

# The Mead Community Primary School

## What's on this Week – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019



**Hilperton Site** - Hackett Place, Hilperton, Trowbridge BA14 7GN

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Term 4  
Week 1

\*\*\*\*\* ‘BE ON TIME, TEN TO NINE’ \*\*\*\*\*

### CITIZENSHIP YEAR – WEEKLY QUOTE

“A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.” Colin Powell-Former United States National Security Advisor

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School re-opens for at registration at 8.50am</li></ul>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Swimming – selected children</li><li>• 2.30pm – Netball Tournament at St Augustine's – selected children</li><li>• 2.45pm - Community Assembly – Year 6</li></ul>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foxes and Robins to Green Lane Woods</li></ul>

### Star of the Week Assembly

In the Education and Justice Department we have been thinking about the star of the week assembly. Many children have been telling us that it is hard to concentrate in the assembly and they don't enjoy it unless you are being celebrated or reading. We have also been told heard that children worry about having less time for important and fun lessons in the afternoon.

We talked about the problem in a school Parliament meeting and held a vote to decide what the best thing to do would be. We suggested having a small celebration where the parents are invited in but the rest of the school does not attend. The star of the week would still be celebrated in the classroom by their friends. The school Parliament voted on whether to keep things as they are or make the change and they voted to change.

Mr Cunningham told us that parents find it harder to come in the afternoon so we thought it would be more convenient to have it at 9 am.

Mr Cunningham, Miss Holton and the teaching staff have looked at our suggestion and decided to listen to what we have suggested.

From next term

- Star of the week celebration will be at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings
- Parents are invited to the celebration
- The Star of the Week will attend with a friend (if they wish).
- Brothers and Sisters of the Star of the Week can come out of lessons to see them.
- Star of the Week will still be announced on Friday's and invitations to parents sent home.

I am delighted that our ideas have been accepted.

Lillie-Ann Bruton

Chair of Education and Justice Department and Vice Chair - School Parliament.

INSET DAY: 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

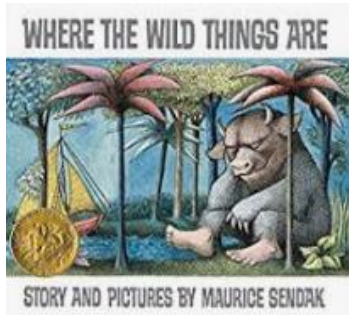
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### The Mead's Recommended Read

#### **Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak**



*Where the Wild Things Are* tells the story of Max and his mischief making... He travels to a land of Wild Things, where he becomes King and commands that a rumpus begins! Suddenly there is stomping, dancing, climbing and howling in the forest. Year 1 really love this story and enjoyed acting out the 'wild rumpus'.

Miss Johnstone and Mrs Morrison  
Class Teachers

### World Book Day Thursday 7th March



To celebrate World Book Day, we are inviting all children to dress as a character from a book that they enjoy. The children will have opportunities to discuss their outfits and their favourite stories in their classrooms on the day, and the staff in each year group will also be dressed in character.

We do not expect you to go and buy a new outfit especially for this day so if you would like any suggestions please speak to your child's class teacher.

We can't wait to see your costumes...

*Miss Emma Davies, Class Teacher and Reading Leader*

### Extreme Reading Displays

Thank you to everyone who brought in a picture of themselves reading in an unusual place, the photos look fantastic in our Extreme Reading displays. If you can, pop into either school site and see if you can spot your child's photo. At the Wingfield site, the Extreme Reading display is in the Hollow and at the Hilperton site it is in the library.

We can tell that each and every child who brought in a photo put lots of effort into choosing a suitable place. We really appreciate all of your effort - and thank you to the grown ups who took the photos!

If you are yet to bring in a photo and would like to, please hand it to your class teacher as we would love to see the displays grow throughout the year.

*Miss Emma Davies, Class Teacher and Reading Leader*

### School Show 2019

Rehearsals are going really well for the cast of our school show. All the songs can be found on the school website and the words. Please encourage your child to practice at home then they will feel really confident as we come towards performance day.

Mrs Dixon  
Senior Teacher - Music

### Perry and Potter's Weekly Active Challenge

For your Active Challenge this week, imagine you are on a tightrope.

You could put some string on the floor to help you imagine, if you have any.

Can you walk along it without falling off or wobbling?  
Try jumping along, changing direction, hopping and lunging.

Perhaps you could perform some tricks such as rubbing your tummy and patting your head while you walk?

Have fun!

*Mrs Alice Perry*  
**P.E. Lead**



**Sporting Fixtures**

On Thursday, The Mead hosted an Intra-Trust Sports Competition organised and run by the Sports Council. For months, the Year 5 and 6 Sports Council members have been planning the event. They wrote to invite River Mead and Castle Mead, they created the rules for their game of 'bodgeball', selected our team and made score sheets and certificates. They ran the event professionally, welcoming the other schools, refereeing the matches and ensuring everyone played fairly.



The Mead team, made up of Year 3 and 4 children from both our sites won the competition. Well done to the Sports Council - what inspirational young leaders you are!

Mrs Alice Perry  
P.E. Lead



# NURSERY OPEN SESSIONS



Are you looking for a nursery place for your child from September 2019?

Would you like to come and see our amazing Early Years provision?

Why not come along and explore our fantastic, purpose built nursery! Suitable for children aged from 3 to 4 years.



