



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 20th January 2017

This Week at Yorke Mead

A couple of the many wonderful moments from Nursery this week!

Hannah created a lovely painting – filling the whole page and mixing colours carefully!



Amelie has made a wonderful parrot and 'written' her own instructions on how to take care of it!

Well Done Asad who has earned his 'black belt' in Taekwondo. This is an amazing achievement and Asad, and his family, are extremely proud of him.



Dates for your diary

This week

A quiet YM week

Up and coming events

Tues 31st Jan – Perform Dance Workshop
Thurs 2nd Feb – Y4 Indoor athletics (pm)
w/b 6th Feb – Drug and Health Week
Tue 7th Feb – Safer Internet day
Thurs 9th Feb – Book Swap Day
Fri 10th Feb – Valentine Spring Disco

Try talking to your child about...

Making dreams happen

As part of our Going for Goals assembly themes this week I have talked about how we can only achieve a goal, if we have a goal. We also thought about not waiting for the goal to come to you – but going out and working to make it happen. Perhaps you could tell your children about a goal you had and how you have achieved this.

What a wonderful start!

I have been so impressed with the way the way the children returned after the Christmas break and got straight back into the good standards of work that we know they are capable of. Everyday children come to me for a Pot of Gold from somewhere and the imagination, creativity, willingness to challenge themselves and genuine excitement in their learning has been a real joy to see. The children of Yorke Mead should be feeling extremely proud of themselves!

Clubs

Parents will be notified of the club allocations today. Please do not panic if these have not been sent by the end of the school day – the office is very busy on Friday and these may well come after 3:15pm



Welcome

A warm Yorke Mead welcome to Mrs Hight and Mrs Al – Saadani who will be joining our team of Midday Supervisors.

Learning Next Week:		
Nursery- Acorns Learning Behaviour- <i>Keeping the outdoors tidy</i> Focus - Book – Tanka, Tanka, Skunk, syllables in our names, environmental sounds, loud and quiet foods 	Reception- Willow & Lime Learning Behaviour – Remembering 'dare to' targets Focus – Counting and finding totals, sequencing ideas, zz and qu	
Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch Learning Behaviour: <i>Using kind words</i> English – Re-writing 'Beegu' Phonics & Spelling – split diagraph i_e Maths –Place Value Topic – What is the best material to fix an umbrella? P4C – Should we be kind to everyone?	Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar Learning Behaviour: <i>Presenting work neatly</i> English – Story writing 'Under the Sea' Phonics & Spelling – 'zh' alternative spelling Maths –Addition & Subtraction Topic – Seaside holidays in the UK P4C – Is being equal always being fair?	Year 3 – Sycamore Learning Behaviour: <i>avoiding distractions</i> English – Direct Speech punctuation Phonics & Spelling – ch as a sh sound Maths – Add/Sub partitioning to bridge through 10 and 100 Topic – Direct Speech punctuation P4C – Stonehenge
Year 4 – Pine & Maple Learning Behaviour: <i>Maintaining focus</i> English – Riddles relating to Barleywater Phonics & Spelling – Common misspelt words Maths –Fractions Topic –Designing an instrument and investigating pitch	Year 5 – Rowan & Ash Learning Behaviour: <i>Knowing where to get help</i> English – Planning a non-chronological report Phonics & Spelling – 'c' making s sound Maths –Line graphs Topic – Compass points P4C – What makes a first class class?	Year 6 - Oak Learning Behaviour: <i>Presenting our work clearly</i> English – Writing in narrative Phonics & Spelling – Tricky words Maths –Line graphs Topic –The Tudors P4C – Tudor portrait stimulus

School Council

Mrs Carter (teacher new to Y5) will be taking the lead with the School Council from this term. The first project planned is linked to Comic Relief Day, and the children will be focusing on this in the coming weeks. A few school council members will also work with myself, other local schools and Hertfordshire County Council looking at parking around the school.



COMIC RELIEF

Forest Schools

I am very pleased to inform you that we now have two more teachers trained as Forest School Leaders. In addition to Mrs Girling, Miss Welsh Welling and Mrs Fox are now trained and sessions this term have begun for Year 1. Reception and Year 3 children will start later this term. By the end of the year every year group will have had a series of Forest School sessions, enabling them to enjoy the challenge of the Great Outdoors!



Cold weather

We still have a few children coming to school with no coat. I know children running around may not always feel the cold, and whilst on lunch duty this week I have personally spoken to at least 6 children every day to tell them they need to wear their coats not hang them on the fence! However, it is cold, and some days turn very cold. Please ensure your children have a coat with them.

P.E. Kits

Last week I reminded parents that PE kits must be in school – given the demands on the hall, children in KS2 will have one PE session outdoors. Please ensure a pair of track suit bottoms and a warm top are part of your children's PE kits. Thank you.

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