



## Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### This Week at Yorke Mead

#### THINKING OF OTHERS

Despite needing to spend a short period of time in hospital as a result of an ongoing medical condition Jarred in Y4 has still had time to think of others. Jarred was given a morning release from hospital to take part in the 5km race for the kids raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

He was an absolute star and even jogged the last 1km. (Couldn't do that a month ago!)

To top it all, he raised £264 for this brilliant hospital.

After the race Jarred and his family had to charge back to hospital to get him hooked up to IV's again.



#### YEAR 5 MATHS CHALLENGE

A very well done to our Year 5 Mathematicians who represented Yorke Mead at the Hertfordshire Maths Challenge. Competing against the best mathematicians in the area Maya, Joshua, Jamie C and Lily did tremendously well. Thank you



#### YEAR 6 KWIK CRICKET

Year 6 teams battled in the Rickmansworth Consortium Kwik Cricket tournament yesterday. With a number of pupils out of action due to bones that are still on the mend, Year 6 performed very well and did Yorke Mead proud.



#### CLAY LANE VISIT

Year 4 spent an amazing day learning about the process of water treatment and how water is prepared for our daily lives at Clay Lane this week.



### Dates for your diary

#### This week

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May

FOYM Fayre

Grandparents' Day

Magistrate to Y6

Gymnastics Assembly 10:30am

Y5 to Rickmansworth School

Science morning

Funday Friday snack time

**Break for Half Term**

#### Up and coming events

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June

W/b 7<sup>th</sup> June

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> June

Thur 16<sup>th</sup> June

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> June

INSET Day

Baby and Toddler week

Y3 to Natural History Museum

Y6 first aid training

FOYM Father's Day tea

Croxley Revels

Book swap morning

Y2 music festival

Sports Partnership Awards evening

Health & Wellbeing Week

Sports Day

Y2 to Whipsnade Zoo

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June

We 29<sup>th</sup> June

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> June

### Yorke Mead Allotments

Thanks to the hard work of Mrs Steere and Mrs Yates the Yorke Mead allotments are developing really well. Seeds have been planted, art club are creating scarecrows and children get a chance to join in with gardening during the lunch breaks. All being well we hope to have our first harvest at the end of this summer.

Thank you to everyone who has worked on the allotments so much, but especially Mrs Steere and Mrs Yates.





# Funday Friday

Next Friday is Funday Friday and School Councillors will be selling a drink and a biscuit for 50p again. So far they have raised just under £200 for musical instruments – your support will help them step this up to raise a little more. We will then be replacing our African instrument collection and topping up our tambours and xylophones. Thank you to all the school councillors for their hard work.

# Lost Property

Please ensure all of your children's uniform is named as we try to reduce the amount of lost property. Little children find it hard to remember everything we know, but if items are named it is much easier to get lost clothing back to their owners.

We will put the lost property out during this week – please claim what is yours.

If you have lost a pair of boys shoes (size 11) we seem to have a pair that are not named. These are in the school office if you wish to claim these.



## Learning Next Week:

### Nursery- Acorns

**Learning Behaviour-** *Looking after our resources*

**Focus** – *Spider webs weaving, tracing pets, letter formation, mind up lessons*

**Sound of the week** *f*

### Reception- Willow & Lime

**Learning Behaviour** – *Trying our best*

**Focus** – *Story writing, revisiting shape and 1 more/1 less*

**Phonics** – *Reviewing phase 3 sounds*

### Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

**Learning Behaviour:** *Challenging ourselves*

**English** – *Writing comic strips*

**Phonics** – *ay, ai, a-e*

**Maths** – *Division by sharing into groups*

**Topic** – *Opaque and transparent materials*

**P4C** – *Special objects*

### Year 2 – Horse Chestnut

**Learning Behaviour:** *Using the 5B's*

**English** – *Artic animal research*

**Phonics** – *Suffixes -er/-est*

**Maths** – *Calculations*

**Topic** – *Joan Miro art*

**P4C** – *Which is better?*

### Year 3 – Sycamore & Laurel

**Learning Behaviour:** *Listen the first time*

**English** – *Non chronological reports volcanoes*

**Phonics** – *- super eg superficial*

**Maths** – *Column subtraction link to measures*

**Topic** – *Plants investigation*

**P4C** – *Collaboration*

### Year 4 – Pine & Maple

**Learning Behaviour:** *Giving 100% effort*

**English** – *Ice palace characterisation*

**Phonics** –

**Maths** – *Translation/symmetry*

**Topic** – *River formation*

**P4C** – *S*

### Year 5 - Rowan

**Learning Behaviour:** *Make sensible decisions*

**English** – *Creating a myth*

**Phonics** – *ible suffix*

**Maths** – *Percentages*

**Topic** – *Creating marble runs*

**P4C** – *Can happiness come from sadness*

### Year 6 - Oak

**Learning Behaviour:** *Asking good questions*

**English** – *Producing a report about landmarks*

**Maths** – *Investigations*

**Topic** – *Completing embroidery*

**P4C** – *Magistrates visit*

# Baby and Toddler week

Apologies for the diary mistake – this is actually the week after half term rather than the week before.

There is a chance for parents to see the videos children will be shown from 2:00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

If you have a baby or a toddler, please see your class teacher if you are able to bring your younger child into school.

# Job Opportunity

We are currently seeking to appoint a part time teacher to cover PPA time in the school. If you have friends who are teachers please let them know and tell them about us. We are fully staffed for classroom teachers next year, but the teacher shortage is real and makes recruitment harder. If you can help us to get the message around please do so.

We are also seeking to appoint a teaching assistant. This post is for someone who is experienced and ideally has already completed their NVQ to level 2.

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