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### Friends of The Mead: Who We Are and What Do We Do

Tammy, Alice, Kate and I, took on the roles of the executive committee in September and have taken on the mantle of progressing FoM from the previous team. Our aim is to run fun events that bring The Mead community together outside of the classroom and in turn raise funds for FoM. These funds will then be used to enhance our children's education over and above what the school already provide. During the course of the school year so far, we have run a Movie/Drinks night, Xmas Fayre, Quiz, Disco and an Easter event and have raised nearly £4k for FoM. In addition, we now have our own logo, email address and website! Not only have the children (and the parents/teachers) had a blast at these events, but we have also been happily spending the money on items for all the children to use and benefit from. Science, PE and music have currently been covered and the aim is to touch all aspects of the curriculum during the year. So far we have bought, a 3D Printer, basketball nets, springboard and vault for gymnastics, mud kitchen for reception, loose parts play/sandpit for the playground, a full range of instruments/access to a musical website for Mr Liddle and playground games/storage as requested by the school council.

Our mission is to ensure that whatever money we raise, is spent immediately, so the children can benefit straight away.



*"The mud kitchen has inspired a new direction of learning in our outside area. We've found it really encourages expressive language and enhances the children's role play - one minute we're in a castle kitchen then next we can be in a science lab! Immersing themselves in this imaginative play inspires lots of new adjectives and enriches their use of vocabulary. A huge thanks to FoM for this fantastic new resource in the Reception outside area."*

Mrs Hunt, Reception Teacher



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### Sad News

We are so sad to announce that our treasurer Kate Glover, will be leaving her role at the end of the academic year as her sons are going to pastures new. Kate has done an amazing job in setting up various processes from a financial perspective, which will in turn mean that this is a very straight forward job for whoever takes this role on in the future. If you are interested in joining Tammy, Alice and I as part of the FoM, in a role that is both fun and rewarding and will take up limited time, then please do not hesitate to contact us at [FOM@thameadschool.co.uk](mailto:FOM@thameadschool.co.uk) Kate, you will be sorely missed.



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*"The children have been thoroughly enjoying the new instruments purchased by FoM! Early Years children have been busy rehearsing for the Concert at the end of May and using the new hand bells to work as an ensemble group! The children have hugely benefited from the new percussion instruments; working on skills such as listening, keeping a steady beat, communication and conducting. Thank you FoM! We cannot wait until the Concert!"*

Mr Liddle, Director Of Music





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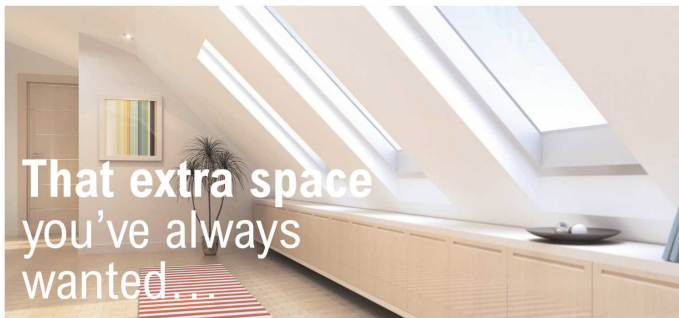
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### What's Coming Up

As you may have seen, there is a new summer event coming to the Mead in 2019, and it is bigger and better than ever!!!!

What makes Meadfest different? You don't need to fill a hamper, bake anything, run a stall or bluff your way through face-painting. In short, you don't need to do anything other than RELAX and enjoy yourselves as a family with the rest of The Mead community. Relax with a chilled drink from the Meadfest bar, grab some street food from Pizza cuccina, Fritto & Via and The Tin Canteen, then sit back and soak up the sounds coming from the Meadfest main stage. Groove 101 will be headlining and will be supported the school choir and the newly formed school orchestra. Other acts to be announced shortly. In addition, test your strength on the high-striker and attempt to knock down all the coconuts on our fairground game stalls, whilst the kids are entertained by Pied Piper (The Mead's holiday club providers) on their inflatable obstacle course and join Laura at Freckles and Fire for some fun craft activities. Over 320 tickets have been sold so far, so there are less than 80 left. If you don't want to miss out on the event of the year, then please head to [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofthemed](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofthemed) to register and buy your tickets.

