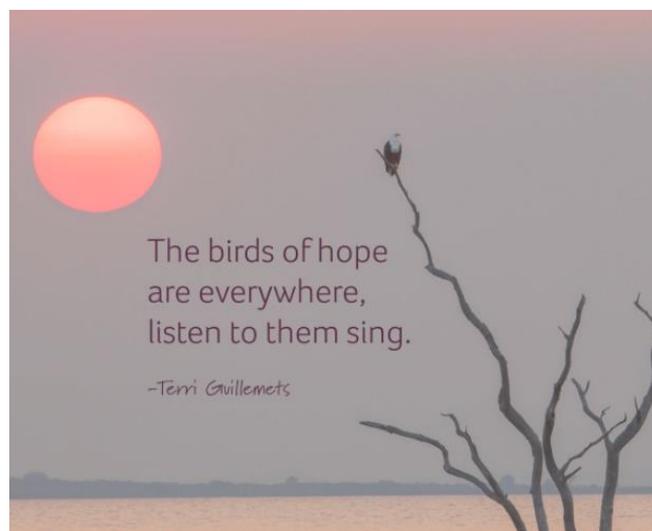
Week four of the lockdown and all we can do is say a huge thank you, again, for your continued support. The many messages of thanks we have received are so encouraging for all in the team - thank you.

We are also very aware of how tough this is. Everyone wants this to end, we're all feeling the strain, it is a truly unique pressure on every family. At times, we're responding to problems never faced before, and sometimes we get it wrong. Apologies for when we do at school - it will happen. As I said earlier this week, I got a message wrong, listened to concerns and changed the message the same day. We will and do listen.

The current situation suggests we have at least four more weeks of this; a fortnight to half-term then two weeks until the 8th March. It is likely that we will find out at the end of the half-term break whether or not we're opening fully again on the 8th March. Let's truly hope so – provided the transmission rates make that safe. In the meantime, I'm going to say the same thing to parents that we've been saying in school - this is the 'art of the possible' and there needs to be realism around what can be achieved. It truly is a time when all you can do is try your best – it will be good enough.

And what you're all achieving is truly good enough. We are seeing fantastic engagement and beautiful examples of the children's learning across the board. Please be really proud of this – you should be. We will come out of this stronger as a community with much learned. In the meantime, be kind to yourselves and stay safe. I can foresee a lovely summer term for the children with some semblance of normality and a great deal of pressure relieved on all of us. It's not too far away.

Here's a quote we shared as a staff a couple of weeks ago – because better days will come:



Warm regards

Mark Stenton
Headteacher

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Keeping Up To Date

We want to make sure you are kept up-to-date about what is happening in our schools, especially at a time when you can't come in to school and see us in person. The Mead Trust – as well as our individual schools – has a range of social channels that we post to, as well as the emails and text messages that we send out. If you use any of these platforms, then please follow / like us! We will be sharing updates, but also love to feature news and achievements from our families, so make sure you tag us so that we can share your posts with our wider community.

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