



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 17th March 2017

This Week at Yorke Mead

Key Stage 2 Science Fair

The school hall was simply buzzing this afternoon as the children shared their science experiments. It was a fantastic afternoon with all sorts of interesting and amazing investigations for children to share.



Well Done Isla



Isla has recently performed in the opera La Boheme by Puccini at the Watford Coliseum. She played the part of a 'naughty child' in this four part musical - a role completely out of character to her. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done Isla!

Dates for your diary

This week

Due to parent consultations there are no clubs this week – this means there are no school run clubs until after the Easter break.

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)

Up and coming events

Tues 28th Mar – Dance Morning 9:00am start

Fri 31 Mar – Decorate an egg competition
(entries to school Thurs 30th March)
Break for Easter 2:15pm

Try talking to your child about...

What is art

The perspective of art is huge – it can be far more than sculptures and paintings. It is photography, the wall paper design, fabrics, pottery, poetry, music.... How much value do we place on art? How does art help us?

Eggstravaganza!

Get your creative hats on to create your own themed 'egg' for Easter. Prizes for the best egg in each year group. There is no theme so let your imagination run away with you and create the most interesting, attractive or bizarre egg you can think of. Eggs will be displayed in the school hall and prizes announced in assembly. All entries must be in school on Thursday 30th March

Welcome Baby Girling



Henry Arthur Girling made a dramatic entrance to the world on Tuesday March 7th at 3.32am. This lovely bundle of joy arrived weighing a healthy 8lb 11oz and proved to be a lovely surprise for mum and dad. Congratulations to Mrs Girling and her husband.



Nursery 30 Hours

I am pleased to inform you that we have been able to successfully recruit a teacher and we will therefore be able to offer the 30 hours free childcare for Nursery from September. There is much to do in terms of organising the provision still but I feel confident now that we will be up and running. Eligibility for the funding is based on both parents working (or sole parent in a lone parent family) & each parent/carer earning on average: a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage (NMW) (for under 25 yr olds) or national living wage (NLW) (if over 25 yrs old), and less than £100,000 per year.

Learning Next Week: **ART WEEK**

Whole School Learning Behaviour: *Taking care, reflecting on work and having another go!*

Nursery- Acorns

Focus - Artist Paul Klee, self portraits, patterns using squares. Letter o

Reception- Willow & Lime

Focus - Artis Kandinsky, creating cards for special people, sharing

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English – Artist Henry Rousseau

Phonics & Spelling – 'tch' words

Maths – Art related shape work

Topic – Asrt/science

P4C- Why are choices important?

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

English – The Man on the Moon

Phonics & Spelling – 'oo'

Maths – Shape

Topic – Aboriginal Art, Faberge eggs, Easter

P4C- Art stimulus

Year 3 – Sycamore

English – Creating story boxes

Phonics & Spelling – 'ai'

Maths – Division

Topic – Magnetic attraction

P4C- Art stimulus

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

English – Newspapaers

Phonics & Spelling – Prefix ass, att, aff

Maths – Time

Topic – Levon Biss photography and oil pastels

P4C- Art stimulus

Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

English – The work of William Morris

Phonics & Spelling –

Maths – Linking to science investigations

Topic – William Morris inspired art

P4C- There aren't enough books for girls

Year 6 - Oak

English – Creating a Tudor Menu

Phonics & Spelling – 'revision of sounds

Maths – Solving number problems

Topic – Introducing Pop Art

P4C- What is the value of art?

Parent Consultations

Please ensure that you arrive promptly for parent consultations. Children in Key Stage 2 will join parents for the discussion which is intended to allow everyone to share their thoughts and ideas. This is a positive time when the child can hear the positives as well as know what they need to do next. Take time to look at your child's books with them and be sure to let the children show you bits where they feel they have achieved well.

Art Week

This week we will be focusing on art and artists in school. Children will get the chance to study artist and explore techniques throughout the week. Mimi (one of our parents who is a community artist) will be working on drawing skills with Years 3 to Year 6. Please encourage your children by talking about art you enjoy and looking at any paintings you may have hanging in your home.

Lucille Pollard

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