



Yorke Mead School

Newsletter



Friday 15th September

Dates for your diary

This week

Saturday 16th September
EYFS Family picnic

Monday 18th September
Nursery 30 hour sessions begin

Friday 22nd September
Jeans for Genes Day
Reading Project Parent Session
(invite only)

Up and coming events

Monday 25th September
Clubs starts

Tuesday 26th September
Reception Parents reading and
Handwriting morning

Thursday 28th September
Year 4 Tri-golf tournament

Friday 29th September
Yorke Mead Harvest Celebrations
Y1,2,3 : 9:30am
Y4,5,6 : 2:00pm

Friday 20th October
FOYM Spooky Disco

This Week at Yorke Mead



Well done to our Year 5 children who created two scarecrows based on the book characters Mrs Stink and Harry Potter. These scarecrows took first prize at the Croxley Home & Produce Show last Saturday.

Year 5 Green Park

Year 5 enjoyed a very enjoyable two days of outdoor learning at Green Park last week. They have tried many new activities, challenged themselves and developed much independence.



Parent Volunteers

We really do value the support of parents and grandparents who volunteer to help in school. This may be reading or other day to day jobs in the classroom. If you feel you would like to offer time on a regular basis (weekly) please contact the school office by Friday 22nd September.

Please be aware that volunteers in school need to have safeguarding checks to ensure that they are able to

Tissues

It is a relatively cheap and simple way to help save funds at the school (funds we can use to buy new books, organise workshops, give your children exciting learning opportunities etc...etc...) but it really does help. Tissues cost the school around £400/year – and that is just allowing one box/week for each class. There are 30 children in a class and if every child donates 1 or 2 boxes of



work safely with children and a safeguarding training session before they can begin helping in school.

tissues we can spend this money on something more exciting. Please help – just one box a family will really help us.

Food Safety in School

Please could I remind you that it is very important that you do not send any nuts or nut based products into school. This means please do not include peanut butter, Nutella or nut based products in your child's packed lunches and if you decide to send any treats into school for your child's birthday please ensure these are not nut based or contain any nuts.

Learning Next Week:

Whole School Learning Behaviour: **Remembering the power of yet!**

Nursery- Acorns

Focus - *Settling into Nursery routines, learning how to use our toys and our garden. Getting to know each other*

Reception-Lime & Willow

Focus – *Settling into school routines, learning how to use our toys and our garden. Getting to know each other. Talking about our families.*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English: *Instruction writing – bird feeders*
Phonics & spelling: *Phase 3 sounds*
Maths: *Value of numbers*
Science: *Labelling parts of the body*
Topic: *Our Wonderful World*
P4C Focus : *Creating a community*

Year 2 –Cedar &Horse Chestnut

English: *Diary writing – The Magic Finger*
Phonics & spelling:
Maths: *Building fluency of numbers*
Science:
Topic: *Designing a photo frame*
P4C Focus : *Creating a community*

Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore

English: *The Green Ship – emotion maps/drama*
Phonics & spelling: *Common misspelt words*
Maths: *Adding/subtracting 10 & 100*
Science: *Animals and their diets*
Topic: *Key features on a map*
P4C Focus : *Creating a community*

Year 4 – Maple

English: *Complex sentences*
Phonics & spelling: *Suffix-ing words*
Maths: *Place value /Addition*
Science: *Electricity –batteries & mains*
Topic: *Egyptian pyramids*
P4C Focus : *Egyptian slaves & pyramids*

Year 5 –Ash & Rowan

English: *Cosmic*
Phonics & spelling:
Maths: *Place value to 1,000,000/ neg nos*
Science: *Geocentric/heliocentric*
Topic: *The Space Race*
P4C Focus : *Equality*

Year 6 –Red Oak & White Oak

English: *Ice Trap : Shackleton's Expedition*
Phonics & spelling: *ambitious adjectives*
Maths: *Place value*
Science: *What is evolution?*
Topic: *Natural disasters around the world*
P4C Focus : *Creating a community*

Summer Reading Challenge

So many of our children completed the reading challenge at the local library this year; well done to each and every one of them. It is fantastic to see that so many of our children have spent the summer reading and today we presented the certificates that were sent into school.

We also have our own reading challenge that your children can complete. To earn their badges simply ensure they read at home/ talk about a book 4 x week (KS1) or 3 x week (KS2) . For every 10 weeks they achieve this your child will earn a badge – more importantly their reading will become more fluent and confident.

Forest Schools



A number of year groups will be starting their Forest School learning next week. To be able to take part your child will need to have wellies in school. Classes will be contacted separately with details of the equipment required.

Jeans for Genes Day

Please send your children to school wearing their jeans on Friday with a small donation to give to Genetic Research. We do have children in school with cystic fibrosis and other genetic disorders who benefit from this very good cause.



