



Maiden Beech 'Fortnightly Flyer'

Friday 27 September 2019

Letter From The Head

Dear Parents and friends of Maiden Beech Academy,

The new school year continues to go very well and there are lots of exciting events taking place at the school over the next few weeks.

Open Day / Evening

On **Tuesday 1st October** we have our Open Day/ Evening. Whilst this event is primarily aimed at prospective parents with children in Year 4, I would like to extend an invite to current parents as well. During the day, we have arranged two tours of the school followed by a short question and answer session in the LRC. The tours will take place at the following times:

Tour 1: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Tour 2: 11:45 to 12:45 p.m.

If you would like to opportunity to see the school on a 'typical' day, please contact reception and leave your details, including which tour you would like to participate in. You are also most welcome to attend the evening session, which will take place between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Headteacher Clinic – Year 5 parents

On **Wednesday 9th October**, I will be holding my first headteacher clinic of the year, which will be for Year 5 parents. The aim of the clinic is for parents to be able to book a 20 to 30-minute appointment with me to discuss any issues in regard to your son or daughter's education. Appointments can either be made by using the booking system on the Parent Portal (you will receive a further notification of this nearer the time) or by contacting reception who will book an appointment on your behalf.

Parent Information evening

Also on the 9th October, we will be holding a **parent information evening** in the main hall 6:00 -7:00 p.m. involving a number of key agencies and charities, who will give a short presentation about their work and how they can support parents and families. Representatives from each group will then be available to answer any questions on a 1:1 basis. We will also use the evening to launch the SHARE project with parents. This is an NHS initiative that we will be involved in over the next year, which focuses on mental health and emotional well-being. As an incentive to attend this important event, there will be a free prize draw! Again, we will send out further information in the near future, but please put this date in your diary.



I am delighted to inform you that our in-house catering service, **Food4Thought**, has once again been awarded the highest grade (5) following an unannounced inspection by environmental health last week. This is fantastic news and testament to the great work that our catering team do on a daily basis. Well done everyone!

Parking on Lyme Road and access to the school site

Unfortunately, I recently received a complaint from a resident on Lyme Road regarding parking at the end of the school. The main issues are noise level (loud music being played) and parents arriving up to an hour before the end of the school day, which is causing unnecessary congestion outside the school. Please can I ask that parents are considerate of our neighbours.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that they should not drive on to the site at the beginning or the end of the day. With a number of buses and taxis already parking at the front of the school, our site is very busy and additional vehicles are a safety risk. Thank you for your support with this – it is always appreciated.

Have a great weekend, and I hope to see you soon at one of the many future events.

Carl Winch

Fundraising for India Visit



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Ever wanted an aerial image of your house? Wondered what it looks like from the air?

As part of the fund raising for the Maiden Beech and TVS School India exchange trip, South West Drone Images are offering to come to your house to take a high resolution aerial image of your property, (subject to restrictions).

Images will be £20 and sent directly to your own email address.

For more details contact rob@swdroneimages.co.uk . All proceeds will go directly towards fundraising the India Exchange trip in February 2020.



SECRET ART AUCTION

On Friday 29 November 2019 we're holding a Secret Art Auction in the school hall to raise money for the 2020 India exchange. There will be lots of artworks on show by various different people including pupils and teachers from the school. Since it's a Secret auction, you won't know who the pictures are by until you buy them! We've already had some contributions, including one by Quentin Blake.

If you would like to donate a piece of art, or if you know anyone who would like to, you can collect a Pack from the school office (this includes a piece of A5 art paper and a form to let us know more about the work).

There is a website for the auction at: www.ArtAuctionMaidenBeech.wordpress.com

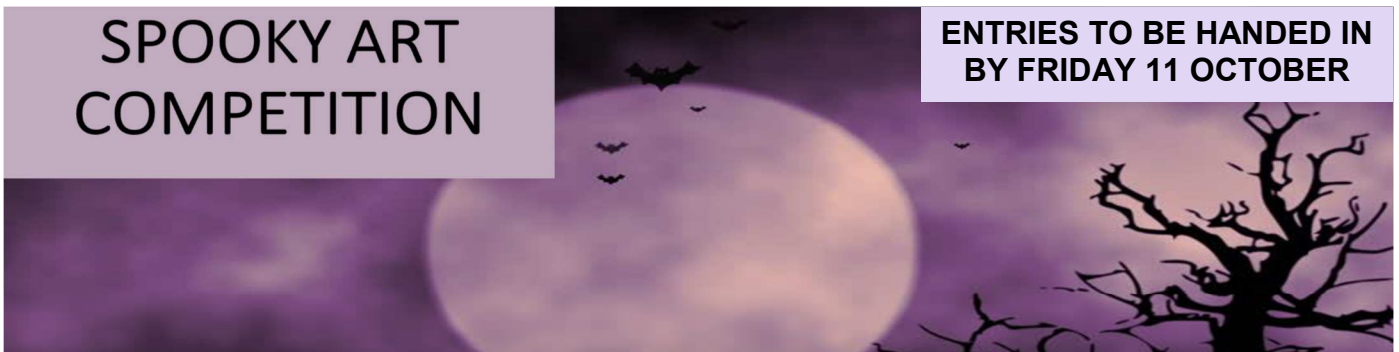
We hope you get drawing, and don't forget to tell your friends!

