



Headteacher Message – 06.10.23

Dear Parents/Carers

I just wanted to reiterate how proud of I am of our whole school community for coming together and showcasing the excellent work we do at Hall Mead during our Ofsted Inspection. I was proud, and continue to be so, of each and every person here. We expect our new Ofsted report to be published just before Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who completed their parent survey and for the gifts which we were sent in for our staff to enjoy. We certainly enjoyed the sweet treats!

I also wanted to thank all of our students and staff for their incredible work at this year's Open Evening. We have had some lovely messages sent into the school office about our school but this couldn't have happened, without the hard work of everyone. Thank you again.

Miss Ducker
Headteacher

Community Action and Charity Support

Mrs Hallett, Assistant Headteacher, and Karen Read, Events Co-Ordinator, are developing our links with our community this year and have been reaching out to local people, schools and businesses to see how we can support one another with different projects.

As part of their first initiative, Mrs Hallett and Mrs Read have organised a charity link with Engayne Primary School. To support Engayne with their own charity work, we are happy to donate the £62 we collected for selling refreshments at our Open Evening. Mrs Read has completed a shopping order with our £62 and will be delivering the items to Harold Hill's Foodbank, Engayne's chosen charity.

Hall Mead 'Wish List'

A Year 11 parent suggested to me this week that I should create a school 'Wish List' of things we need, but do not necessarily have the resources to purchase.

I thought that this was a great idea and so here is our first 'Wish List':

- Any perennial plants (we are hoping to create some raised bedding planted areas)
- Meadow flower seeds
- Wood, which could be used to create the raised plant bedding areas (we will get students/staff to build these in DT)

If you have any of these items, that you no longer need, or would just like to 'rehome', we would be very grateful for the donation. Thank you all, in advance, for your kindness. We would be able to collect any items if delivery is a problem.

Mrs Fanning's Golden Wristbands



Mrs Fanning, Senior Assistant Headteacher, has been busy awarding her next round of Golden Wristbands. Our newest winners so far include:

Mia	10CW
Charlie	9WT
Connie	11DEM
Savannah	11DEM
Timi	7CCB
Bonnie	7DR

Well done to all of these students!

Special Student Mention – Year 10 – ‘The Hall Mead Way’

I would like to say well done to Jessica in Year 10 for being the Sparx Superstar in maths this week and I also had the pleasure of seeing Jessica thoroughly absorbed and engrossed in her independent reading of ‘An Inspector Calls’. Keep up the great work Jessica! You are demonstrating all the values of ‘The Hall Mead Way’.

Tea and Cake with the Headteacher

As a special thank you to those Year 7 students who delivered beautiful speeches at this year's Open Evening, I am excited to invite these students for tea and cake. I will also be welcoming Head Boy Luca and Head Girl Diya to join this special event, as well as, those students who played a musical instrument at the start of the speeches.

Year 11 – Dedicated Area on School Website

Thank you to parents/carers for their feedback regarding our school communication about the Year 11 school journey. In response to this, we are in the process of organising our communication into one area on our website to make it easier for everyone to find/navigate. We will update you once this has been finalised.

Year 8 – The Tempest Theatre Trip



A huge thank you to Miss Miller, Teacher of English, for taking the whole of Year 8 to watch a live production of William Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' on Tuesday. Feedback from both students and staff has been excellent and I am confident that this experience will help students in their studying of the play this year.

Year 11 Football Team

Massive congratulations to our Year 11 football team for beating a tough Dagenham Park this week 6-4 and making it through to the next round of the Essex Cup. Mr Leslie is very proud of you all and a special mention goes to Alex, Jacob and Jake who were all debutants for the team. Goal scorers were Favour, Connor and Blake. Well done boys! Great job! Good luck in the next round!



Mr Garcia – Ex-Hall Mead Spanish Teacher

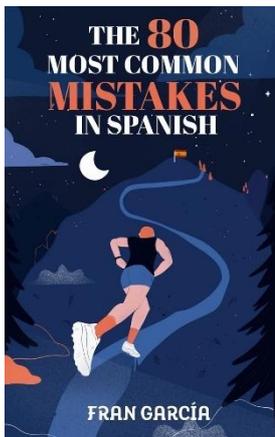


Mr Garcia, who is now Head of Spanish at Bower Park Academy, contacted me this week to let me know that he has published a book about Spanish.

He told me about his desire to write this book, *‘...it all began when I started to write down common mistakes pupils used to make in their writings for their feedback lessons. After seeing that it was the same mistakes, I ended up creating lists, along with explanations and activities and one day saw that it could become a book and so it did.’*

We will be purchasing a copy for our school library but would like to share the link to purchase this book too:

The 80 Most Common Mistakes in Spanish: Amazon.co.uk: Garcia, Fran: 9781399964326: Books



Measles

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. All education settings have therefore been asked to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please find further information at:

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