



Park Mead Primary Post



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October 2021

Head of School News

We have had another positive and busy month at Park Mead with lots of fantastic learning and activities taking place.

Our new 'House Teams' were enthusiastically launched last week by Mrs Adams - **Romans**, **Saxons**, **Normans** and **Vikings**. I look forward to seeing pupils gaining house points through effort, behaviour, attitude and achievement as well as inter-house competitions!

Chestnuts have enjoyed their swimming sessions at BEDES this term and everyone has benefited from Forest School sessions despite the weather! Our new bikes and trikes are ready for use and this Friday sees the return of our 'Friends' fundraising Halloween disco.

This term it has been wonderful to celebrate assemblies again as a whole school especially Harvest. From next term, we would like to invite the parents of children receiving a Head Teacher award to join us for our Thursday Golden Assembly. More details will follow.

With an action packed term, the Park Mead family is ready for an Autumn break.

Have a lovely half term everyone.

Best wishes,
Mrs Heidi West
Head of School



Drop Off / Collections

From the start of Term 2, times for the start and end of the school day will change to:

- Soft start between 8.40-8.50am, which will support traffic in the area and allow flexibility for parents
- Collection at 3.15pm for all year groups.



Forest School

For Forest School Afternoons

We expect your child to come to school dressed in uniform, as any other day, to support the daily expectation of our approach to learning. The children will then change at school for their Forest School session in the afternoon.

What your child will need:

“There is no such thing as bad weather- just the wrong clothes” We will be in the school Forest School area, which can be wet, muddy, prickly, sunny, shady...so we ask that your child has:

A full change of old clothes, which needs to be long sleeved trousers and tops, despite hot weather. This is to cover arms from sun and scratches from plants.

Waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat to go over.

Wellies are needed all year, as the ground is so wet.

A pair of socks if your child wears tights.

A sunhat.

A warm hat and gloves if it is cold and a spare pair of socks.

A plastic bag to take home any wet clothes.

News from Willows



We have had a busy few weeks in Willows! Using books, we have been reading in class we were inspired to make bread and potato faces (using vegetables and some fruit).

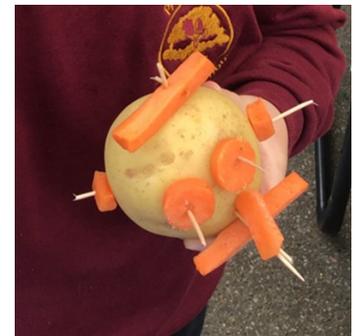


Phonics learning has enabled us to start writing words like 'dog' and 'cat' using our robot arms, which is so lovely to see!!

We also went on a hunt to find magnetic and non-magnetic items in our area. It was lovely to see how excited the children were when they found magnetic objects, both inside and outside.

They loved showing their friends where they were!

Well done Willows! You have been incredible this term, and we are all so proud of you. Enjoy your half term. Relax, rest up and we can't wait to see you all next term.



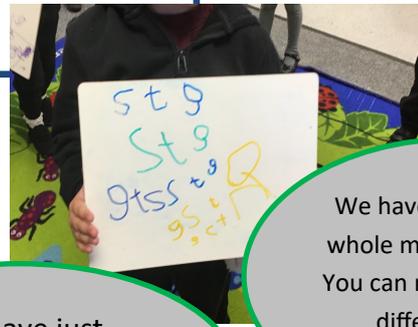
Kneading the bread was my favourite part!

We are neighbours and sharing our food!



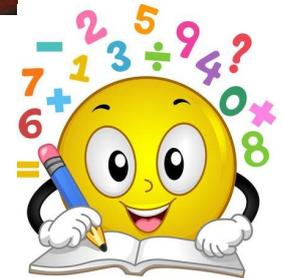
We have just discovered the hoop is magnetic!

We have used the part whole model to make 3. You can make 3 in lots of different ways!



News from Chestnuts

This term has been so much fun! We have learnt about our bodies and the different functions our organs have. We were so lucky to have a visit from a real doctor. He taught us about our organs, how to listen to our heart beat, feel our pulse and wash our hands like a surgeon. He even helped us make our own finger casts to take home!



In maths, we have started addition and subtraction. We have also started to develop independence in taking photos of our own work.