We will be doing a scaled down event at sports day due to the addition of Meadfest. Further details to follow, but the focus will be on sports, with a game of rounders and a picnic.

The cheap way to keep healthy is to go for a run. In addition, this is something that all members of the family can participate in. Based on that we are going to host a sponsored Family Fun Run on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The gist of this is to get the children involved in having a healthy lifestyle and the school children will be asked to decide what we spend any funds raised at this event. Further details to be announced shortly.

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### Raffle Prizes - Meadfest

*Bespoke roman blind, made by The Drapery, up to the value of £250*

*Fullers Butchers voucher, worth £25*

*£115 voucher for Paul Barsby Photography*

*Noble Bakes 6" overload drip cake in your chosen colour, personalised and covered in your favourite chocolate or sweet treat, worth approximately £65*

*£200 gift voucher for hairdressers 31b in the Pantiles*

*Lunch for 2 at Coco Retro (starter, main and desert)*

*5 Pilates Mat classes, for Studio One in the Pantiles, worth £60*

*Max Oliver boy's haircut voucher (Frant road)*

*Picnic hamper filled with plates, knives/forks, glasses, salt and pepper shaker and corkscrew*

*Beautiful bouquet of flowers from Darling and Wild on the Frant road*

*Gel nail manicure at The Nail Company on the Frant road*

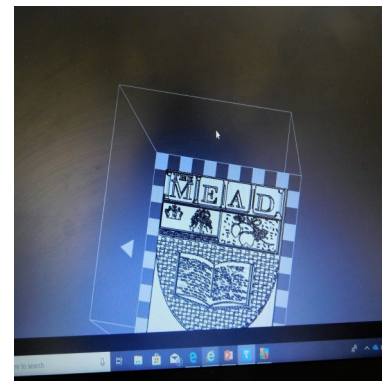
*2 jumps at Jumpin in Tonbridge*

*Food voucher from our very generous gold sponsors The Abergavenny Arms to the value of £50*

*Even more prizes to be announced shortly!*



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*"The 3D printer is now up and running and being used across the different year groups. Year 5 have recently been creating a 3D Mead logo! Computer Science can now have a CAD element and we can really embrace the engineering aspect of STEAM. The 3D printer is a fantastic resource as it can be used in maths, young enterprise, supporting EYFS, story-telling ...the opportunities are endless! A wonderful asset for the school. A big thank you to FoM."*

Mrs Wilson, Year 6 Teacher & Head of STEAM



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### How to Keep Informed

As I mentioned previously, we have decided to come into the 21st century and have launched our own website. If you haven't already registered, please do so, as it is a great way to keep on top of everything that is going on. Going forward, this will be the only way to buy tickets for events, own clothes day etc. In addition, we are looking to sell second-hand uniform, Mead bags and other merchandise on the website in the future. There is also a section detailing Mead sponsors with all their contact details. Lastly, any news and meeting minutes will be put on this site and you can contact class reps or members of the FoM committee through the site. So don't delay and head to [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofthamead!](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofthamead!)



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Lastly, we need to say a huge thanks to our sponsors: The Abergavenny, Gabriella Jewellery, NFU Mutual, Hattons, Julie Kenyon Independent Travel Agents, Loft and Maddisons Residential. Without their support events like Meadfest would not happen. The Abergavenny and Gabriella Jewellery have also offered a discount for all Mead parents. Book a table at The Abergavenny in Frant and get 15% off all food. Gabriella Jewellery are offering 25% off all jewellery, 10% off sale items and 10% off watch repairs



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