

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 4th March 2019



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

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Term 4
Week 2

***** 'BE ON TIME, TEN TO NINE' *****

CITIZENSHIP YEAR – WEEKLY QUOTE

"Sometimes you have to go through difficult times as a team, and failures, to learn and to improve"
Gareth Southgate

Monday 4 th March 2019	
Tuesday 5 th March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wheelchair Basketball – Matravers School, Westbury -Selected Children
Wednesday 6 th March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming – selected children• 2.45pm - Community Assembly – Gardening Club
Thursday 7 th March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Book Day - children can dress as a character from a book• Book Night at Wingfield (World Book Day)
Friday 8 th March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y6 to Bath Taps Into Science
Saturday 9 th March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.00 – 5.00pm - Working Party at Wingfield for a tidy up of grounds

Star of the Week Assembly – Update from the School Parliament

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 they are being celebrated or reading for a friend. We have also 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 now on -

- 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: 20TH MAY 2019

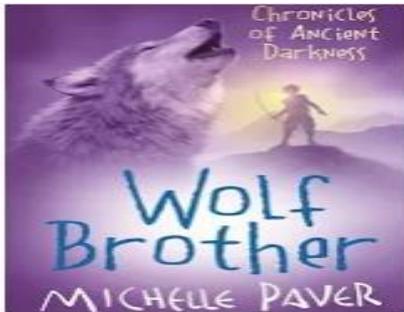
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The Mead's Recommended Read

Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver



Wolf brother is a magical quest story which begins with a grizzly bear attack but ends in a wonderful adventure. A tale of history, danger and friendship. The story is wrapped around the wonderful friendship between animals and humans. We love this story in year 5; like a true quest story, the path is never easy.

Miss Howe
Class Teacher

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

Spring Performance 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

This week, to kick start our term of netball in P.E. try throwing a ball against a wall or with a partner. Try a chest pass - throw the ball from chest height, put both hands behind the ball and make a W with your fingers, extend your arms and fingers out and step forward with your dominant foot.

Mrs Alice Perry
P.E. Lead



Netball Tournament:

Yesterday, The Mead competed in the Trowbridge Netball Tournament at St Augustine's School. In the beautiful sunshine, our Year 5s and 6s from both our Hilperton and Wingfield sites played matches against Trowbridge primary schools. We lost to Paxcroft, Bellefield, Holt and The Grove but beat Studley Green and St Johns, which meant we finished in sixth place overall. Both Bella and Ashton scored incredible goals. All the players conducted themselves with great sportsmanship and were a real credit to the school.



P.E. kit reminder

We continue to do P.E. even in the winter weather so it is important that children have the correct P.E. kit in school. Children should have:

- White t-shirt
- Navy shorts and tracksuit trousers
- Navy hoody or jumper. Children should not be doing P.E. in their jade school jumper or cardigan
- Trainers or plimsolls

Please note that this is our P.E. uniform and children should not be wearing colourful active wear or football strips.

It is also helpful that all clothes are clearly named. It is our policy that children will not be excluded from P.E. if they do not have the correct kit. They will have use of our spare kit, which is washed after every use.



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?

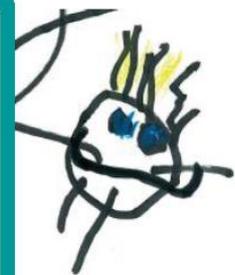
Why not come along and explore our fantastic, purpose built nursery! Suitable for children aged from 3 to 4 years.