Swimming has been so much fun and the children have progressed really well. It has been great seeing them develop and grow in confidence.

It has just been such a wonderful start to the year and I look forward to our next term together when we will start looking at our local area.

News from Maples

Maples have had another busy month. We have been doing all things Stone Age! We made some brilliant weapons, although these did prove to be quite difficult, and we wrote instructions for them in English. As Historians, we have created timelines and learned about Stonehenge and Skara Brae in Scotland. In music, we have really tried to focus on the vocabulary of pitch, dynamics and tempo and used these when we have created our Stone Age rhythms.

We had a brilliant Forest School, led by Door Mouse, and have been sorting the environment outside during Grounds' Day.

In ICT we have been learning how to code and have used Purple Mash to create leaflets on ourselves and things that we enjoy.

As scientists we have been creating layers of 'sedimentary rock' and making fossils.

Football has been our PE focus this term and we have all really developed our skills.

As mathematicians, we have been representing and solving problems with numbers up to 10,000, as well as learning our Roman Numerals! We are moving on to addition and subtraction, so please practise number facts over the holidays, so then we will all be super fluent.

Have a super week relaxing if you can!

News from Oaks

What a busy time we have had in Oaks with so much learning! We have really enjoyed getting ready for our version of Harvest Festival - the children have been working in groups to present what harvest means to them. We had a selection of dancing, singing, poetry, a puppet show and even a large group painting. We do have a lot of talent at Park Mead!

The children thoroughly enjoyed their day dressed up as WW2 children. They looked fabulous and had a wonderful time cooking with Ms Taiclet and myself. We were very impressed by their cooking skills and their willingness to try different foods from a time when lots of items were rationed - some children have even asked for the recipes so they can recreate them at home. We also had fun trying to learn to dance to 'Lambeth Walk'.

