



April 2022

Park Mead Post

Welcome to the month of May, a time of change, no matter where in the world you are. The spring flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and life is starting to seem a little more joyful day by day. Our Park Mead grounds are bursting with wildlife and our resident robin family have made a wonderful home in one of our cycling helmets! There is a busy, industrious feel around Park Mead as May also brings with it important learning assessment procedures. We are SO proud of everything our pupils are achieving across all areas of the curriculum. Keep an eye out for all our diary dates. Wishing you all a wonderful May!
Mrs West



Recent Events

Our recent Ukraine Mufti Day and the Friends Second-hand Uniform sale raised a very impressive **£320.80** for Unicef. Thank you to all of our parents and carers for making the day such a success.

See our Easter Fun Run page for action shots! With your help we raised **£750.51**. Well done everybody.



George continues to come in school each week and is settling in really well. He will start visiting the classrooms soon so please ensure you have returned your consent form.

We have numerous school and Friends events coming up so please keep an eye on the calendar.

Awards

These children have recently impressed their teachers and peers:

Willows

Charlie—Staying Positive with Great Start to Learning this Term

Max—Aiming High

Charlotte—Aiming High in her English Writing using Adjectives

Chestnuts

Chloe—Great Listening & Aiming High

Zach—Great Creativity in Writing

Amelia—Teamwork & Aiming High

Maples

Indy—Leadership & Aiming High—Leading her own Learning

Freddie W-S—Speaking & Teamwork—Fantastic Explanations and Descriptions

Ziva—Teamwork & Leadership

Elsie—Staying Positive, Aiming High

Oaks

Sofia—Creativity with Topic Book

Fenix—Aiming High, Huge Improvement with Handwriting

Myles—Staying Positive, Aiming High in Maths

Lily—Staying Positive, Teamwork, Aiming High



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: 93.57%

	Last Week	Year
Willows:	95.00%	95.96%
Chestnuts:	97.08%	93.61%
Maples:	97.84%	92.68%
Oaks:	97.08%	93.26%

*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 attend-



Attendance Matters



Attendance is a priority.



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News from Willows

Willows have made a great start to the first summer term. This term we will be learning what happens under the sea. So far we have read *The Rainbow Fish* and learnt lots about different fish that live under the sea. We have written our own fishy stories and created some amazing underwater fish paintings using our fingers! We have also really enjoyed playing in our own role play Aquarium centre, selling tickets and giving talks to our customers about different sea creatures!



News from Chestnuts

Chestnuts have had a lovely start to the week!

Our topic this term is 'Explorers' so we took advantage of the beautiful Spring weather and spent some time outside looking at our world and the environment.

In maths we have been looking at capacity and fractions. We have also been listening to music from lots of different classical genres and thinking about how they make us feel!



News from Maples

In English and History we have been learning about the Roman invasions and re-enacting them on the playground.

In Maths, we are continuing with times tables and decimals.

We are also loving learning to play the recorder!



News from Oaks

The children have been looking at our local environment and linking the natural world with the creation story from Genesis.

We also really enjoyed having a debating session with a guest speaker in the 'Park Mead Commons'. They voted for a motion based on a situation close to their hearts- 'Primary school aged children should not have homework.' At the end of the debate the 'ayes' had it!



Pioneer Updates

Reminder

Bedes have asked if we can kindly remind everyone who uses their car park that the speed limit is 5 MPH. They are trying to slow all of the traffic using their car park down as they have noticed some drivers have been coming in far too fast. Thank you for your co-operation.

BEDE'S

The children have really enjoyed spending time in our new **Wellbeing Area**. Here they can sit quietly, play games or read. Have a look on our Wellbeing Page to see the rest of the space and the wonderful wall murals.



Upcoming Events

May 2022

2nd Bank Holiday
3rd Back to School
9th Year 6 SATS Week
20th Park Mead at the Movies
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
25th Summer Fayre

July 2022

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



COMPANION DOG SHOW WITH OBEDIENCE

Proceeds in Aid of Sussex Pet Rescue

SUNDAY MAY 1ST 2022

Upper Dicker Village Hall Field (BN27 3PZ)

Entries from 10.45am

Judging Commences:

Obedience - 11.30am

Pedigree – 11am

Novelty – 12.30pm

Car Parking - £1.00 per car

Entry £1.50 per class

Tombola – BBQ – Refreshments

All Enquiries to: Diane Jones - 01435 830265

Willows Forest School

Wednesday 20th April 2022

This term Willows have a new learning journey- 'Splash- What do you know about water?' So we started our session by going to explore the two ponds at school.

The children each had a magnifying pot to look closely and had a go with a net to catch some of the



pond life they found. With an identification chart the children managed to catch and identify damsel fly larvae, dragonfly larvae and some pond skaters.

They were very curious and engaged with observing the pond life and discussing



what they had found, enriching and developing their vocabulary. The children found that there was a lot more wildlife in the pond at the forest school area and quietly approached

it as there were three ducks who look very at home there.

The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge the children have gained from the Forest School experience.

