



NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 1 2019

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We have had a really positive start to the year, welcoming a number of new children into classes throughout the school plus new teachers Miss Taylor (year 3) and Mrs Purser (year 4), as well as new lunchtime staff Miss Homewood and Mrs Ballard.

We are building on our work last year on 'Learner skills and Behaviours'. This week, children have been trying to demonstrate 'enthusiasm' and all our Rainbow Awards are linked to that.

Children have experienced democracy in action by voting for their class representatives on the School Council:

- Year 1: Tabitha and Ted
- Year 2: Henrick and Olivia
- Year 3: Harry and Molly
- Year 4: William and Cleo
- Year 5: Riley and Shania
- Year 6: Aoting and Abigail



In assembly, we congratulated Connie Brown, Louisa McEnnis and Bethany Pope who have achieved a Level 1 certificate over the summer for Lifeguarding. Well done!

One of our school development priorities for the year is around reading – developing fluency, confidence, enjoyment and application of skills across the curriculum. Your child will have a new style reading record for you to log when they have read at home and we will be encouraging regular reading by entering children's names into a raffle every week to win a book token (to buy a book of their choice). Please try to hear your child read five times per week and sign their reading record book. This is also a good place for you to communicate with school staff about your child's reading (if you want to). In addition, all children will visit our school library regularly and be able to borrow other books to take home and enjoy.

Year 5 have already had the exciting opportunity of a visitor in school. Published children's author Jenny McLachlan came in to speak about her novel, which was Waterstones 'Book of the month' in August, and where her ideas came from. Jenny also happens to be a parent here at St. John's Meads, so this was particularly exciting and real for the children (see photos and comments).

I will continue to update you on our new school development priorities throughout the term, and look forward to seeing many of you at the **'Vintage Tea Party' next Friday.**

Katherin Weeks

Rainbow Awards:

- Year 1: Ana-Marie Loncarevic
- Year 2: Joshua Paskins
- Year 3: Jonah Bloxam
- Year 4: Nia Stern
- Year 5: Connie Brown
- Year 6: Abigail Sweetman



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Jenny McLachlan is an amazing published author. We also got to listen to a few chapters of 'The Land of Roar'. I loved to touch the fluffy dragon. It inspired me to write my own book. (Sophia)



Jenny McLachlan joined us one afternoon, she is a published author who came to talk about her amazing book, *The Land of Roar*. It was funny to see her massive home-made dragon. I learnt that you can make your own story about anything. She inspired me to make my own story, *The Ice Kingdom*. (Alexa)

On Wednesday, Flora's mum came in. She's an author I learnt so much from her. She inspired me so much I went home and wrote my own book it was so fun. I learnt I could make my own story just from a game. (Belle)



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Notices:

School Lunches

Baguettes are no longer an option on the menu, please choose either the main, vegetarian or jacket potato options.

All lunches should be booked in advance and paid for before 8am on the day the lunch is to be taken.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, we would still like you to book their lunch.

Administration of Medicines

Please note that we are no longer able to administer any non-prescription medication. If you feel that your child needs medication in the day, you are welcome to visit the school to give the dose.

Term Dates and Coming Events

<http://www.meads.e-sussex.sch.uk/term-dates/>

Tuesday, 17 September

8:40am Y6 Swimming at Roedean Moira House

Friday, 20 September

3:30pm Vintage Tea - FMSA

Tuesday, 24 September

8:40am Y6 Swimming at Roedean Moira House

Monday, 30 September Scholastic Book Fair in school all week

Tuesday, 1 October

8:40am Y6 Swimming at Roedean Moira House

Thursday, 3 October

8:50am Harvest Festival at St John's Church

Tuesday, 8 October

8:40am Y6 Swimming at Roedean Moira House

Tuesday, 15 October

9:00am Individual Photos - Bentley Photographic

Friday, 18 October

9:00am Drop in Coffee Morning - Stacey Newell Pupil Support Worker in the Rainbow Room

Tuesday, 22 October

8:30am Macmillan Coffee Morning - school hall

Friday, 25 October

Last day of Term 1