



## Park Mead Post

Dear Parents/Carers

What a difference the sun makes! It has been wonderful to see our pupils outdoors enjoying our grounds which are finally springing into life. We have several curriculum and fundraising events planned for the next couple of weeks and into April so please check the upcoming events section of the newsletter. We have received a significant number of fantastic new reading books purchased with a reading grant which will help develop our library and enthuse our pupils' love of reading.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you again for your continued support.

Heidi West

### Recent Events

To help boost our library and encourage our pupils love of reading, one of the staff members at Bedes has very kindly donated a huge bag of books!



Both our KS2 classes have recently enjoyed a 'Morning of Sport' at Bedes. They had a wonderful time and took part in a variety of different sports. We are very proud of how they all performed —they are a credit to Park Mead.



### Awards

These children have recently impressed their teachers and peers:

#### Willows

Whole Class Award—Working Hard & making Mrs Healy feel so welcome.

Joshua—Aiming High & Writing Independently

#### Chestnuts

Dominic—Aiming High

Mia M—Leadership, Aiming High & Creativity

Kobe—Creativity & Staying Positive

Molly—Excellent Problem Solving Skills

#### Maples

Tiffany—Speaking & Staying Positive

Lexi—Staying Positive & Teamwork

Emma—Aiming High & Staying Positive

Lacey—Aiming High

#### Oaks

Indiana—Aiming High

Elsa—Aiming High

Gracie—Leadership & Teamwork

River—Staying Positive & Aiming High



Well done!



### Attendance

At Park Mead we strive to improve the attendance of our students.

Every school day provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development so it is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts their progress.

**Attendance Whole School: 93.66%**

	Last Week	Year
<b>Willows:</b>	96.67%	95.93%
<b>Chestnuts:</b>	84.33%	93.65%
<b>Maples:</b>	86.55%	92.52%
<b>Oaks:</b>	96.9%	93.72%

Less than 94.9% - Red  
 95—96.4% - Amber  
 96.5—99.9% - Green  
 100% - Gold

*Please support us and your child to ensure that attendance is a priority.*



**Attendance Matters**



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## News from Willows

Willows have been learning about the lives of different insects. Last week, we read the story of The Hungry Caterpillar and learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly. We made our own life cycles and wrote about them. We also learnt about symmetry and created some lovely symmetrical butterfly paintings. This week, we have enjoyed finding out facts and writing about our favourite insects and we have had fun learning about doubles by doubling the spots on different ladybirds.



## News from Chestnuts

In Chestnuts we have had a very exciting two weeks.

- \* We had lots of fun creating dinosaur fossils in our art lessons.
- \* In geography we made and labelled our own volcanoes.
- \* In maths we explored place value through 'marshmallow' maths!



## News from Maples

Maples had an absolutely fantastic morning at Bedes last week. They brilliantly demonstrated teamwork and were so positive throughout the morning. We were so proud of them.

Forest school was as fun and exciting as usual. We loved being outside and we created a variety of sculptures using different materials and combinations.

Reading has been a massive priority this term. We have been using reading VIPERS (Vocabulary, Inference, Predict, Explain, Retrieval, Summarise) to scaffold and support our reading comprehension and understanding.

Times tables have also been a great success. We are really focused when practising by counting, singing and moving and as a result, most of us are getting full marks in our weekly tests!



## News from Oaks

In Oaks' we have been having a great time being outdoors.

The class really enjoyed their morning of sport at Bedes and experienced many different sports on the AstroTurf. Superb behaviour all round - we are so proud!



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We also had a wonderful time with Ms Sharp at Forest School—playing games, digging, climbing and playing with sticks!



## Pioneer Updates

We are very pleased to have received and installed a defibrillator at Park Mead.

All staff will be fully trained on how to use it in an emergency.



We are all very excited to be welcoming George into school. He will have a period of settling in with Mrs Davidson in her office before he meets all of the children.



## Upcoming Events

### March 2022

23rd Oaks Visit to Parliament  
30th Grounds Day

### April 2022

1st End of Term 4  
1st Mufti Day for Ukraine/Uniform Sale  
1st Easter Egg Hunt  
4th Easter Fun Run  
19th Start of Term 5  
20th KS1 Book Look  
22nd Easter Fun Run  
27th KS2 Book Look

### May 2022

2nd Bank Holiday  
9th Year 6 SATS Week  
27th End of Term 5

### June 2022

6th Inset Day  
7th Start of Term 6  
15th Year 5 Bikeability  
16th Year 5 Bikeability  
22nd—Group Photos

### July 2022

8th Sports Day  
15th Reserve Sports Day  
20th End of Term 6  
21st Inset Day



## High 5 Netball Tournament



**WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

The Year 5 and 6's attended a Sussex school games high five netball tournament at East Hoathly Primary School. Park Mead played against both East Hoathly and Allfriston in two 15 minute games. Our first game was against East Hoathly where we dominated the first half taking an early 4-0 lead. East Hoathly came back into the game during the second half with some brilliant movement and levelled the game with 1 minute left to play. Park Mead demonstrated some excellent communication, movement and passing to work the ball into the final third before having the opportunity to shoot and scoring the winning shot with only 20 seconds to go, winning the game 5-4. Park Mead then faced against Allfriston who were tough opponents moving the ball well around the court. Park Mead went 3-0 down early on but with incredible team work and effort we managed to level the game at 3-3. Some quick movements from Allfriston gave them two quick scoring shots leading into the last 30 seconds of the game. Park Mead came back with quick movement to make it 5-4 however it was too late and the final whistle blew giving Allfriston the win. Park Mead did amazingly well and finished the tournament in 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Allfriston in 1<sup>st</sup> and East Hoathly in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Every single one of our team performed amazingly well and represented Park Mead brilliantly. So very proud of you all!

## Maples Forest School

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022

The children talked about the signs of spring which they could spot. Daffodils are growing and the new growth of plants is starting. They independently planted some daffodil bulbs for next year's spring along the edge of the forest school area.



There was also lots of climbing and swinging and running around!

It is great to see the confidence in self-chosen activities at Forest School developing in all of the children.



The class learned a song and joined in with actions;

*'Spring is here' said the bumblebee,  
how do you know?' said the old oak tree,  
Because I saw a daffodil,  
Dancing with the fairies on the windy hill'.*

The children had a go at making some bird feeders of their own.



The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge the children gain from the Forest School experience. The impact can be seen through the skills gained, tools used, art and craft activities, observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants trees in relation to the seasons and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games.

The rest of the afternoon saw Maples following their own ideas.

There was lots of independent creating with sticks, to make signs, decorations and boats, which they tested on the pond.

Maples really enjoyed their den building and used secateurs independently to continue to cut back brambles from their den area.

They thoroughly enjoyed digging today, creating a huge hole and filling buckets with clay, which we can use during future sessions.





# 5-star Holiday Camps

To put a spring in their step this Easter.

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## Holiday camps near you

Venue:	Ocklynge Junior School, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne BN20 8J
Dates:	Monday 4th April -Thursday 14th April 2022
Times:	08:30-16:00
Price:	£15 per day or book 5 days for the price of 4 (5th day free)
Ages:	5-12
Additional info:	Bring packed lunch, bottle of water and warm suitable cloths

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Please bring

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for weather
- Lots of energy!

## April Music School

Just a friendly reminder that our April Music School is coming up soon!

The music schools will be held at Bonners Primary School, Maresfield from the 4th - 7th April. Flexible booking options (1-4 day bookings)

- Places are £40 per day, sibling discounts are available.
- We'll be learning songs in band settings and hosting a fantastic performance at the end of the four days.

All instruments and experience levels are welcome

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