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# MELDRETH MESSAGES



## Headteacher's Award

Congratulations this week to...

**Oscar N, James C, Fletcher S, Abi B  
and Oscar W**

**Learner of the week: Bertie L**

## Olympic Legacy Award

A wonderful well done to **Cora B, Alfie  
R, Ruby S and all Year 4**

**Learner of the week: Bertie**

## Running Club Award

Roaring runners – **Ellie H, Charlie S and  
Ben O**

## House Points

**Elm - 91 Beech - 90**

**Oak - 88 Ash - 105**

**Ash house are in the lead  
keep it up!**

It is the time of year that we all look forward to transitions in school. We have welcomed our new Robin class children and parents and I am delighted to be able to announce that **Mrs Franks will be teaching in Robin class next year** whilst Mrs Samways is on maternity leave. Mrs Franks has been teaching Robin class this year so this will be a smooth transition for all concerned. She will be **joined by Mrs Elisabeth Haigh on Fridays** who is also an experience Early Years teacher. We are also delighted to announce that **Mrs Kate Hall will be joining our skilled and experienced Key Stage 2 team** from September. Details of class structures will be shared later this term.

As a result of its size, Meldreth Primary School has always had mixed age classes in Key Stage 2 throughout its history. The position is reviewed each year by the staff and a number of criteria applied to determine how pupils are allocated to each class. The first and main criterion is the child's date of birth. However there are other factors that are considered as follows:

- Individual educational and social needs of the child
- Siblings
- Friendship groups
- Special needs (for example a child with mobility issues may require a classroom that is accessed by ramps or handrails without the need to negotiate steps)
- Classroom size and capacity

Although all classes are primarily organised by age, there may be occasional exceptions to this in which case the **parents of these children are invited to discuss the headteacher's decision** before it is made final. If you feel that your child would benefit from being the oldest in their class next year and would like to discuss this with the school **please make an appointment next week.**

As is normal practice, **children are taught the relevant year group curriculum** in each class and the **work is adapted and pitched to meet the needs of all children.**

Year 4 Mini Olympics – more photos in  
our website gallery



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### *Roman Roaming*

On Monday Swallow and Chaffinch classes went to Verulamium to take a first-hand look at Roman artefacts to help with our Roman topic. We took part in an interesting workshop and our favourite things were the Roman skeletons. It was like we could go back in time and see what they really looked like! We went to see the extraordinary mosaics that were dug up by archaeologists. It was a great day.

**Henry S and Toby L**

### *Mary Course Challenge*

Yesterday in assembly the winners of our competition were announced! We were thrilled to have a range of creative maps to choose from, although it was a very hard decision and took a lot of time!! Well done to all the children for all your map designs - look out for all the entries around school.

### *Athletic Endeavours*

On Tuesday the Year 4's went to Cambridge University Athletics Track to take part in the Year 4 Mini Olympics competition. The main theme of the day was joining in, exercise and having fun! We took part in cricket, hockey, football, which the boys loved, problem solving and relay races. Our favourite part of the day was competing as a team in the tug of war. We had a fun, energetic day and it was a great way to meet our friends in other local schools. Some of us even discovered a talent they didn't realise they had!

**Aaliyah L and Daniel F**

### *Sports Week*

Next week is National Sports Week; each day the children will be participating in different events including boccia, golf, curling and jump rope for heart. This will result in a celebration of all the skills the children have been learning in P.E. throughout the summer term in our **Sports Day**. You are very welcome to come in to school and follow your child's class around the activities and watch them compete. **Robin, Jay and Kingfisher classes will begin their competition at 10.15-12.00; Swallow, Chaffinch and Woodpecker class events begin at 1.15-3.00pm** Children will need to bring their **named water bottle** on the day and should have sun cream and hats if the weather is good. The children will go back to their classroom at the end of the Key Stage 2 races and will be sent out to you in the normal way. We are looking forward to a successful week and hope you to see you all.

## **Diary Dates – updated weekly (new updates in Bold!)**

### **June**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

National Sports Week – Jump Rope for Heart

**Y1 Multi-skills afternoon-Melbourn Village College**

Sports Day

Y6 MVC Induction Day

### **July**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

"Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits" 6.30pm onwards

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PTA Summer Event

Y6 Residential

School Reports home

**Concert time for our musicians 6-7pm**

Meet the teacher & Summer Picnic Lunch

PTA end of term discos

**Wednesday 22nd**

**Last day of term**

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## **Jump Rope For Heart**

Pupils and staff have been practising hard over the last couple of weeks to take part in the British Heart Foundation (BHF) Jump Off which is being held next Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The children have been working together on new skipping techniques and also learning about the importance of exercise and keeping their heart healthy.

You are welcome to come and see your child skipping.