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 10.00 – 11.00am

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 5.00 – 6.00pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 10.00 – 11.00am



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### Bad weather and snow

Now that the winter months are upon us with the possibility of extreme weather we would like to draw your attention to a useful link from the local authority of roads that are treated on a precautionary basis for your information –



<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting/grittingroutesmap.htm>

At school, the safety of our pupils, staff and parents is paramount to us and as such we would like to inform you of the safe route in and around school, should such conditions arise. We will ensure there is a path from the school pedestrian gates all the way through the school playground, round to Year 1. We do ask that in icy/snowy conditions, children use the designated path provided as the rest of the playground will be unsuitable to walk on. We are not in a position to grit the main car park as this belongs to the council. However, in adverse conditions the road leading to the school and the car park will not be a priority and therefore we ask for everyone to take extra caution when travelling to school.

In the event of school closure we will update our website accordingly, inform local radio stations and send a text via Parentmail X. Please ensure that you have updated your contact details on Parentmail X.

### Future Dates

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27 <sup>th</sup> February	Community Assembly – Year 6
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Night at Wingfield (World Book Day)
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Community Assembly – Year 4
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Spring Celebration at Wingfield
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Conversation Week
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Pantastic all day rehearsal
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Pantastic – Spring Performance
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School is closed
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Life Bus to visit Hilperton for the week
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Community Assembly – Year 3
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Citizenship Community Day
20 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for Inset Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 residential Plas Pencelli
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photographs
14 <sup>th</sup> June	School Disco – Y1 to Y6
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Community Assembly – Year 6 Plas Celebration
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Non School Uniform Day for donations to the School Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day at Kingdown
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day to John of Gaunt and Clarendon
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Community Assembly – Year 5
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 to Brokerswood – Long day
15 <sup>th</sup> July – 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 to Braeside overnight
25 <sup>th</sup> July	School breaks up for the Summer

**For the latest secondary school newsletters please use the links below:-**

John of Gaunt  
<https://johnofgauntschool.org/2019/02/jog-news-no-4/>  
 Clarendon Newsletters  
<http://www.clarendonacademy.com/news/>

**Do you have friends or family looking for school places?**

We currently have spaces across the school. Please contact the school office for further details.



We are looking forward to holding some great events this year, some dates for you are below:

- 7th March World Book Night @ Wingfield.
- 23rd March Spring Celebrations @ Wingfield.
- 18th May Community Day @ Hilperton.

For more information on any of these events, please check out our notice board located near the main gates to school.

We run a book club over both sites (Friday lunchtime @ Hilperton, and Thursday lunchtime @ Wingfield) where children can purchase books at low cost. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact The Friends via our Facebook page, email us at [thefriendsofthemed@outlook.com](mailto:thefriendsofthemed@outlook.com) or contact Nicola Gould (Hilperton) or Rebekah Searle (Wingfield).

We look forward to seeing you at these events and more!

Thank you for your continued support,  
The Friends of the Mead

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**The Friends of the Mead**  
**SCHOOL DISCO**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
Hilperton Site

**KS1: Reception & Years 1 & 2: 5.30pm – 6.30pm**  
**KS2: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 6.45pm – 7.45pm**  
Entry via Music Studio, please pay on the door.

Tickets are £2 each which includes a snack & drink.  
Glitter tattoos & glow items are available to buy at  
KS2 disco.  
**All welcome!**

**Friends of the Mead**  
**Parentkind Member Association**



*Are you a Childminder or Early Years Practitioner?  
You might be interested in this.*



## Early Years Conference 2019

**Join Jude Twani (Early Years Consultant) and Gill Jones (Ofsted)  
for a day of professional learning and networking**

### Jude Twani Keynote Address: Getting Them Talking

More and more children are joining Early Years settings and schools with less well developed communication and language skills. Jude will explore the possible factors that contribute to this, and the challenges we face as Early Years practitioners in supporting the development of these skills. She will share how we can work with children using four simple approaches, which provide them with the essential skills they need to become "good talkers".

### Gill Jones: The Education Inspection Framework in Early Years

Gill will discuss the new Education Framework, due to be implemented in September 2019, and share what it will mean for Early Years practice and provision.

### Jude Twani & Gill Jones Interactive Q&A

An opportunity for delegates to pose questions and discuss effective Early Years' pedagogy with our keynote speakers.

### Afternoon workshop with Jude Twani: Finding My Voice

Supporting all children to find their voice, particularly those who are "quiet", and this may even include singing!

Jude Twani is a passionate advocate for Early Years, who has held a range of roles within the Local Authority including children's centre teacher and consultant, trainer, and NVQ assessor. She also trained as an Ofsted inspector and facilitates training nationally. She is an associate consultant / trainer for Early Excellence, along with leading on pedagogy and research in a large primary school. Her passion is to motivate and inspire those working with children to keep the child at the heart of their practice.



Gill Jones is Ofsted's Early Education Deputy Director. She was appointed a Senior HMI in January 2013, having joined Ofsted in 2007. She is a qualified teacher and has extensive leadership and management experience as a headteacher and local authority inspector. She was a Consultant Leader for the National College and led training for headteachers and school improvement partners.



### Suitable for

Heads of School, Deputy Headteachers, Early Years practitioners  
(including Nursery & Reception teachers), support staff and childminders

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 9.00am – 3.45pm**  
**Brunel Room, Springfield Community Campus, Corsham SN13 9DN**

£95 for CSL members |  
£125 non-CSL

Book by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 at  
[www.themeadteachingschool.org.uk/cpd](http://www.themeadteachingschool.org.uk/cpd)  
or by completing the attached booking form