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February 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to February's newsletter! Once again it's been a busy month at The Meads, with 'Super Starters', inter-school sporting events, special assemblies and brilliant drama and music presentations aplenty for the children to enjoy. Highlights for January included the marvellous production from the Stripes theatre group, 'Hold the Drama', which Years 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed, and an assembly from Jack at the 'Make a Wish Foundation', who came into school to share with everyone the amazing work his charity do in giving very ill children amazing experiences. Well done to Mrs Moore and Dragons house, for inviting Jack into school for the afternoon. He was very appreciative of the money raised so far by Dragons to help 'Make a Wish' and is looking forward to coming back at some point later in the year. Each of our four houses, Dragons, Unicorns, Griffins and Phoenix, have chosen a charity to forge links with this

year; we hope to receive further visits from some of the other charities as the year goes on. We also received another special assembly last month facilitated by our local Premiership team, Luton Town FC. The assembly was run by the club's Community Trust and dealt with sustainable travel and the need to consider the impact of transport on the environment. Well done to everyone who went to Wembley this week to take part in the Young Voices event for school choirs from across the region. Over 7000 pupils took part and The Meads choir performed brilliantly once again and enjoyed themselves immensely. Special thanks to Mr Warren and Miss Andrews for all of their hard work with the choir over the last months and for everyone else who accompanied the children and made it possible for us to attend. Last Friday was NSPCC Numbers Day, when all children were asked to dress up in a 'number-related' outfit and to bring in a

suggested donation of £1. All proceeds will be split equally between the NSPCC and our four chosen house charities. Well done to everyone who took the time to make costumes for the day—you all looked fabulous! Looking forward to the rest of this month, Friday 9th February is CHUMS Shine Bright Wear Bright day, when children are being asked to come in in their brightest, loudest clothes to draw attention to the importance of children's mental health. Again, we are asking for a suggested £1 donation on the day. Finally, on 27th and 29th February, Year 2 will be kick starting their topic on the history of flight with visits to the renowned Shuttleworth Collection of classic aircraft. This month our Year 5/6 boys and girls football teams will be taking part in a Power League football tournament—good luck to them all!
Kind regards,

Mr Jenkins

February's Value is... CARING

We can show this value by:

- Doing things for others
- Asking people we know if they are OK
- Taking the time to remind those we love how much we care

"My guiding principles in life are to be honest, genuine, thoughtful and caring."

William — Prince of Wales

"Caring for each other cannot be a thing of the past."

Peter Frampton — singer/songwriter

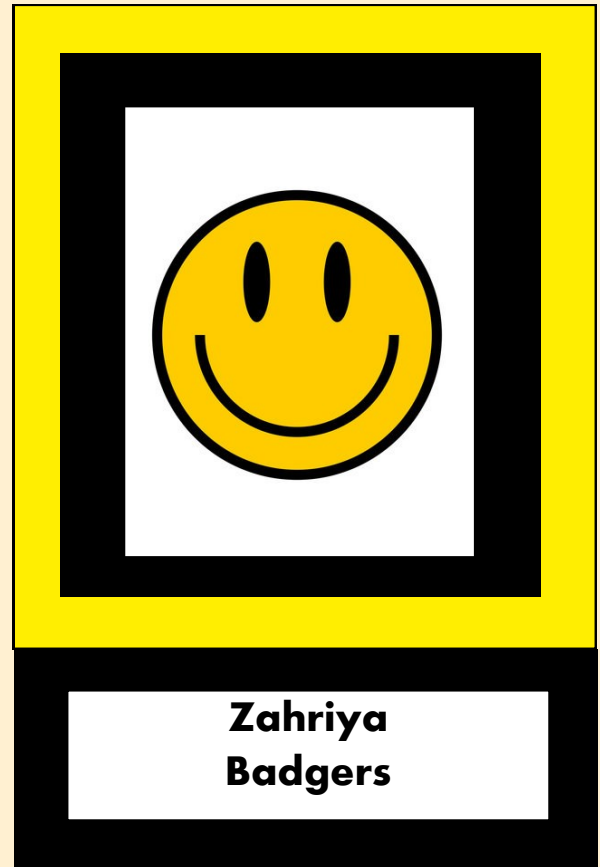
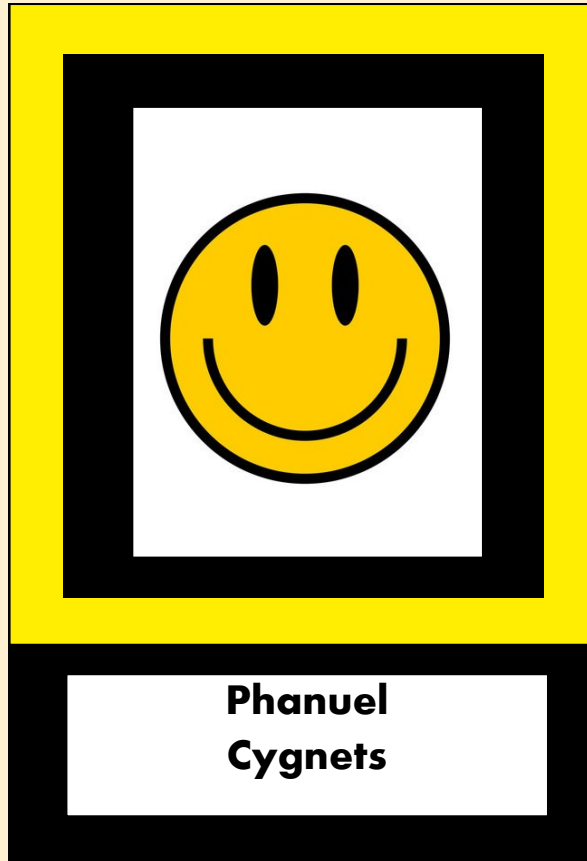
Dates to Remember

