



Newsletter

Friday 14th July 2017

This week at Yorke Mead



Wind in the Willows

Well done Year 4 for a fantastic performance Wind in the Willows this week - fantastic acting and wonderful singing!



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Bastille Day

Yorke Mead was a sea of red, white and blue as we celebrated Bastille Day as part of our French curriculum. From tasting of cheese & l'escargot, French music, boules competition and the 'avoir' haka; it was a great day. Merci Madame Faulkner!



Piano Concert

Yorke Mead enjoyed the annual Penguin Piano Concert this week. The children played beautifully, as always, and the range of music was lovely. This year we had our first ever duet played by two Year 5 girls, Lily and Sara. They kept in time wonderfully. Well done to all, including Mrs Hastie our piano teacher.



Dates for your diary

Events this week

- Mon 17th July – Year 6 French Café at Ricky School
Year 6 Leavers Evening
- Tues 18th July – Year 5 Assembly 11.00am
- Wed 19th July – KS1 Celebration Assembly 9:15am
Charity Stalls
- Thurs 20th July – KS2 Celebration Assembly 9:15am
- Fri 21st July – End of Term – School finishes at 2:15pm

This week's WOW moment belongs to...

Dylan and Cassidy who showed great accuracy to defeat Year 5 in the Boules Grand Final.

Champions



Thank You FOYM

Yorke Mead is now a school with amazing facilities – one prospective new parent recently expressed to me that we have an 'impressive campus'; it was a lovely moment. Thanks to FOYM the Yorke Mead children have a great stage to perform on, books to read, iPads to conduct research on and great play equipment to climb on! There is plenty more that could be added too. When we thank FOYM however, we are thanking those parents who give up their time to help raise money for the benefit of every child at Yorke Mead. These parents work tirelessly to organise events; ensure everyone knows what they are doing; sorts



raffle prizes and turns up to sell tea and coffee at events such as the Y4 performances of Wind in the Willows this week. Thank you to each and every member of FOYM for every moment of your time that you give, so that we can give, our children things the school budget just wouldn't manage!

Thank You Will Connolly

After 7 years as the Chair of Yorke Mead Governors, Will Connolly has decided to step down from his role. Anyone who has worked with him will know that this Chair has taken Yorke Mead on a fantastic journey. In my first year as head, it was Will who insisted we did some 'blue sky thinking'... 'if money was no object thinking'. Because of this, when Hertfordshire approached us to discuss the potential growth to become a 2 FE school, we were ready! Anyone who remembers the building we started with will know that as a school Yorke Mead has physically transformed. On a personal level Will has trusted, and had faith in me, to create the school I wanted to create. I have felt supported but also challenged; exactly what a Chair of Governors should do. We have been extremely lucky to have such a strong Chair and everyone at Yorke Mead has benefited because of this.

Being the kind of man he is, Will hasn't simply walked away – he has ensured that the governing body is left strong and ready to continue moving forwards positively. New co –chairs, Charlotte Gomes and Derek Marsden, have been appointed and the governors have a clear path ahead of them.

A governor is a voluntary role, in Will's case at a school he has no other connection with. Governors give their time freely with the benefit to the children and the school being their only drive. I am sure parents will join me in thanking Will for the time he has given to helping Yorke Mead become the school it now is. We will miss him and wish him well in the next venture he takes. Thank you and Best Wishes Will.

Last Day (next Friday)

We have decided to allow the children to bring a game to school next Friday that they can enjoy with friends. The aim is these games are social and help the children develop sharing. There are rules to stick to about the game:

- **No** electronic games such as Gameboy/tablets/hand held computer games
- Games should be games to play **with someone** and should be something they are **willing to share**.
- Games must be **labelled/ named**
- Games should be something **they are not going to be over anxious** about letting others play with.



Early Finish!!!

Please remember that school finishes at 2:15pm next Friday, 21st July as we break for the summer holidays.

Outstanding payments

Please remember that any outstanding payments for school dinners, lunch clubs or breakfast clubs must be paid by the end of term.

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