9.45 – 10.00 - Robin

10.05 – 10.20 - Jay

10.25 – 10.40 - Kingfisher

11.05 – 11.20 - Swallow

11.20 – 11.35 - Chaffinch

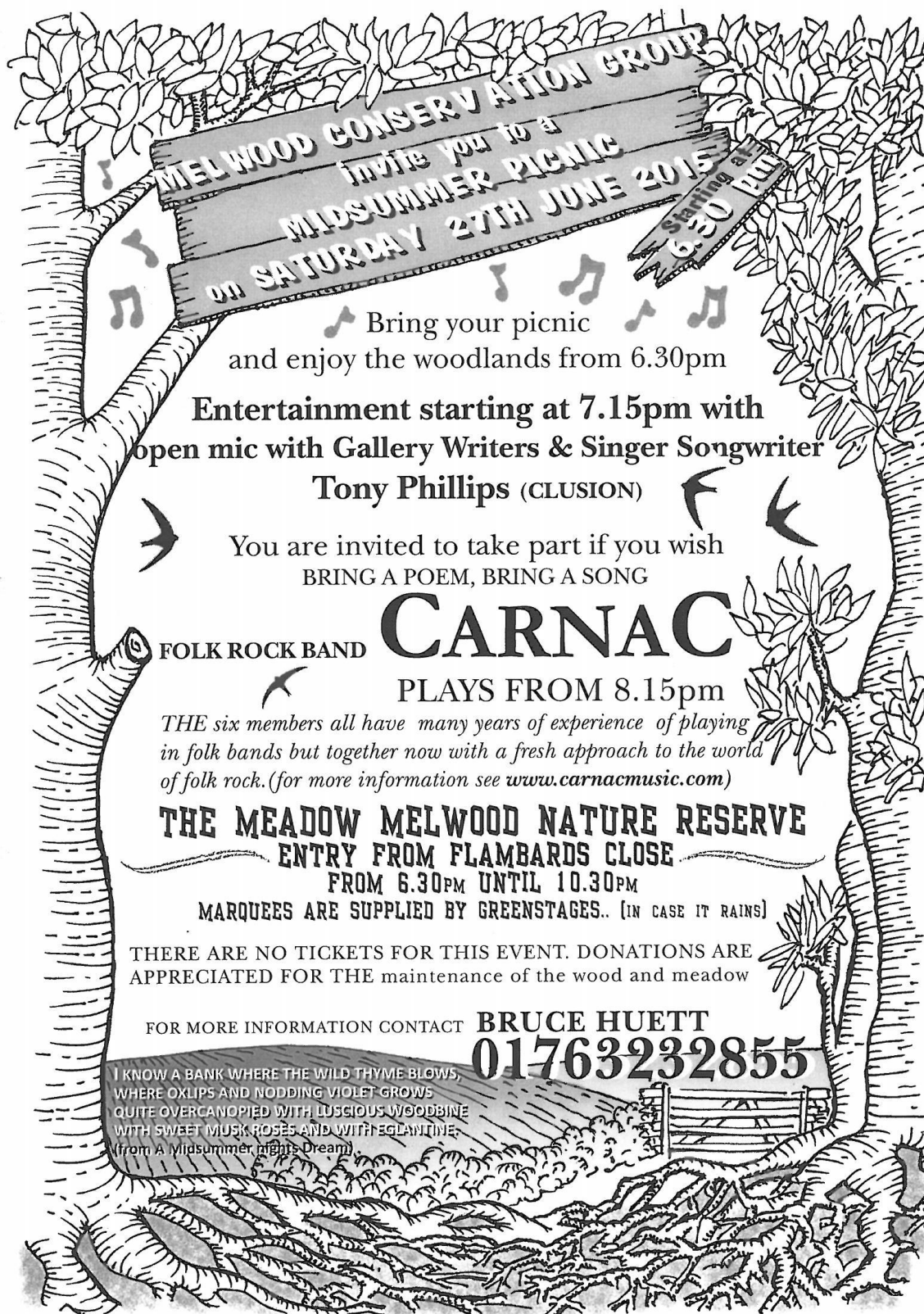
11.35 – 11.50 – Woodpecker

All children need to remember their PE kit and water bottles and to bring in their sponsor forms for signing on the day.

Thank you K. Samways







**MELWOOD CONSERVATION GROUP**  
INVITE YOU TO A  
**MIDSUMMER PICNIC**  
ON SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2015  
Starting at 6.30 PM

Bring your picnic  
and enjoy the woodlands from 6.30pm

**Entertainment starting at 7.15pm with**  
**open mic with Gallery Writers & Singer Songwriter**  
**Tony Phillips (CLUSION)**

You are invited to take part if you wish  
BRING A POEM, BRING A SONG

**FOLK ROCK BAND CARNAC**  
PLAYS FROM 8.15pm

*THE six members all have many years of experience of playing  
in folk bands but together now with a fresh approach to the world  
of folk rock. (for more information see [www.carnacmusic.com](http://www.carnacmusic.com))*

**THE MEADOW MELWOOD NATURE RESERVE**  
**ENTRY FROM FLAMBARDS CLOSE**  
**FROM 6.30PM UNTIL 10.30PM**  
**MARQUEES ARE SUPPLIED BY GREENSTAGES.. (IN CASE IT RAINS)**

THERE ARE NO TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT. DONATIONS ARE  
APPRECIATED FOR THE maintenance of the wood and meadow

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT **BRUCE HUETT**  
**01763232855**

I KNOW A BANK WHERE THE WILD THYME BLOWS,  
WHERE OXLIPS AND NODDING VIOLET GROWS  
QUITE OVERCANOPIED WITH LUSCIOUS WOODBINE  
WITH SWEET MUSK ROSES AND WITH ELEGANTINE  
(from A Midsummer Night's Dream)