Friday 9th February	Whole School	Shine Bright Wear Bright - Please come to school dressed in your brightest clothes, we are supporting CHUMS Shine Bright Wear Bright campaign. £1 suggested donation.
Thursday 15th February	Whole School	The Meads PTA Disco - EY and KS1 3.45pm to 4.45pm KS2 5pm to 6pm Non uniform school day for all EY and KS1 children. KS2 children must be in school uniform during the school day but can change for disco at home.
Friday 16th February	Whole School	Last day of term for the whole school
Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February	Whole School	Half Term - School Closed
Monday 26th February	Whole School	First day back to school
Tuesday 27th February / Thursday 29th February	Year 2	Year 2 Shuttleworth Trip - Squirrels and Hedgehogs will go on this trip on Tuesday 27th February. Rabbits will go on this trip on Thursday 29th February.
Monday 4th March	Early Years	Hearing Test for Early Years - Please refer to the letter that has been sent out. You will need to sign up online by Monday 26th February . The test is due to take place in school on Monday 4th March.
Tuesday 12th March	Year 4	Year 4 West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Trip - Please refer to the letter for more information. Deadline for payment is Friday 1st March 2024 through Scopay.
Tuesday 26th March	Whole School	Parent's Evening (late)- Time to be confirmed closer to the date
Wednesday 27th March	Whole School	Parent's Evening (early)- Time to be confirmed closer to the date
Friday 10th May to Monday 13th May	Year 5	Aylmerton - The next payment is due this week (end of January).
Friday 17th May to Monday 20th May	Year 6	PGL - The next payment is due this week (end of January).

Reminders and Information

Nut Free School	A quick reminder that The Meads is a nut free school . This includes if children are bringing treats into school to give to their friends for birthdays (for example Celebrations and Quality Street) - please ensure that the treats are nut free also.
Bicycles	If your child brings a bicycle into school, please can you ensure that the bike is locked up securely. Any bicycles left in school are at owner's risk.
Parking	Polite reminder to parents to please be mindful of where you are parking during the school run . Please do not block residents driveways and park in no parking zones.
Attendance	As a whole school our target for attendance is to be above 96% every week. We use a traffic light system to monitor attendance for each class. Dark Green = 100%, Light Green = 99%-96%, Yellow = 95%-90%, Red = Below 90%. Please be aware that the Education Welfare Officer will monitor low attendance; and will also take into consideration patterns in attendance with regards to siblings and cousins.
The Meads PTA Disco	<p>Last chance to get your tickets! You can purchase a ticket through Sco-Pay under 'Trips and Events'. Tickets are £3 each. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help support our PTA events. If you are interested, please email the PTA on meadspta@outlook.com</p> <p>In EY and KS1 all children will be in non uniform for this school day even if your child is not going to the disco; as the disco starts straight after school for KS1. KS2 children will have to come to school in uniform as normal, but can change when they get home ready for the disco which starts at 5pm.</p>
Car Park Safety	We have noticed some parents and children walking through parked and moving cars when crossing the car park. Please bare in mind it is a car park and it can be unsafe. Please use the pathways instead.
Scopay	A quick reminder that if you do not yet have a Scopay account, we would recommend speaking to the office to discuss opening an account. Having Scopay will allow you to easily pay for things such as trips, events and make bookings for Parents Evening. If you have any questions, please give the office a call or come and see us for more information.
Choir	A letter went out last week about Choir. Choir is due to start again after the half term holiday. Places are filling up very quickly; so if you interested, please send your reply slip back as soon as possible. The school will be in touch with you to let you know if you have been successful in receiving a place in due course. If you need another letter, please come to the school office to collect one.