Tuesday 5th March 2019 10.00 – 11.00am

Tuesday 2nd April 2019 5.00 – 6.00pm

Thursday 2nd 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

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



The Friends of the Mead are looking forward to holding some great events this year, some dates for you are below:

- **Friday 15th March School Disco @ Hilperton.** KS1 5.30-6.30pm & KS2 6.45-7.45pm

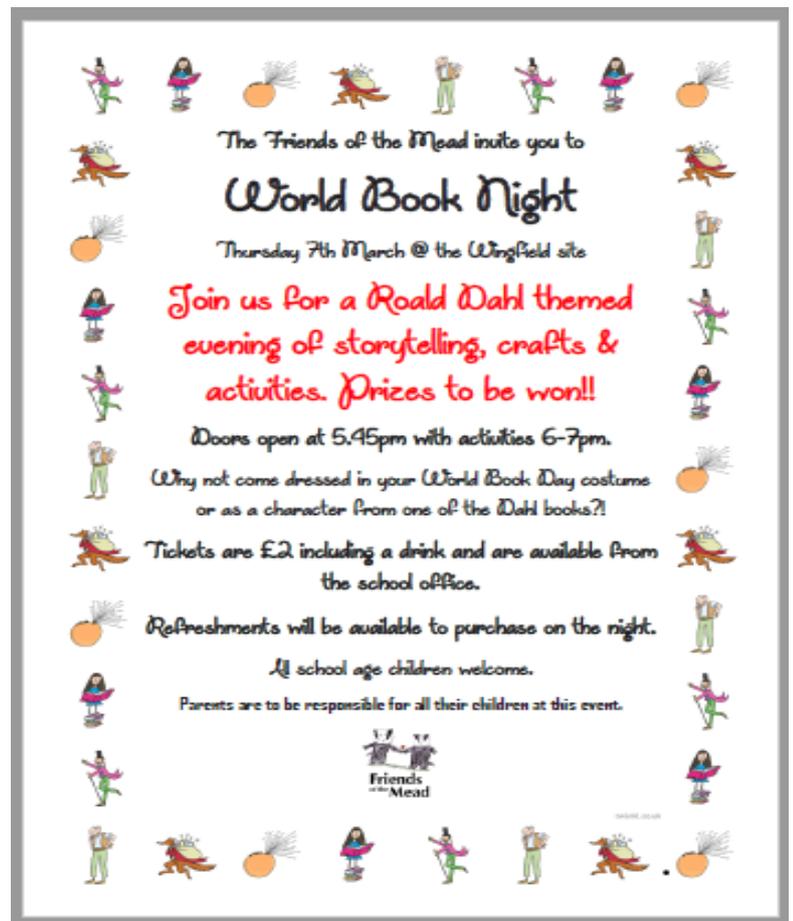
If you can help at the KS2 disco, please use this link to sign up: www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4eaaa923a3fb6-march

- **Thursday 7th March World Book Night @ Wingfield.**
- **Saturday 9th March Spring Clean up @ Wingfield.**
- **Saturday 23rd March Spring Celebrations @ Wingfield.**
- **Saturday 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, 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 or contact Nicola Gould (Hilperton) or Rebekah Searle (Wingfield).



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**TROWBRIDGE
LEARNING
COMMUNITY**



A new way to learn new skills and make new friends.

We are a not-for-profit organisation supporting adults in Trowbridge and the surrounding area. We provide a safe space for individuals and small groups to meet and access community-based support to increase knowledge and skills.

How to write a great CV

These sessions are right for you if you're looking for a job, and:

- Would like some advice on writing a CV for the first time
- Have a CV already, and would like advice from an HR expert on how it could be improved

You don't need to bring anything with you (other than a copy of your CV if you already have one). We will provide you with a laptop and the ability to print your CV at the end of the sessions.

Wednesday 6th March 2019 (4.30 – 6.00pm) and
Wednesday 20th March 2019 (4.30 – 6.00pm)

The workshops will be held at The Mead School, Hilperton

To book a place email
trowbridgelearningcommunity@outlook.com
or call 01225 759273

www.trowbridgelearningcommunity.org



Find out more
about primary
teacher training



The Mead Teaching School is hosting an
information session for anyone interested in
becoming a primary school teacher on

Monday 25th March 2019

4.00 – 5.00pm

Find out more and reserve your place:

at www.themeadteachingschool.org.uk/teacher-training

email teachingschool@themead.wilts.sch.uk

call 01225 759273





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

£95 for CSL members |
£125 non-CSL

Book by Monday 1st April 2019 at
www.themeadteachingschool.org.uk/cpd
or by completing the attached booking form