



Yorke Mead School



Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2017

Dates for your diary

This week

Saturday 9th December
 Christmas Fayre FOYM 1-4

Tuesday 12th December
 Year 1 song and dance
 2.00pm
 Christmas Carol concert
 rehearsal – All Saints
 Church -pm

Wednesday 13th December
 Yr 6 dance show gam
 Christmas Carol concert –
 All Saints Church 1:30pm

Thursday 14th December
 Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December
 KS2 Celebration assembly
 9:00am
 Foundation Stage parties
 pm
 Christmas Jumper Day



Up and coming events

Monday 18th December
 Rec and KS1 Celebration
 Assembly 9:15am
 KS1 Christmas Parties -pm

Tuesday 19th December
 School finishes 2:00pm

This Week at Yorke Mead

Christmas Nativities

Christmas isn't Christmas without the story of the birth of baby Jesus. Our Nursery, Reception and Year 2 children told the story beautifully! We hope you enjoyed their plays.



Thank you Tony Hughes Electrical

You will no doubt have been impressed by our spectacular Christmas tree. This wonderful tree was donated by Tony Hughes - it really helps to make Christmas at school special and everyone is very grateful for this generous donation.



YORKE MEAD NEEDS YOU!



We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor at school. This is such an important role as not only does it ensure that the parent voice is heard as part of running the school, but also you bring expertise to the school 'business' that we may not have. This is such an important role and we desperately need parents to come forward for these roles. If you do not still have the paperwork Mrs Yates sent out recently please contact her via email at sue.yates@yorkemead.herts.sch.uk. or talk to me if you would like to find out more about the role.

Thank you

A special thank you to the children and parents who supported the Yorke Mead carol singing at the Croxley Christmas House on Saturday evening. It was lovely to see and hear the children celebrating in this traditional manner. I know those who were there thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Mrs Seabrook who organised this.



Thanks to the generosity of our

Thank you again!

families in the last month we have raised a total of **£214.35** to support The British Legion and their poppy appeal, and a tremendous **£2917** to support the NSPCC in their fantastic work they do to help keep children safe and to give them someone to talk to. I am always so impressed with how generous Yorke Mead families are. On top of all of this we have so far raised over £1000 to support Freddie and Arthur as they continue their journey of recovery from cancer. I will keep you updated on the final total after the Christmas Café and the KS2 Carol concert. It is wonderful that you do so much for those in need.



School gates

Unfortunately the replacement of the school gates has been slightly delayed. We do anticipate the new gates will be installed before the start of the new term. I am concerned that far more parents/grandparents have requested access due to being a disabled badge holder than we have disabled parking spaces – I am currently working with Mrs Gavin to see how we can we can manage this safely.

Safety

There are again many parents and children walking through the school carpark. Many parents are also still driving into the carpark, even though they know this is not allowed. This puts children in danger. Please do not put your child at risk – use the the pedestrian path to enter and leave school.

YORKE MEAD SCHOOL SECURE HISTORIC WIN IN OPENING GAME OF THE SEASON

After much anticipation, Yorke Mead School finally kicked off their football season with an impressive 1-0 win against Ricky Park thanks to a second half strike from forward Nathan Whitehead.

The game started with a high intensity with both sides passing the ball well and battling for possession in the early stages. Yorke Mead kept their shape well allowing midfielder, Nave, time on the ball to demonstrate his excellent ball control and pick out key passes to the two frontmen William and Nathan. The first opportunity of the half fell to Nathan who expertly controlled a high clearance from Rhys before dragging his shot agonisingly wide of the post. Michael in the Yorke Mead goal was kept busy himself, coming out of his area on several occasions and making vital clearances to ease the pressure on his defence. Harry worked tirelessly alongside Rhys in the Yorke Mead defence, playing in an unfamiliar position, tracking runners and making some key interceptions of his own meaning that the two sides went into the break level.

The Second half began in a similar fashion to the first with both sides finding space to play attractive, expansive football. Noticing the pressure that was starting to build on the Yorke Mead defence, Ayaz dropped into a slightly deeper midfield role which provided them with more support and in turn allowed the attackers the freedom to get forward in pursuit of that illusive opening goal. The opposing goalkeeper proved to be a resilient barrier as he kept Ricky Park in the contest with a string of fine saves. One particularly impressive stop coming from an unexpected volley by Nave from the edge of the area destined for the top corner but was expertly tipped over the bar. With five minutes left in the game, the deadlock was finally broken when Nathan latched onto a through ball down the left-hand side and managed to cut inside onto his right foot to get his shot away. Although his first attempt was blocked by the on-rushing defender he was able to confidently tuck away the rebound from close range to the clear delight of his teammates. In the final moments of the game, it was clear that Ricky Park were willing to risk it all to find an equaliser meaning Yorke Mead had to abandon their attacking philosophy and defend their precious lead. This meant utilising the fresh legs of Mitch who put pressure on the defence, denying any long balls over the top.

As the final whistle blew, you could see the delight and pride on the faces of all the Yorke Mead players involved as they shook hands with their opponents before celebrating with their team mates and family. A terrific, competitive game demonstrating the talent and drive that is on show here at Yorke Mead School.

Man of the Match: Nathan - An outstanding performance from the Year 6 pupil whose expert set piece deliveries and clinical finishing proved too much for the Ricky Park defence.



Lucille Pollard
Head teacher