



Newsletter

Friday 17th June 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

A Day at The Natural History Museum

Our Year 3 children had a fascinating day exploring The Natural History Museum and all of the displays that related to their topics this year. Parents of Year 3 children will be able to hear more about this next Thursday at 9.15am when the Year 3 children share their year with you in their assembly. We hope you can make it!



Year 6 - First Aid

Thank you to the FOYM who funded the first aid training day for our Year 6 children. Education is about so much more than reading and writing, and each year we like to ensure our Year 6 leave us with life skills in place - first aid is one of the most important.



Dates for your diary

This week

- Sat 18th June - Croxley Revels
- Tues 21st June - Book swap morning
Y2 music festival at WSOM
Sports Partnership Awards evening
- Wed 22nd June - Y6 Rickmansworth CAT test
- Thurs 23rd June - Y3 Assembly 9.15
Y5 to The London Eye
E safety evening 7:00pm
- Fri 24th June - Skipping Day

Up and coming events

- Mon 27th June - Health & Wellbeing Week
- Wed 29th June - Sports Day
- Thurs 30th June - Y2 to Whipsnade Zoo
Y5/Y6 Athletics at Rickmansworth School

Try talking to your child about...

democracy

Understanding the way we fairly make decisions using voting systems is very important for children. As this week a key vote takes place to decide about the EU talk to your children about this process and help them to understand how this system works.

It would also help if you could explain the difference between Europe the continent and the EU as many children are confused.

Sport's Day

You should by now have received details about Sports Day. We have our fingers crossed that the weather will be good (not too hot, and not wet). The Nursery children will join us on the field for their race at around 11:00. We have needed to make some changes to the day to help us accommodate the additional classes. We have removed the obstacle races, which take a long time to set up, and may reduce the number of events for key stage two children. Swimming for year 4 and 5 children will continue as normal.

Health and Well-being Week

Our Health and Well-being week kicks off with a skipping day for Y1 to Y6 next Friday (24th June). Skipping is one of the best ways to keep fit and develops the children's physical skills in so many ways. **It is important that all children have their PE kits in school, including suitable footwear such as trainers.**

We will be giving the children lots of opportunities to complete physical activities as well as activities that will help them feel mentally well. A key aspect of maintaining good health is eating healthily. Perhaps you could make the health and well-being week a key focus at home too.

Please be aware that in the health and well-being week children come to school everyday in their PE kits. On Friday 1st July they may come to school in a sports kit of their choice (Football kit, tai kwon doh suit etc), however, the main activity that day will be a tough mudder event. Children will get very dirty so this will be voluntary and a full change of clothes will be required. More details to follow.

Importance of ALL lessons

It is important for parents to understand that by far the vast majority of lessons at school are part of compulsory education and these are not things your child can opt in or out of. This is true of PE lessons and swimming lessons. Unless your child has a physical injury such as a broken bone it is not acceptable that they simply do not bring PE/swimming kit and tell us they are not doing that lesson. In the same way as we wouldn't expect them to opt out of maths, they cannot opt out of PE or swimming.

Please support your child by not allowing them to think these are options, and by ensuring that PE kits are in school EVERYDAY!

Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns

Learning Behaviour- *Try new things*

Focus - *'I will not ever eat a tomatoe', design a pizza, pizza making and comparing height*

Sound of the week 'y'

Reception- Willow & Lime

Learning Behaviour - *Playing safely and sensibly*

Focus - *'Stanley Stick', action words, reading in a group, measuring with sticks*

Phonics - *digraphs and trigraphs*

Year 1 - Elder & Silver Birch

Learning Behaviour: *Being a good talk partner*

English - *Becoming a wormologist*

Phonics - *plurals s/es*

Maths - *Multiplication*

Topic - *Science - light/ICT*

Year 2 - Horse Chestnut

Learning Behaviour: *Using kind words*

English - *Writing our version of an African story*

Phonics - *Possessive apostrophe*

Maths - *money calculation*

Topic - *Kenyan landscapes/ location of Kenya*

P4C - *What do we really need in life?*

Year 3 - Sycamore & Laurel

Learning Behaviour: *Lining up for things*

English - *Possessive apostrophe*

Phonics - *prefix - mis*

Maths - *Timetables/ multiplication*

Topic - *Digestive system*

P4C - *Video stimulus changes*

Year 4 - Pine & Maple

Learning Behaviour: *Taking risks in learning*

English - *Ice Palace characterisation*

Phonics - *Words often misspelt*

Maths - *Fractions of amounts*

Topic - *Digestive system*

Year 5 - Rowan

Learning Behaviour: *Respecting the classroom*

English - *Using text to support opinion*

Phonics - *Adding suffix es*

Maths - *Reading timetables*

Topic - *Renewable and non renewable energy*

P4C - *Should we punish many for the actions of a few*

Year 6 - Oak

Learning Behaviour: *Keeping focused on a task*

English - *'Floodland' - analysis of action*

Maths - *Time*

Topic - *Map skills*

P4C - *Britain stimulus*

We Raced for Life

Thank you to any parents who sponsored the staff who 'raced for life' to raise money in memory of Claire Tompkinson on Sunday. We have managed to raise a total of £1330 so far for Cancer Research. It isn't too late. If you wish to sponsor us the website link is

<https://www.justgiving.com/teams/YorkeMeadPrimarySchool>

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