



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 6th October 2017

Dates for your diary

This week

Wednesday 11th October
Reception Class My First Day
photograph Watford Observer
Friday 13th October
Yr4 Natural History Museum

Up and coming events

Tuesday 17th October
Individual Photographs
Wednesday 18th October
KS 1 Parent Workshop 6.30pm
Friday 20th October
FOYM Spooky Disco
Monday 30th October
Yr6 Hazard Alley
Friday 3rd November
FOYM Fireworks Night
Thursday 9th November
Yr5 Fun Run Ricky School
Yr3 Verulamium Museum
Tuesday 14th November
NSPCC event and workshop
Wednesday 15th November
Nasal Flu Spray – Yr R to Y4
Monday 20th November
Parent Consultations afternoon
RW/Y1SB/Y2C/Y3L/Y5A/Y6WO
Tuesday 21st November
Parent Consultations afternoon
N/RL/Y1E/Y2HC/Y3S/Y4/Y5R/Y6RO
Wednesday 22nd November
Parent Consultations evening - All
Friday 24th November
Occasional Day – school closed

This Week at Yorke Mead

Year 4 Tri-Golf Tournament

On Thursday Year 4 attended the Rickmansworth Sports Partnership Tri-Golf Tournament. New skills were developed and a new sport trialled. Well done to all of the children who had a thoroughly good time competing against neighbouring schools in a sport new to the vast majority of them.



Thank you

Your wonderful generosity in supporting Freddie and his family at Harvest has meant that we will be able to give a donation of around £4500 to help this wonderful family. This was only possible thanks to your wonderful support and the large donation from Watford FC. Freddie travelled to America this weekend – he will stay in touch with us during his treatment. Cheques were still coming into the office at the end of last week. I will know the final amount soon and will let you know when we have this.

KS1 Parent Workshop

On Wednesday 18th October there is a parent workshop aimed at Year 1 and Year 2 parents. The focus of this workshop will be on the basic skills and how you can support your child at home. We will also be offering support with handwriting and the move to cursive font. I do hope you are able to attend this.

Parent/ Grandparent Helpers

The time parents give to support children in school by hearing them read etc. is so beneficial and teachers genuinely appreciate this support. I understand everyone is busy but if you can commit to a short time regularly we would love to have you. There is a requirement for safeguarding checks and a brief training session. If you can help us, please contact the school office. Your help will contribute towards making a difference to a child's confidence and skills. Thank you

Secondary School Applications

Parents of children in Year 6 please remember that applications for your child's secondary school place need to be in by 31st October 2017. Late applications will not be accepted until all other applications have been considered and your child may miss out on their school place allocation. Please ensure you apply on time!

Learning Next Week:

Whole School Learning Behaviour: *Being a good learning buddy*

Nursery- Acorns

Focus - *I'm a little teapot, counting objects, Number recognition, fine motor putting the teapot together*

Reception-Lime & Willow

Focus – *Naming and working with 2d shapes, letter sounds 'a' and 's', our marvellous bides*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English: *Little Red Hen own story*
Phonics & spelling: *consonant clusters*
Maths: *Subtraction*
Science: *The senses*
Topic: *Bird's eye views*
P4C Focus : *Should we all have the same opinion?*

Year 2 –Cedar &Horse Chestnut

English: *Shape poems*
Phonics & spelling: *'le'*
Maths: *Addition & subtraction (checking answers)*
Science: *Healthy bodies*
Topic: *Making photo frames*
P4C Focus :*Magic finger (fairness)*

Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore

English: *Publishing stories*
Phonics & spelling: *'ure'*
Maths: *Mental fluency -addition*
Science: *Nutrition*
Topic: *Comparing lifestyles in different countries*
P4C Focus : *Developing philosophical questions*

Year 4 – Maple

English: *Diary writing – writing in role*
Phonics & spelling: *'er'*
Maths: *Angles*
Science: *Testing circuits*
Topic: *Mummifying tomatoes*
P4C Focus : *Crime & punishment stimulus*

Year 5 –Ash & Rowan

English: *Persuasive writing; connecting adverbials*
Phonics & spelling: *-ive suffix*
Maths: *Multiples & factors*
Science: *Why do we have seasons?*
Topic: *Build a Mars Rover/ The Space Race*
P4C Focus : *Building a community*

Year 6 –Red Oak & White Oak

English: *Explanation texts*
Phonics & spelling: *tricky words*
Maths: *Simplifying fractions*
Science: *Evolution and adaptation*
Topic: *Investigating volcanoes*
P4C Focus : *Creating a community*

Being a good learning buddy

This week our learning behaviour focus is to be a good learning buddy. Talk to your child about what this might look like. A good learning buddy doesn't do things for people and sit back and let people do it by themselves – they listen to the ideas of their partner and share their own ideas too. They show people things and talk them through next steps. This is something you can practise at home with your child to help them if you wish to.

Delayed newsletter

Apologies this newsletter is late this week. At the end of last week I was attending a conference which meant the newsletter did not get written until the weekend. The conference was very good and I have some very positive ideas to bring to Yorke Mead from it.

Lucille Pollard
Head teacher

Well Done Jarred

Jarred ran / walked 5km on Saturday 7th October, raising over £250 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. He enjoys raising funds for this valuable cause as a thank you for the wonderful care they give him.