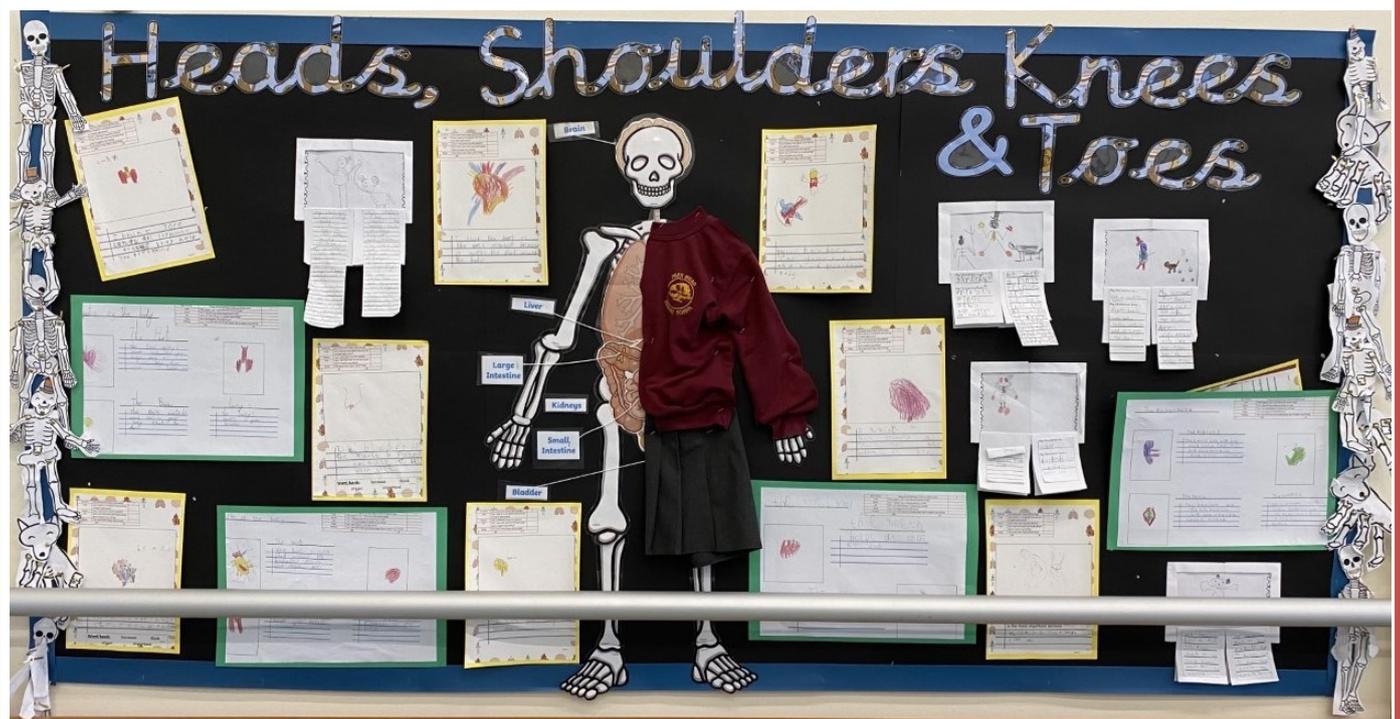


Oaks have really come together as a group and are very supportive of one another. It's been a wonderful way to end the term.

Thank you as always for your support and we wish you all a restful half term holiday.



Willows & Chestnuts Class Boards



Maples & French Display Boards

Maples
Year 3 & 4

We learned about instructions. We wrote instructions to make a weapon and a mammoth!

Rock and Roll!

Tu as les yeux de quelle couleur?

Comment sont tes cheveux?

Comment vas-tu?

ça va très bien.

ça va bien, merci.

ça va mal!

ça va très mal!

J'ai les yeux verts et les cheveux longs, blonds et bouclés

J'ai les yeux noirs et les cheveux courts

J'ai les yeux bleus et les cheveux raides

ça va comme ci, comme ça.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance: 94.28%

Willows: 97.7%

Chestnuts: 95.72%

Maples: 93.81%

Oaks: 93.68%

Less than 94.9% - Red

95—96.4% - Amber

96.5—99.9% - Green



October 2021

18-22nd Grounds Week

22nd Harvest Festival

22nd End of Term 1

31st Deadline for Secondary School Applications

November 2021

1st Start of Term 2

3rd KS1 Book Look (2.30-3pm)

5th KS2 Book Look (2.30-3pm)

9th Flu Vaccinations

12th Children in Need

15-19th Anti Bullying Week

16th Parents Evening

18th Parents Evening

24th Individual School Photos

December 2022

5th Mince Pie Run

10th Willows Nativity Play

15th Christmas Lunch

17th End of Term 2

January 2022

4th Inset Day

5th Start of Term 3

14th Mastocytosis & Mast Cell Awareness Mufti Day

15th Deadline for Primary School Applications

February 2022

1st Chinese New Year

8th Safer Internet Day

11th End of Term 3

21st—Start of Term 4

March 2022

3rd World Book Day

28-1st Grounds Week

April 2022

1st End of Term 4

19th Start of Term 5

May 2022

2nd Bank Holiday

27th End of Term 5

June 2022

6th Inset Day

7th Start of Term 6

July 2022

8th Sports Day

15th Reserve Sports Day

21st End of Term 6

22nd Inset Day



Chestnuts Forest School

Wednesday 29 September 2021

It was great to see the perseverance of the children getting themselves ready, with their wellies and waterproofs, while as a class they raced against a 7 minute timer.

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how to play Forest School games.

Chestnuts played a game of fox and rabbit. They had a lot of fun, working together as a class, to protect the rabbit inside their circle from the fox outside!

The children picked some blackberries, hawthorn berries and sloes after identifying them correctly with the adults. They learned they shouldn't ever eat anything they pick, unless their supporting adults have discussed it with them, because it might make them ill. They managed to collect a huge range of berries, creating a plentiful supply to make their paint with.

Some of the children had a go at painting and mark making with blackberry



paint, made from the mashed up blackberries they had collected.

They created a beautiful painting on a large sheet of fabric. In the sunshine it was great to see the variety of colours and hues of purples and reds and to see the children's creative ideas and name writing.



Using some clay and mud dug from the ground, the children created some 'seed bombs' by squishing the clay and incorporating the calendula and poppy seeds inside their rolled spheres. They carefully set them to dry, so they can throw them into their garden beds in the spring as a 'seed bomb' to create a lovely flower patch, to then collect seeds from next year. *"I wish I could make more and more and more and throw them on the grass to change the school field into a meadow".*



All of the children reflected on what they had done and enjoyed during the session by writing down their favourite activity at the end of the day, supporting each other with discussion and help with sounding out and writing.

