



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 4th November 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

Safety Week

The children have focused really well this week to learn how to keep themselves safe in all sorts of situations. On roads, the internet, scooters, around the home, with strangers etc. Visits from the police and fire fighters gave the opportunity to learn more about people who help keep us safe. Please reinforce this learning at home this weekend.



This week we welcome Caitrin to Year 4 Maple

Wonderful Creativity linking to Literature

Savannah in Reception has been wonderfully creative taking the idea of making a nest and extending this to include all the characters from the story of The Owl Babies that has been the focus for Reception this week.



Dates for your diary

This week

7/11/16 – Y4 Dance Festival Rehearsal
8/11/16 – Y4 Dance Festival (Evening)
9/11/16 – Y4 Intra school competition
10/11/16 – Y5 Fun run

Up and coming events

15/11/16 – Y3 Verulanium Trip
22/11/16 – pm parent consultations N, RW, Y1SB, Y2HC, Y3, Y4P, Y5R
23/11/16 – evening parent consultations all
24/11/16 Nov – pm parent consultations RL, Y1E, Y2C, Y4M, Y5 A, Y6
25/11/16 – Occasional Day
2/12/16 School clubs finish

Try talking to your child about...

The American Presidential Election

This week the world watches whilst America vote on who will be the next American president. Whatever the outcome, it will be historical and influence the world we live in. Take time to talk to your children, and help them to understand the idea of presidents, parliaments, prime ministers and monarchy.

Reading



Very soon the first group of children will receive their bronze reading awards. Please remember to support your children's reading by hearing them read and signing the reading record at least 3 x a week in KS2 and 4x a week in KS1.



Poppies

Next week your children will be able to buy a poppy to wear and we will be observing two minutes silence at 11:00 am to mark remembrance of those who have lost their lives to keep us safe and free. Please donate generously. Poppies will be on sale every day next week.



Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 16th December Yorke Mead will be supporting Save the Children by wearing their Christmas Jumpers and donating a few coins to support save the Children. This fantastic organisation supports children all around the world aiming to make life a little better for them, at Christmas and all year round.

Parent Consultations

From Monday 14th November parent consultation sheets will be available in the hall for you to sign up for your parent consultation appointments. For new people, the sheets are available at the start and end of the day in the hall and you sign up for your chosen time. Parents in KS2 please remember we encourage your children to join you. If you wish to have a few minutes without your child, they can wait for you in the dining room. Remember it is essential that you arrive promptly to avoid missing your slot.

Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns

Learning Behaviour- *Putting toys away outside*
Focus - *Night and Day, Dark and light,*

Reception- Willow & Lime

Learning Behaviour- *Putting toys away outside*
Focus - *Measuring using objects, ordering the Owl Babies, g,o,c,k*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

Learning Behaviour: *Finishing on time*
English – *Retelling story of Halibut Jackson*
Phonics & Spelling – *Tricky words*
Maths – *Money*
Topic – *Science afternoon*
P4C – *Should we always get invited*

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

Learning Behaviour: *To work quietly*
English – *Poetry – onomatopoeia, similes, alliteration*
Phonics & Spelling – *'il'*
Maths – *Addition and subtraction*
Topic – *Design and make own fire engine*
P4C – *C*

Year 3 – Sycamore

Learning Behaviour: *Starting work promptly*
English – *Tinderbox story*
Phonics & Spelling – *s*
Maths – *Fractions*
Topic – *Scientific investigations*
P4C – *Discussing questions*

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

Learning Behaviour: *Maintaining focus*
English – *Persuasive writing*
Phonics & Spelling – *ed, ing, en*
Maths – *Factors*
Topic – *Cities of Europe*
P4C – *Concept of Election*

Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

Learning Behaviour: *Working effectively with a partner*
English – *Poetry and propaganda posters*
Phonics & Spelling – *'ough' letter string*
Maths – *Time*
Topic – *Start of WW1*
P4C – *Internet safety*

Year 6 - Oak

Learning Behaviour: *Knowing when to seek help*
English – *Imagery in poetry*
Phonics & Spelling – *Words ending in 'ce' & 'se'*
Maths – *Number problems 4 operations*
Topic – *Who were the Mayans?*
P4C – *Safety focus*

Fireworks

Tonight Yorke Mead will enjoy the spectacular of the annual fireworks event. Croxley Green every years enjoys this wonderful event, and it looks like it will be a clear, dry night and perfect for the fireworks. Tickets have sold very well and I am sure it will be a wonderful night. A huge 'Thank you' to the Friends of Yorke Mead, especially those who have been the most active in organising this event, for all of their hard work. **Please ensure you do not bring any sparklers or fireworks to the event, and please note the Yorke Mead site is a non-smoking site, including e-cigarettes.**



A New Stage!

Over the half term our school hall began the transformation as the PE cupboard disappeared and a permanent stage has taken its place in our hall. This will mean that this Christmas it will be much easier for parents to see their children perform and, once finished, our hall will look so much smarter!
An early 'Thank you' to Mr Culverhouse who will be repainting the hall for us and to the FOYM, who have donated a large sum of money and without whom, a project such as this could not have happened.

Lucille Pollard
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