The impact can be seen through the skills, 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.

Lots of the children spent time playing in the den which is evolving in the wild area of our site. They moved lots of wood and enjoyed the physical challenge of climbing on the fallen tree. They then went on to create a 'circus' under a tarpaulin, moved logs for the audience to sit on and gave out dock leaf tickets. They performed a story they had made up about a sheep being rescued by a doctor! Very entertaining!

There was lots of digging in the big hole at the back of the site and playing in the mud kitchen with saucepans and water.

Some of the children had a go at the 3 in a row, ladybird noughts and crosses game. They ended up making their own rules and patterns and then went off to hide some other painted stones for Chestnuts class to find next time.

Well done Willows class for such a busy and engaged afternoon.



Easter Fun Run

Well done to all the children for their lovely Easter bonnets, bunny ears, big smiles and for putting so much effort into our Easter Fun Run. With all your support, Mr Elphick has had a count up and the total raised is £750.51. Thank you also to the Friends of Park Mead for providing refreshments at the end of the run.

Mr Elphick held the prize raffle in assembly on Tuesday and the winners of a brand new pair of trainers are Florence and Albie—**well done to you both!**



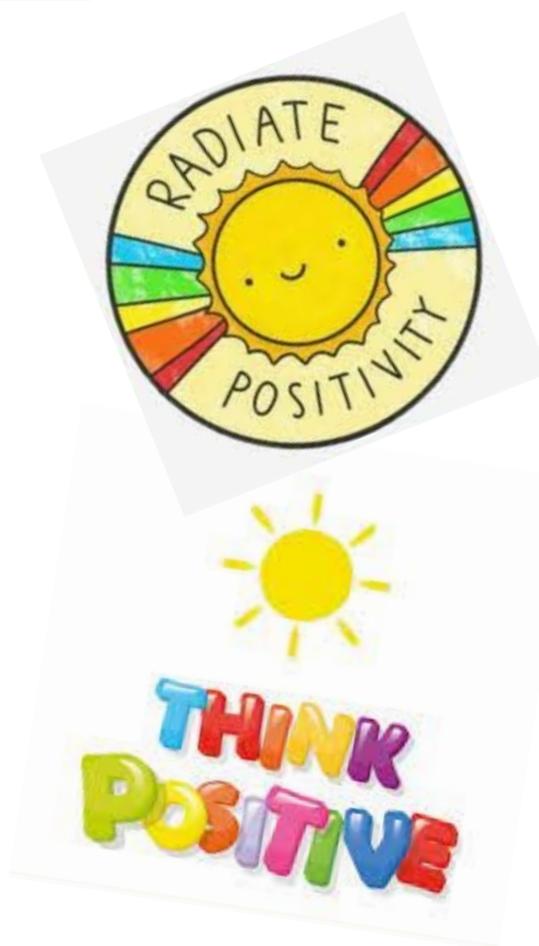
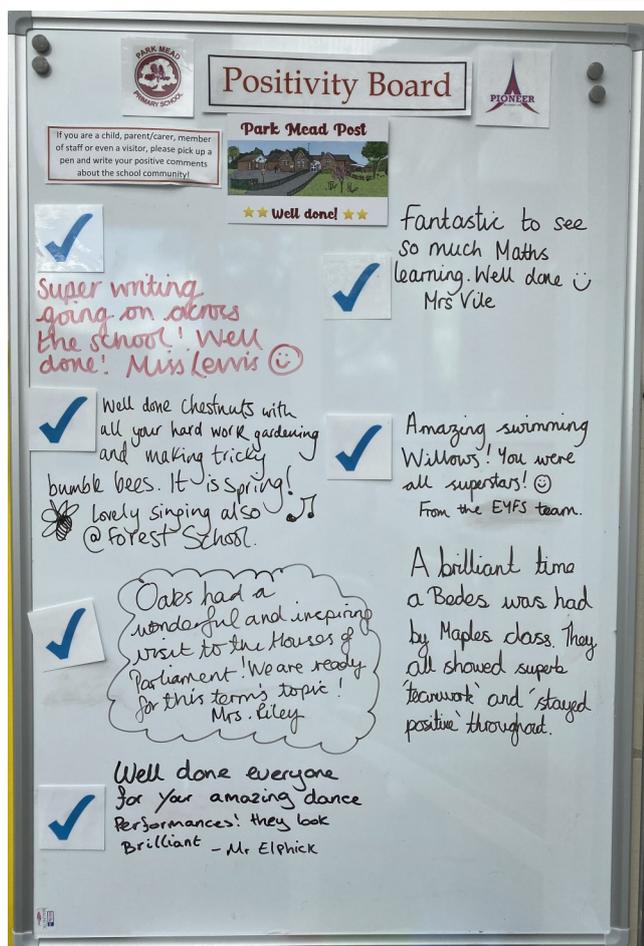
Wellbeing Area

A massive **THANK YOU** to Miss Waterman from Chiddingly who came and painted our Wellbeing Area during the Easter Holidays. We all think she has done a great job!!

