



# Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

This week we welcome  
Tilley (Yr3 Sycamore) and  
Harvey (Yr1 S'Birch) to  
Yorke Mead

## This Week at Yorke Mead

### Museums, zoos and sacred buildings!



It has been a very busy week with school trips. Year 2 headed off to Whipsnade Zoo to see some of the animals they have learnt about in their science work and Africa topic; Year 3 headed north to investigate the natural history at the Tring Museum; Year 5 children were welcomed and experienced a little of the Jewish faith at a synagogue in Wembley. Most importantly for our children their learning was *brought to life* with these visits. It was great fun too!



## Dates for your diary

### This week

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June – Girls football v Ricky Park  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 6 athletics tournament  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 5 London Eye trip

### Up and coming events

w/b 26<sup>th</sup> June – Health & Wellbeing week  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June – Gymnastics Assembly 2.30pm  
- Year 3 and Year 4 Intra Schools Competition  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Reserve Sports Day  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July – Children's University Graduation Event  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 String concert  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 music day – Ricky School  
- Reception dental talks  
w/b 10<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Week  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 Drumming concert 2.00pm  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July – Meet the Teacher Day  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July – Bastille day  
Open day from 2pm  
Reports Home  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 French Café at Ricky School  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 Celebration Assembly 9:15am  
Charity Stalls  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July – KS2 Celebration Assembly 9:15am  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July – End of Term – **School finishes at 2:15pm**

## Sport's Day

Sport's Day is very much a family day at Yorke Mead, with a family picnic at midday. Last year weather was against us and we quickly realised that as a bigger school we cannot accommodate all the children and parents inside for lunch. You will get a letter with further details about Sports Day next week, but please can I forewarn you that if the rain comes down we will ask parents to go home.

## Moor Park Fun Run

This annual fun run that raises money for Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre is now open for entries. If you would like to support this event please look at their website [www.moorpark10k.org.uk](http://www.moorpark10k.org.uk).



## Year 5

Apologies for the error in the new classes letter this week. Current Year 5 Ash will be taught by Mrs Seabrook ,Mr Rees and Mrs Haynes next year. Year 5 Rowan will be taught by Mrs Arora , Mrs Feldman and Mrs Sutton next year

# Thinking of others!

I am sitting writing this newsletter, listening to the news. The atrocious fire at Grenfell Tower West London this week plus the recent events in Manchester and at London Bridge. It has been such a difficult time! Families so affected, maybe even people we know, experiencing things beyond anything we can imagine. What has struck me most is the when we consider charities perhaps there is a group of people we should think of more – those fire fighters, nurses and police that step in on these occasions, putting their own lives at risk to help others. It is of course the job they trained for – but what a wonderful and amazing job they do!

I will be putting it to our school council that perhaps for the next year our charity work should be focused on helping the people we rely on every day to help us – and on occasions such as these, save our lives. I hope that people reading this newsletter will agree. If you know anyone who works in these essential services, who may know the best charities for use to support, please do let me know.

### Learning Next Week:

Whole School Learning Behaviour: *Challenging ourselves to ensure we 'get into the pit' everyday!*

<b>Nursery- Acorns</b> <b>Focus</b> - Phincs letter j. We're Going on a Bear Hunt, sorting bears, sandwich making		<b>Reception- Willow &amp; Lime</b> <b>Focus</b> – Using phonics to write sentences, taking away from 10, being mindful	
<b>Year 1 – Elder &amp; Silver Birch</b> <b>English</b> – Yucky Worms <b>Phonics &amp; Spelling</b> – spelling patterns <b>Maths</b> – Money <b>Topic</b> – Bean diary <b>P4C</b> - Is dirt always bad?	<b>Year 2 – Horse Chestnut &amp; Cedar</b> <b>English</b> – The Princess and the white bear <b>Phonics &amp; Spelling</b> – Suffix <b>Maths</b> – Problem solving & reasoning <b>Topic</b> – North & South <b>P4C</b> - Storybook stimulus	<b>Year 3 – Sycamore</b> <b>English</b> – Adverbs, nouns, inverted commas <b>Phonics &amp; Spelling</b> – prefix -in <b>Maths</b> – Multiplication <b>Topic</b> – Shadows <b>P4C</b> -Community skills	
<b>Year 4 – Pine &amp; Maple</b> <b>English</b> – Settings – adverbial phrases and adverbs <b>Phonics &amp; Spelling</b> – Suffix -ful <b>Maths</b> – Fractions <b>Topic</b> – Queen Victoria <b>P4C</b> - Why do people age?	<b>Year 5 – Rowan &amp; Ash</b> <b>English</b> – Inference & justification <b>Phonics &amp; Spelling</b> – Suffix -ably <b>Maths</b> – Scaling <b>Topic</b> – Growth of babies/ London skyline <b>P4C</b> - privacy v security	<b>Year 6 - Oak</b> <b>English</b> – Performance <b>Phonics &amp; Spelling</b> – Year 6 wors <b>Maths</b> –Applying skills <b>Topic</b> – Play related	

## Social Media

It is fantastic that many of our year groups have established groups on WhatsApp and Facebook to ease communication – as a parent I imagine this is a really useful tool. However, it is important that parents posting on these sites are mindful about the accuracy of what they post. This week I have been approached by parents of Year 5 children either concerned that their child has done an unnecessary verbal reasoning paper or asking for the results of the mock 11+. Please be clear – Year 5 have not done any verbal reasoning papers and they have done no mock exams. Your children sometimes will make mistakes and misunderstand, they are children this is natural. If you have a question please ask an adult and avoid posts that you are not sure about the accuracy of please.

# Revels

Unfortunately there will be no floats this year at the Revels , but we will still be taking part in the procession, as we have done in previous years. The procession this year has been reduced to walking from Croxley House (at the top of The Green) down to The Artichoke and back up to Croxley House. A short walk that could be completed by even the shortest legs!

The theme for this year is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and it would be amazing if as many children as possible could take part. Children can come dressed up or simply as well as costumes as a character, children could also make fake sweets, lollipops or chocolate (Wonka) bars to carry in the procession. Some ideas have been long decorated cardboard tubes with a decorated circle on the top (lollipop), an old shoe box wrapped / decorated in three or more colours (large liquorice allsort), a decorated large tube (candy cane) or old cereal boxes wrapped up to look like "Wonka" chocolate bars.

Alternatively put on a bright outfit and simply join us for our walking procession – it will be amazing to see you there!

Don't forget to stay late and cheer Yorke Mead's Year 3 children on in the Pushball Competition as we re-join this event after many years absence.

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