



Yorke Mead School



Newsletter

Friday 8th June 2018

Events

This week

W/b Monday 11th June

Y1 Phonics Check

Wednesday 13th June

Y5 to Synagogue

Thursday 14th June

Y6 White Oak First Aid Training

Up and coming events

Wednesday 20th June

School Council to Rickmansworth Council Chamber

Thursday 21st June

Y6 Red Oak First Aid Training

Friday 22nd June

Y5 to London Eye

W/b Monday 25th June

Health & Wellbeing week

Wednesday 20th June

Yr 4 Evening Performance

Thursday 21st June

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This week at Yorke Mead!

Scientists for the Week

A great Yorke Mead week with science taking the focus. From inspiring talks by people who use science every day in their jobs to whole school investigations. Finishing later today with the Science Fair



WOW!

A huge congratulations to Lewis Royal, former pupil of Yorke Mead (and son of Mrs Royal who is one of our TAs and swimming teachers). Lewis has qualified to represent England at the Great Britain Nationals later this summer. We are all very proud of Lewis and will be cheering for him – who knows maybe one day we will be watching him swimming for Great Britain in the major international events.

This is great inspiration for the Yorke Mead children as it shows them that a little hard work and regular practice can get you to high places.

Headlines

This week we have received our Ofsted letter; parents you should already have received this. The letter highlights the positive steps we have taken since the last inspection and the strengths the school has developed.

The letter explicitly mentions the positive impact of the health and wellbeing strategies, the strength of the wider curriculum, the positive strategies that extend the highest ability children and the recent changes made to further improve children's progress which is already positive compared to that made naturally.

I would like to add my personal thanks to all of the children, staff, governors and parents for all that you do to make Yorke Mead the wonderful school that it is. Many years ago someone described Yorke Mead to me as Croxley's best kept secret. I think we stand out now, because of the happy successful school we are.

Learning Next Week:

Whole School Learning Behaviour: **Be Responsible**

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| Nursery- Acorns Focus - <i>Story 'I will not ever never eat a tomato'</i> . Discuss characters and vegetables. Explore different vegetables. Planting cress seeds | Reception-Lime & Willow Focus – <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> , sentence writing, taking away, revision of phonics, Father's Day | |
| Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch English: <i>Yucky worms</i> Phonics & spelling: <i>-Revising sounds</i> Maths: <i>Problem solving</i> Science: <i>Planting beans</i> Topic: <i>Minibeast habitats</i> P4C Focus : <i>Would you rather fly or live underground?</i> | Year 2 –Cedar & Horse Chestnut English: <i>The prince and the white bear king</i> Phonics & spelling: <i>-adding suffixes</i> Maths: <i>Problem solving</i> Science: <i>Climate and temperature</i> Topic: <i>Identifying climate zones</i> P4C Focus : <i>Making choices</i> | Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore English: <i>Writing from different perspective</i> Phonics & spelling: <i>-mis - prefix</i> Maths: <i>Division</i> Science: <i>Light and understanding shadows</i> Topic: <i>Introduction to France</i> P4C Focus : <i>What invention would you invent?</i> |
| Year 4 – Maple English: <i>Assessing learning</i> Phonics & spelling: <i>-ous suffix</i> Maths: <i>Time</i> Topic: <i>Forest Schools</i> Play rehearsals | Year 5 –Ash & Rowan English: <i>Recount based on fictional first person experience</i> Phonics & spelling: <i>-ably suffix</i> Maths: <i>Reflections and transitions</i> Science: <i>Growth and reproduction</i> Topic: <i>Synagogues</i> | Year 6 –Red Oak & White Oak English: <i>UK landmarks</i> Phonics & spelling: - Maths: <i>Data handling</i> Science: <i>Investigating circuits</i> Topic: <i>The UK</i> P4C Focus : <i>What invention would you invent?</i> |

Sports Day

Wednesday 27th June.

This year Rec – Year 3 children will complete their track events (races) during the morning and Year 4-Year 6 children during the afternoon. Nursery will race in the morning also.

Races will begin around 9:15am in the morning and at 1:00pm in the afternoon. The picnic will begin at around 11:45 am.

More details will be sent soon in a separate sports day letter.

Timetables

Well done to those children who have been practising their timetables using the new programme we have signed children up for. If your child hasn't started yet don't forget to get them on this programme. I logged in over half term and it was amazing to see our time table stars!

GDPR

To avoid bombarding you with too many emails we will keep you updated with the GDPR process and what it means for schools.

The first change is that contact details will now be given to you to check at the parent consultation rather than sent home in a book bag.

This will only happen once a year – please ensure you inform Mrs Dawkins if you have any change of address or contact numbers.

Classes next year

If your child is in current Reception, Year 2 or Year 5 you should have received an envelope with your child today informing you of the classes next year. I know a number of you would like to receive a full class list but this isn't appropriate, especially given the new GDPR regulations. I am sure you will quickly work out who your child will be in the same class as next year.

Lucille Pollard
Head teacher