Well done Chestnuts class, what a productive, fun filled afternoon!



If anyone has any old, flat white fabric sheets, we could always use them for creative projects with the children at Forest School.

Willows Forest School

Wednesday 20th October 2021

This afternoon we had Forest School in the pouring rain! Because it was so wet and rainy we enjoyed splashing in the puddles and some of the children found leaves to float down the pouring water stream created by the rain. It was so much fun! We then went into the hall to do lots of fun activities!



They started by playing a game of 'guess the animal' asking simple questions to try to discover which animal Dormouse was thinking of.



During our last session the children collected leaves and flowers and pressed them in the flower press. They talked about how the leaves would be too wet to use today and how the flower press had flattened them and dried them out.

The children used the flowers to create lovely collages of hedgehogs and then listened carefully to a story about a hedgehog. They talked about how they could do nice things for their friends, like the hedgehog did in the story.

Willows played a game of 'rabbit, rabbit, fox', taking it in turns to chase each other around a circle and try to get back to their space before they got caught by the fox.

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Then Willows talked about birds and how they needed food throughout the winter and then created some bird feeders. They carefully threaded cereal hoops onto pipe cleaners and twisted the tops to make circular feeders to hang at home.

Willows ended their session by taking it in turns to share what they had enjoyed about their afternoon.

"I liked splashing in the muddy puddles"

"I liked making the bird feeder"

"I like the hedgehog picture"



Oaks Forest School

Wednesday 13th September 2021

The Autumn sunshine was beautiful for the Oaks today as they talked about signs of the season. They collected leaves onto sticks they had found and created some leaf kebabs!

Using the Autumn leaves they learned how to preserve them by dipping them into molten beeswax. The children used their senses to work out what kind of wax they were using... "it smells like honey!" Some worked together to create a beautiful hanging leaf mobile, which they hung in their Forest School shelter.

Some of the children took rubbings of their wax dipped leaves and talked about the different colours and textures of the leaves they had found. Some found Oak galls which created a bumpy texture on the underside of the leaves, which looked great in the leaf rubbings.

The class played a game of fox and rabbit, taking it in turns to chase and find a 'safe' place in a rabbit burrow as they played.



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The mud kitchen was popular, with the children creating messy dishes, but also learning the names of plants and berries which they added to their creations. There were lots of grassy mud 'noodles' and some found some minty ground ivy and blood red hawthorn berries to add into their mixes.



Friends of Park Mead



The Friends are so excited to be able to run the Hallowe'en disco once again and are really looking forward to seeing the children in their costumes!

There have been some amazing entries into the pumpkin competition. I am sure it is going to be a fun packed night with scary costumes and demon dancing. A big thank you to everyone who is volunteering at the event, we can't run it without you.

The next Friends meeting is at The Plough on 4th November at 8pm. Please do come and join us as we will be finalising all our Christmas activities.

One of the fundraisers we run over the Christmas season is the Christmas Raffle. If you know of any organisations or individuals that would be willing to donate a prize, please let us know.

Additionally if you have any ideas for fundraising ideas or opportunities, please let us know via Facebook or email friends@parkmead.e-sussex.sch.uk.

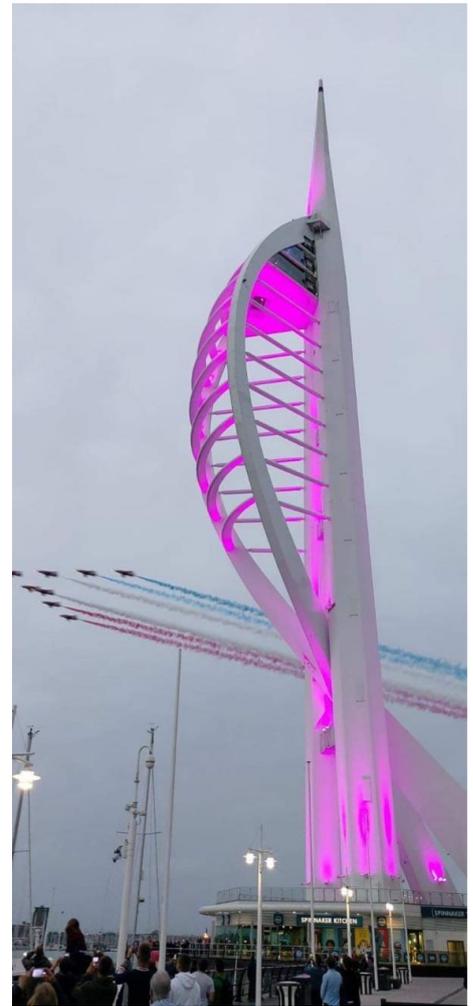
Have a fantastic half term.



