



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 10th March 2017

This week we welcome
Spencer to Year 5,
Ellis to Year 2 and
Scarlet to Reception

This Week at Yorke Mead

Walk to School Day

Calmness and clear roads were the order of the day in the whole of Croxley today as the children took to the pavements, walking to school waving their flags to show support of the importance of walking to school and avoiding getting into cars when we can. Thank you to all the parents who have supported this wonderful event. Please continue now so the roads around our school are safer to cross, less polluted and calmer **everyday!**



Stone Age Day

It was a fantastic day of camp fires, cave painting, hunting and experiencing life in Stone Age times - Year 3 simply loved it!



Voice In A Million

Choir members yesterday were part of an amazing musical experience aimed at supporting Adoption UK in the Wembley Arena. They had great fun and sang their hearts out.



Dates for your diary

This week

W/b 13th Mar – Sign up for parent consultations
 Fri 17th Mar – KS2 Science Fair

Up and coming events

W/b Mon 20th 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 28th Mar – Dance Morning
 Fri 31 Mar – Break for Easter 2:15pm

Try talking to your child about...

the benefits of exercise in keeping healthy

We all jump into cars too quickly these days or spend too much time on our screens. Exercise not only helps your body feel healthy but also helps your mind feel healthy. As a family try to exercise a little together every day.

Hair

There have been a few cases of head lice recently. It is a school rule that long hair is tied back which is for health and safety reasons mainly, but this also prevents the spread of head lice. Please ensure all long hair is tied back, all of the time!



Children's University

Please remember to keep your Children's University online passports up to date as there will soon be the invitations to graduation and the awards will be decided upon.

Nursery 30 Hours

Please let your friends and relatives know that at Yorke Mead we are intending to be offering the 30 hours of free child care to parents of children in our Nursery from September 2017. The core nursery hours will still be five mornings a week; parents eligible will be able to choose if their child stays for one or more afternoons. We are currently in the process of recruiting staff for the additional times. I understand some people were not aware, and with the deadline approaching for Nursery admissions did not wish anyone to miss out.

Learning Next Week:

Whole School Learning Behaviour: **Looking after things – putting them back in the right place**

Nursery- Acorns

Focus - Ball skills, Making tomato sandwich, sorting tomato products, drawing and painting a tomato, letter g

Reception- Willow & Lime

Focus – Writing own version of The Hungry Caterpillar, doubling, sounds – air, ure

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English – The Lonely Beast
 Phonics & Spelling – 'oo' alternative pronunciations
 Maths – Counting arrays
 Topic – Aerial views
 P4C- Should we ever ignore others?

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

English – The man in the moon story
 Phonics & Spelling – 'ful' and 'ness' suffix
 Maths – Time
 Topic – Neil Armstrong
 P4C- Not a stick

Year 3 – Sycamore

English – Story writing
 Phonics & Spelling – ai sound as ei or eigh in words
 Maths – Division
 Topic – Moving Robots
 P4C- Science link

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

English – Newspaper reports
 Phonics & Spelling – Prefix auto
 Maths – Time
 Topic – Classification of habitats
 P4C- Evolution

Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

English – Using figurative language
 Phonics & Spelling – est, ence, ency
 Maths – Multiples, factors and multiplication
 Topic – Viking life
 P4C- Different people see things differently

Year 6 - Oak

English – Consolidating learning
 Phonics & Spelling – Tricky words
 Maths – Consolidating learning
 Topic – Hampton Court visit
 P4C- The viewer graphic novel

A life long reader

Mrs Gardiner and other TAs are currently working to get all of our lovely new books into the school library. As the parent of two children, one who loves books and one who rarely read without encouragement, I know that the primary years are essential in establishing the habit of reading. If your child is not one who loves to read, you can support and encourage them by reading to them, discussing the book with them and supporting them to ensure they read to you at night. This shouldn't stop in key stage 2. Whilst a key stage 2 reader may read to themselves more often, to fully understand a book most children benefit from the chance to talk about what they have read.

Reading at home is part of children's home learning. We expect the children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 to read to an adult four times a week and in Key Stage 2 three times a week. By signing the reading record you are letting us know this has happened.

Parent Consultations

Please ensure that you sign up for your parent consultation appointments from Monday in the school hall. Appointments go very quickly so do not delay doing this. It is also important that you arrive promptly for your appointments to avoid missing it completely as teachers have very few gaps to catch up late arrivals.

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