HADRIAN'S WALL

Tess Bryant has raised a very impressive £340 by walking Hadrian's wall with her family.

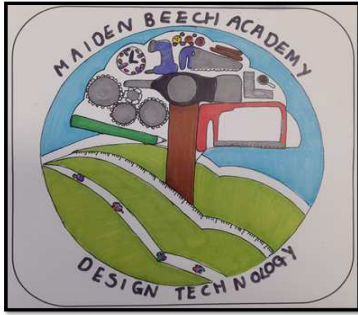
SPOOKY ART COMPETITION

ENTRIES TO BE HANDED IN BY FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER



- **OPEN TO ALL YEARS**
- **THIS IS AN OPTIONAL TASK ON THE PORTAL**
- **USE YOUR IMAGINATION**

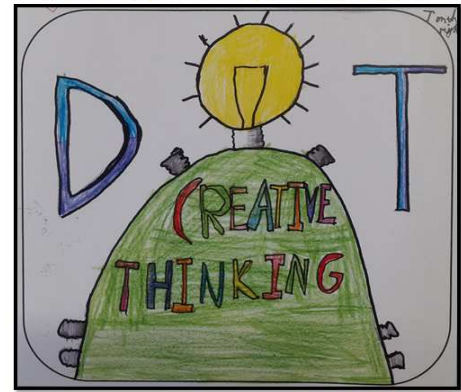
Well done Lucy Frackiewicz



The logo will be used on: books, postcards, power points, twitter page and displayed in the classroom.

logo winner 2019

well done Alec Thomas



runner up 2019

Parent Permissions

All of our new parents have been issued with a login for our Parent Portal. If you have not already done so please update your permission preferences via the Parent Portal. You can access the section through 'My Profile' Parent Permissions.

If you have mislaid or forgotten your password for the Parent Portal please go to the Parent Portal webpage and select 'forgotten password' and an email will be sent to you. If you have forgotten your Parent Portal login it is worth trying your e-mail address as this is often used or e-mail the Main Office office@maidenbeech.net and we will help you.

Secondary Admissions Information for Year 8 Parents

The admissions process for school place applications in September 2020 will soon begin and the website for parents to make their online application is now available, as follows:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

For pupils currently in Year 8 the closing date for applications to a secondary or upper school is 31 October 2019 and the national offer day, when parents are advised of the outcome of their application, is 2 March 2020.

The Secondary Admissions Guide can be found on the Somerset County Council admissions website: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/secondary-admissions-guide/>.



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BRAND NEW TENNIS @ WADHAM SCHOOL, CREWKERNE

STARTS TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER £30 HALF TERM UNTIL XMAS
445-530 4-8 yr olds, 530-615 9-12 yrs and 615-7 teens and adults

- LOCAL TENNIS PROVIDER LATENNIS AND HEAD COACH LUKE ANDREWS ARE LAUNCHING TENNIS IN CREWKERNE.
- COME ALONG FOR A TASTER. TODDLERS, KIDS, FAMILIES, ADULTS ARE WELCOME, THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.
- ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED - RACKETS, BALLS ON HAND, JUST BRING YOURSELF FOR LOTS OF FUN.
- BOOK ON TO THE UPCOMING AUTUMN TERM.
- CONTACT LUKE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.

BRING FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS ALONG TO ENJOY THIS FABULOUS LOCAL FACILITY

Call Luke Andrews on 07437404242



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 1 October	Open Day and Evening
Friday 4 October	Year 8 Exmoor visit
w/b Monday 7 October	Year 6 Fleet Air Arm visits
Wednesday 9 October	Headteacher Clinic for Year 5 parents
Wednesday 9 October	Parent Information Evening - SHARE Project 6pm
Wednesday 9 October - Friday 18 October	TVS India Exchange Visit
Tuesday 22 October	Democracy Day
Monday 28 October - Monday 4 November	Half Term and Inset Day
Tuesday 5 November	Pupils return to school

Maiden Beech Academy Office - Open 8.30 am – 4.30 pm

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