International Mastocytosis & Mast Cell Diseases Awareness Day

The Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth was illuminated in purple on Wednesday 20th October, in support of The International Mastocytosis & Mast Cell Diseases Awareness Day.

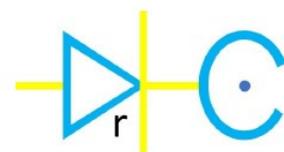
Park Mead students have been learning about these rare diseases this week and had a wonderful assembly given by Charlotte Lane, trustee of The UK Mastocytosis Support Group.



Dr C's Electro Labs Presents:

Half-Term Coding Camp
25th-28th October 2021

9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Five Ashes Village Hall



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Club Flyer

Type of Club:

After School Club

Activity:

Parkour

Where:

Park Mead Primary

Date:

Monday

1st November 2021 - 6th December 2021
(6 Sessions)

Time:

15:00-16:00

Year Group:

All Years

Price:

£5.00 per Session
£30 for Term, Paid fully in Advance
Cash Payments Only



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Help us raise money for brand new Playground Equipment for all to enjoy!



Funky 'Firework Hair' Fun Run

Active Education Sussex invites you to sponsor your child to complete 9 laps of 'The Active Mile' track to raise money for **BRAND NEW Playground Equipment**. To make it more fun we would like your child to come into school with **Funky Firework styled hair!**

PRIZE DRAW!!

Active Education Sussex are donating two pairs of brand new running trainers for one lucky boy and one lucky girl to win, along with 10 other fun prizes! Each £5 raised will earn your child 1 entry into the prize draw. There is no limit to the amount of entries any one child can earn (for every subsequent £5 raised another entry will go into the prize draw). Prizes will be drawn at random during week commencing 8th November 2021. Please ensure your sponsorship money is handed into the school office, in a marked envelope, by 3:30pm on Friday 5th November 2021. GOOD LUCK!

Prizes to be won!!

Name	Address	Number	Total Sponsorship
			Total: £
Sponsorship Total: £			



Sponsored by:

MAYBUGS

- GIFTS & HOME -

**WEDNESDAYS DURING TERM TIME
HAILSHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

YEARS 1-6: 6PM - 7.20PM

YEARS 7-11: 6PM - 7.30PM

JUNIOR HOCKEY

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SIGN UP TO JOIN TEAM DRUSILLAS FOR **THE MONSTER DASH**

VIRTUAL FUN RUN IN SUPPORT OF **Wolo**

We need YOU to join our virtual fun run this half term to help support families in Sussex affected by cancer

Calling all monsters and mummies, ghosts and ghouls, witches and werewolves!

Can you bolt like the boogeyman, zoom like a zombie, or skedaddle like a skeleton? It's up to you how you complete the Monster Dash – walk, run, creep or crawl, so long as you bring your fiercest fancy dress!

The Monster Dash is our virtual fun run taking place over half term (23rd-31st Oct). All you need to do is complete either 2.5k, 5k or 10k in Halloween fancy dress in a location of your choosing. You don't have to run, you can walk, swim, cycle, hop, skip or jump – it's completely up to you, and your fancy dress doesn't have to be very fancy, so long as you're in the spirit of things!

This is a virtual event so you don't need to visit Drusillas, and you don't have to complete your distance all in one go; you could spread it out over the week, as long as you complete it by midnight on Halloween!

Name: distance: email:

Scan the QR code to sign up online

Name: distance: email:

All we ask for is a minimum donation of £1 to Wolo from each person taking part, but we're sure friends and family would love to support you too, so please share with all your loved ones so we can raise as much money as possible.