Our Value Role Modes for Joy



Number Day 2024

On Friday 2nd February, children and staff came into school dressed as a number to raise awareness for NSPCC. There were so many wonderful and creative costumes! Children took part in number based activities on the day.

The total raised on Friday was:

£257.46

Thank you to everyone who donated. The donations will be split between NSPCC, Make-A-Wish, Keech Hospice, Dogs Trust and WWF.



Celebrate
Love, Friendship and
Fun at

The Meads

PTA Disco!

15th Feb 2024

EY- KS1 15:45 – 16:45

KS2 17:00-18:00

Tickets £3 each

Tickets can be purchased through
Sco-Pay.

Tickets will be distributed week
commencing Monday 12th
February.

Please also remember to bring some extra money on the day
as we will also be selling drinks, sweets, and novelty items.





Let's Celebrate our success

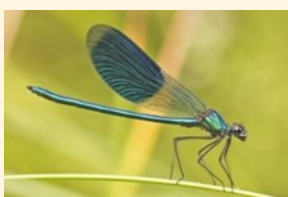
Week ending 02/02/24



Rabbits



Nightingales



Dragonflies



Kites

Attendance for w/e 02/02/24 is 94.4%

Target for the school is 96%

KS1	
Hedgehogs	97.33%
Butterflies	97.4%
Dragonflies	96.0%
Squirrels	95.9%
Ducklings	94.6%
Rabbits	94.1%
Goslings	92.7%
Cygnets	91.7%

KS2	
Foxes	97.5%
Sparrows	96.3%
Kites	96.0%
Kestrels	95.6%
Nightingales	95.5%
Woodpeckers	94.7%
Finches	94.6%
Robins	94.3%
Buzzards	91.6%
Otters	90.8%
Badgers	87.3%

Well done to Hedgehogs and Foxes!

Unfortunately, we have not managed to achieve our school target of 96% this week. Please ensure your child attends school everyday it is open, it is the law.

Key: **Dark Green** = 100%, **Light Green** = 99%-96%, **Yellow** = 95%-90%,
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**STAR
OF THE
WEEK**

Well Done

To all children receiving
certificates this week



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Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Will	showing the Values of <i>Kindness</i> towards others and <i>Determination</i> towards his learning. Well done!
Goslings	Zakariya	showing the Value of <i>Creativity</i> in his models!
Ducklings	Isaac	showing the Value of <i>Determination</i> and progressing well with reading and phonics.
Butterflies	Nova	showing the Values of <i>Determination</i> and <i>Resilience</i> when completing challenging maths work.
Dragonflies	Evie	showing the Value of <i>Positivity</i> and <i>Perseverance</i> when completing her work.
Hedgehogs	Zikra	always showing the Values of <i>Patience</i> when working with others. Zikra is very caring towards others.
Rabbits	Lilia	showing the Value of <i>Patience</i> when working with others and <i>Caring</i> for her peers.
Squirrels	Daisy	always showing the Values of <i>Kindness</i> and <i>Friendship</i> . Daisy comes to school with a lovely smile on her face and is always kind to everyone.
Finches	Amarah	showing <i>Kindness</i> to all and working her hardest in all lessons.
Robins	Alfie	being a true Values role model who always demonstrates his Values of <i>Responsibility</i> and <i>Respect</i> !
Sparrows	C-J	exceptional manners, embracing our school Values and having a positive attitude towards learning.
Foxes	Daryl	demonstrating the Value of <i>Resilience</i> whilst improving his handwriting.
Badgers	Bella-Rose	showing the Value of <i>Resilience</i> when working hard to improve her handwriting and the presentation of her work.
Otters	Amaan	having the <i>Determination</i> and <i>Resilience</i> during swimming and showing the Value of <i>Perseverance</i> in Maths.
Nightingales	Hannah	being an excellent role model in class and showing <i>Determination</i> and <i>Positivity</i> to complete all of her work to a high standard. Well done.
Woodpeckers	Ismail	showing his Value of <i>Curiosity</i> in all of our lessons and always contributing in a meaningful way to our class discussions.
Buzzards	Sana	being an amazing role model for her peers, having great enthusiasm for learning and always showing a caring attitude towards others.
Kestrels	Sachkeerat	showing the Values of <i>Joy</i> and positivity by always having a smile on his face and being positive with his learning.
Kites	Jay	his fantastic effort in using our talk tactics when participating in our class discussions - keep it up.