



Newsletter

Friday 1st July 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

A Little Taste of Health & Well-being Week

This week we have immersed our children in a range of interesting and fun activities to encourage them to think about how they keep themselves healthy, both mentally and physically. Here is a taste of what the children have enjoyed.



Well done KS1 Gymnastics Team

A huge well done to the KS1 gymnastics team who competed at the Herts County Gymnastic Finals yesterday. At a huge event involving a large crowd of children and an official opening ceremony our team competed with spirit achieving their very best and making Yorke Mead very proud. They finished in 7th place overall. A great experience and something they can all feel very proud of.

Workout Wonder



Wednesday morning started with a fantastic morning workout in the playground. This was impromptu but fantastic fun - I am sure everyone who took part benefited. Next time, please join us!

Y5/Y6 Athletics

The children returned extremely proud and full of joy yesterday as winners of their athletics competition at the Sports Partnership. The great results, with Y5 winning their year group, came not just from having one or two who exceeded, but from consistency across the team. Well done!

The Zoo

Year 2 spent a wonderful (and fortunately dry) day at the zoo looking at animals from around the world as part of their topic. Big and small - the children were able to get close up to see a range of wonderful wild life.



Dates for your diary

This week

Mon 4th July - Y1 Elder to Cassiobury Park
Y3 S Sandwich Workshop

Tues 5th July - School closed due to Industrial Action

Wed 6th July - Y3 Sycamore Music Concert
Y4/5 performance (evening)

Thurs 7th July - Y5 to Ricky School Music Day
Y4/5 performance (evening)
Y1 SBirch to Cassiobury Park

Fri 8th July - Piano Concert 2:30 pm

Up and coming events

w/b 11th July - Y6 Level 3 Cycle training

Wed 13th July - Bastille Day Celebrations
Y3 Laurel Music Concert

Thurs 14th July - Transition Day (Children meet the teacher day)

Fri 15th July - Open Afternoon 2:00pm
Reports home

Mon 18th July - Y6 Leavers Evening

Tues 19th July - Y5/Y6 Drumming Concert 2:00pm

Thurs 21st July - Celebration Assembly 9:15am KS2
Celebration Assembly 11:00 am KS1

Try talking to your child about...

what they have learned this week about being healthy

This week we have focused on being healthy both physically and mentally. They have tried new sports and discussed the importance of fun and laughter as well as the usual apples and exercise.

Open Afternoon

Please try to visit on our open afternoon. This short visit allows you to see your child in their current classroom and some of the work they have produced, and to take your child around the school visiting the other classes including the classroom they will be in next year. At the end of the afternoon all children will need to return to their own classrooms where they will be handed their school report to take home. School finishes at normal time. Open afternoon starts at 2:00pm

Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns Learning Behaviour- Sharing Focus -Describing shells/patterns, colouring, starfish collage, exploring rock pools Sound of the week 'w'		Reception- Willow & Lime Learning Behaviour – Remembering quiet voices Focus – Pirates, materials that float and sink, famous pirates, counting in 2's Phonics – Tricky words. Recapping sounds	
Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch Learning Behaviour: B English – Snail and the Whale Phonics – suffix – ing/-er Maths –2d &3d shapes Topic – Moving minibeasts P4C – Moving on/ Changes	Year 2 – Horse Chestnut Learning Behaviour: Asking sensible questions English – Zoo leaflets Phonics – suffix - est Maths –Time problems Topic – African traditions P4C – What do you need to be happy	Year 3 – Sycamore & Laurel Learning Behaviour: Starting promptly English – Exploring poetry Phonics – Words beginning with 're' Maths –Multiplication Topic – Investigating shadows & materials P4C – Changes	
Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 The focus for these year groups this week will be on their performances that are happening in the week. The children will be rehearsing, creating programmes, props and scenery. P4C – Changes			

Celebration Assemblies

After careful consideration we have decided to run two assemblies – one for KS2 and one for KS1. This is to allow space for parents to attend and also the children. Children in KS2 will have the chance to perform their instruments. KS1 children can enjoy a few songs. Attendance and DARE TO certificates will be issued – we hope you can join us.
 KS2 Assembly is at 9:15am
 KS1 Assembly is at 11:00 am

Industrial Action

I have been informed that many of the teachers will be taking industrial action on Tuesday. With over 75% of the classes affected I have taken the decision to close the school. Please see the separate letter explaining about this. School will resume on Wednesday 6th July.

Heelies

A number of children are playing on their 'Heelies' before school. Just as with scooters, this could be dangerous with so many little ones around. We have also had a number of unnecessary upsets and arguments amongst the girls meaning they start the day negatively. We fully appreciate the playground is a great 'Heelie' surface but please do not allow your child to use Heelies before school. After the playground has cleared at the end of the school day we are happy for children to put on their Heelies as long as you are supervising them.

Newsletter - a plea!

I fully appreciate that if you are reading this I am preaching to the converted! I also fully accept that sometimes I make errors in my newsletter that are confusing (the impact of the job becoming a late Thursday evening one – sorry!) But, so often parents complain that they didn't know about something, or parents phone and ask about things that are already in the newsletter. The office is very, very busy – the staff rarely have more than 5 minutes without the phone ringing, or someone calling in at the hatch. Today we were called to find out if a Facebook notification was correct! One we had no idea about. Please try to read the newsletter. I know that it can be long. I apologise that at times it has moans in. I do try to include all information in one place for you as much as I can, and I appreciate school bombard you with information. If you are reading this then I know you probably are not making the calls – writing is the best way for the school to communicate to you (texts are very expensive!).

Thank you for reading!

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