

Message from the Director of Education

Dear Parents,

Do any of our wonderful parents (!) have an unused iPhone that they would be willing to donate to the school? We are looking to provide Lower Primary, Upper Primary and Pre-Primary with their own iPhones for taking better quality photographs and videos for our website gallery, for children's records and of course for our social media pages. For camera and compatibility purposes we can only make use of iPhone 6 models and above. However, should you have older models, we will happily take them off your hands and put them towards the cost of our new phones. Please let Claudia in the office know and thank you for your generosity in advance!



We have a busy few weeks coming up and as is the nature of school planning, amendments to the weekly and termly calendar will continue to be shown on the live version found on the MbK website.

However, in the light of your feedback and to make changes clearer, we are introducing a calendar section to the weekly comms. Each week, we will indicate

What matters most in a child's development...is not how much information we can stuff into her brain in the first few years. What matters, instead, is whether we are able to help her develop a very different set of qualities, a list that includes persistence, self-control, curiosity, conscientiousness, grit, and self-confidence.

Paul Tough

(How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character)

any changes that have been made and provide a direct link to the website calendar.

We are also looking at creating a printable pdf version as due to the many updates we no longer produce a hard copy.

Serena

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REMINDERS...

Thursday 5th October – Pre-Primary Harvest Festival and Years 1&2 trip to the Lookout departing at 9.30am back at 2pm (children to wear tracksuit bottoms and comfy shoes, bring disposable lunch no bottles or cutlery and up to £3 pocket money)

Friday 6th October - Years 5&6 harvest festival donations

Monday 9th October – Years 1-4 harvest festival donations

Preparing for Secondary School
Thursday 2nd November 7-8.45pm.
Introduction to Positive Discipline
Part 1 Wednesday 18th Oct 7-9.30pm
Part 2 Wednesday 1st Nov 7-9pm

NEW EVENING ANNOUNCED...

Advanced Positive Discipline
Wednesday 8th November 7-9pm
An opportunity for parents who have been practising PD for a while to raise their frustrations, questions and ideas. This informal forum will also help you to understand more about the 'mistaken goals of misbehaviour' and explore when a consequence is NOT a consequence at all!

Email Serena directly
serenagunn@meadowbrook.uk to book your place and let her know if there is anything else you would like covered for either this event or future events.

FLU VACCINE UPDATE...

This year, the Government have increased the age group of children who are eligible for the flu vaccine. If your child is in Reception to Year 4, further information has been placed in your child's communication pocket. The date we have been allocated by the NHS is Wednesday 29th November. Once again, this date has not been chosen by the school and cannot be changed. Please note that the flu vaccine is administered to children via nasal drops.

CALENDER UPDATES....

Stonehenge Trip Years 5&6
Monday 9th October

Avebury Trip Years 5&6
Tuesday 10th October

Link to calendar:
<http://meadowbrook.uk/parent-pages/calendar/>

Calendar Photos Tomorrow...



Please remember that photos for the MbK Calendar will be taken tomorrow. Children can wear either summer or winter uniform as these are informal shots. If your child attends pre-primary on another day, please feel free to bring them in tomorrow at 9.15. You will need to wait until their photograph has been taken.

PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION

This has been moved to the week before half term due to a delay imposed by the playground company.

PLEASE can parents be reminded to supervise children carefully afterschool. Non-staff children are not permitted in the backfield after school, unless they are being directly supervised by a parent. The school is not responsible for supervision after dismissal at 3.30.