Ellie (Yr 1) said 'I like it a lot!'.



Positivity Board



Ukraine Mufti Day

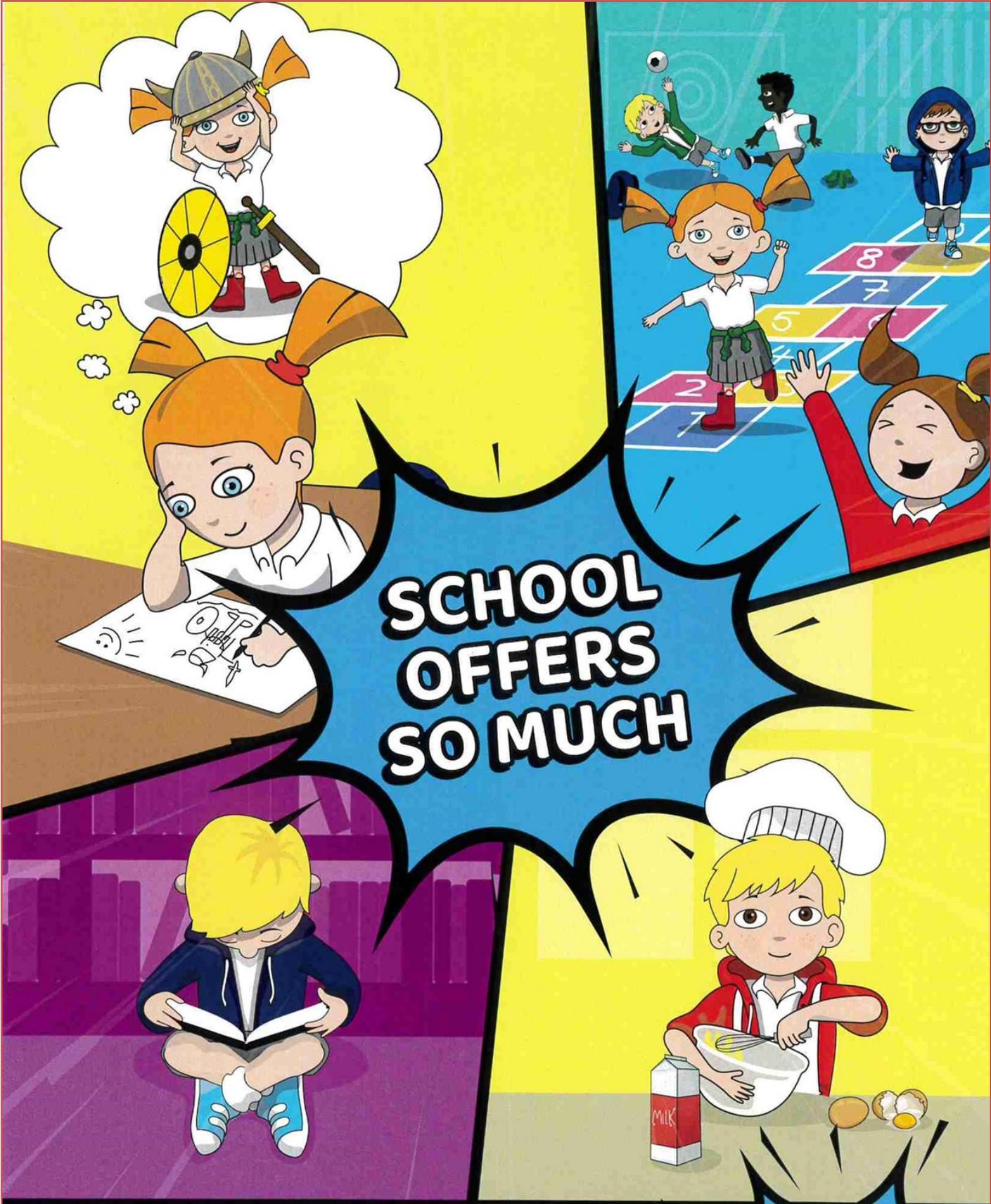
Thank you for everyone who made a donation to our Ukraine appeal. The Mufti Day and uniform sale raised a whopping £320.80 which will go a long way to helping the families and children in Ukraine.

How UNICEF is helping children in Ukraine

- We have been working tirelessly to keep children safe since this conflict began eight years ago and we are determined to remain in Ukraine to reach the most vulnerable children and families.
- We are helping to provide families with access to clean water. We are providing **life-saving supplies to support families** who have been forced to flee.
- We have delivered vital medical supplies to 49 hospitals across Ukraine, **improving access to healthcare** for 400,000 mothers, babies and other children.
- We are **increasing the number of mobile child protection teams** to ensure that children have access to care and support.
- To support and protect the millions of families who have fled Ukraine, we are working with local governments across neighbouring countries and the UNHCR to create **Blue Dot safe spaces** for children and women. These spaces provide key information to families seeking refuge, psychosocial support, water and sanitation supplies, and help in identifying and protecting unaccompanied and separated children.

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IN DANGER



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