



# Yorke Mead School

## Newsletter



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### *This Week at Yorke Mead - Today we welcome Andrew into Maple*

**WOW!**



Last night a further three boys were presented with the Taekwondo Black belts - that is now four black belts in Year 6! We celebrated Asad's black belt a few weeks ago. Last night Joshua, Jamie and James joined the elite with their black belts.

### **School Council In Action**

The School Councils of the local schools are working together to help tackle the problems of parking around the schools. This week the Y5 and Y6 School Council members started their work with a survey to see how many families are coming to school by car and parking right outside the school. They will be launching their message, along with the other schools, with a walk to school day. Please help Yorke Mead and our neighbours by joining in with this event.



### **Year 1 India Day**

The children and staff in Year 1 looked absolutely amazing yesterday as they celebrated India Day. Cooking, enjoying India's traditions and celebrating Holi with the children and staff, of whom all had a fantastic day. I must say Miss Welsh Welling definitely managed to gather most of the paint and left school at the end of the day very happy - blue (literally!)



### *Dates for your diary*

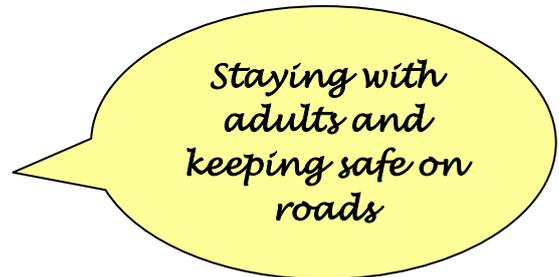
**This week**

Mon Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Half Term  
 w/b Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y5 Level 2 Cycle training  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Girl Guides and Scouts Thinking Day/Founders Day

**Up and coming events**

w/b Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y6 Level 3 Cycle training  
 Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar - World Maths Day  
 Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar - World Book Day and Book Swap Day  
 - Y5 Quicksticks Tournament  
 Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Mar - Class Photos  
 Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Mar - Choir to Wembley  
 Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Mar - Croxley Schools Walk to School Day  
 W/b Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Mar - Art Week  
 Tues 21 Mar - Parent Consultations pm Nur, RW, Y1SB, Y2C, Y4M, Y5R,  
 Y3 to Easter Labyrinth  
 Wed 22 Mar - Parent Consultations pm RL, Y1E, Y2HC, Y3, Y4P, Y5A, Y6  
 Thurs 23 Mar - Parent Consultations all classes (evening)  
 - Y6 Tag Rugby Festival  
 Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Mar - Dance Morning  
 Fri 31 Mar - Break for Easter 2:15pm

*Try talking to your child about...*



*This week one of our children was narrowly missed by a car as they ran across a road after Pokémon hunting and another young child ran off from their carer as they walked out of school. We have spoken to our youngest children about staying with their adult and Year 6 have been spoken to about looking at their mobiles whilst walking - please talk to your children about keeping themselves safe, especially on the roads.*

# School Library

Our school library is well on the way to its new location in the new building and with the magical help of Mr Culverhouse and a couple of TAs who are giving up time over half term should be up and running for the children to start to use after the half term break. Encouraging children to read has one of the greatest impacts on children's learning and education. Reading widens children's vocabulary, expands their comprehension skills, feeds their imaginations and establishes in them the craft of writing. A love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give a child. Please do all you can to help your children discover this love.



## Mr Williams

Many of your children will have read to Mr Williams, a reader from All Saints Church. Mr Williams has been supporting children at Yorke Mead as a volunteer for more years than I can recall. Sadly he passed away peacefully this week following a short battle with cancer. Our thoughts are with his family.



## Outdoor P.E.

All of our Key Stage 2 classes have at least one PE lesson outdoors every week. In cold weather a simple woolly beanie hat, joggers and a warm fleece will make them more comfortable.

### Learning Next Week:

#### Nursery- Acorns

**Learning Behaviour-** Choose it, use it, put it away

**Focus - Book –** Supertato, naming and sorting vegetables, tasting potato products, making a supertato

#### Reception- Willow & Lime

**Learning Behaviour –** Choose it, use it, put it away

**Focus –** To write labels and captions, everyday language related to money Sounds oa, oo, ar

#### Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

**Learning Behaviour:** Our needs as individuals

**English –** Rumble in the Jungle

**Phonics & Spelling –** alt pronunciations

**Maths –**E

**Topic –** Our environment

**P4C- Being individual**

#### Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

**Learning Behaviour:** Being aware of others as we move around

**English –** Persuasive writing

**Phonics & Spelling –** p

**Maths –**Fractions

**Topic –** Great Explorers

**P4C- What do you need to be happy?**

#### Year 3 – Sycamore

**Learning Behaviour:** Maintaining focus

**English –** Iron Man - Character description

**Phonics & Spelling –** Words ending with 'le'

**Maths –** Multiplication

**Topic –** Mesolithic ceremonies/ Forces

#### Year 4 – Pine & Maple

**Learning Behaviour:** Ignoring distractions

**English –** Plan and write a sequel

**Phonics & Spelling –** prefix sub- and inter-

**Maths –**Measures and place value

**Topic –** Defining a habitat

#### Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

**Learning Behaviour:** Peaceful transitions

**English –** Beowulf

**Phonics & Spelling –** cial suffix

**Maths –**Area and Volume

**Topic –** Saxons and Vikings

**P4C- Beauty**

#### Year 6 - Oak

**Learning Behaviour:** Learning from mistakes

**English –** Treason w riting an action sequence about bear baiting

**Phonics & Spelling –** Y5/6 words

**Maths –**Ratio and proportion

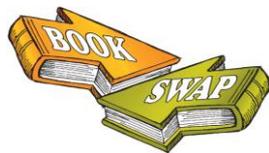
**Topic –** Tudor portraits

**P4C- Linked to text 'Treason'**

## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day (Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>) by asking the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Ideally the children will bring a copy of the book along with them and share this with their friends.

Book Swap will also be on that day and we would love to encourage as many children to take part as possible.



## Thinking Day/ Founders Day

**Wednesday 22 February**

All members of the Scouting & Girl guiding organisations (Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts) are invited to wear their uniform to school on Wednesday 22 February. This is the joint birthday of both Lady and Lord Baden-Powell who were the founder members of the Guide & Scout organisations.

We feel this would be a great opportunity for the children to tell everybody about the fun they have and a way to show the wider community that Guiding and Scouting is relevant to young people today.

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