



# Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

This week we welcome  
Tanishka to Yr4 Maple and  
to Yorke Mead

## This Week at Yorke Mead

### Thank You to the Co-Op and the Croxley Community

It is amazing! Over the Easter break we heard that the Co-op and their Local Community Fundraising initiative has raised £2488.51 for Friends of Yorke Mead. We will be able to do so much with that money. Thank you to everyone who has shopped at the Co-Op and to those who nominated Yorke Mead.



### Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is one of Yorke Meads favourite days. It is a wonderful opportunity for the experience and wisdom of our eldest generation to be shared with our youngest generation, whilst both generations experience the great joy of a shared experience.



## Dates for your diary

### This week

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April - Swimming starts Y4 and Y5  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> April - Tennis Tasters Yr-Y2

### Up and coming events

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May - Bank Holiday School closed  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May - KS1&2 Gymnastic competition  
W/b 8<sup>th</sup> May - Key Stage 2 SATs week  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May - Yr6 Height and Weight Measurements  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 to Chessington  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May - Non uniform day  
Yr5 Rowan Playleader Training  
Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May - FOYM Spring Fayre  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Perform Dance workshop  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Yr5 Ash Playleader Training  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May - Yr4 to Clay Lane  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May - Yr6 Kwik Cricket  
w/b 29<sup>th</sup> May - HALF TERM

# WOW!

This week the WOW moment belongs to Leo Jones (Y5) - Leo has reached the second round in a story writing competition. He was one of 5000 children to be selected for the second round of a competition which received 131,798 entries. Extremely Well Done Leo!

Anyone at the KS2 Celebration assembly in December had a chance to hear a little of the story written by Leo. His style is engaging and exceptional for his age. Needless to say his parents and Yorke Mead are extremely proud of him!

Watch this space.

Good luck in the second round Leo!

## Congratulations Mrs Williams

Please join us in sharing our huge congratulations to Mrs Williams. You may have noticed a small bump appearing – it isn't too many Easter eggs! Mrs Williams and her husband are expecting their first baby in September. This means Mrs Williams will be taking maternity leave from the end of this academic year.



## Mrs Elliott

Mrs Elliott would like to say thank you to all the parents and children for helping to raise £262.20 at the cake sale. Two days left to go and any donations would be very much appreciated at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/FrancescaElliott> to help reach £2000 for the National Autistic Society. We will all be supporting her on Sunday – look out for her on the TV coverage of The London Marathon this Sunday please. Our very best of wishes!

## Staffing

I am very pleased to inform you that we have successfully recruited teachers to join our Yorke Mead Team from September. We are excited to be welcoming Mr Walterus, Miss Buckman and Mrs Barnes, who bring a wealth of exciting experience, to Yorke Mead. Mrs Haynes and Mrs Sutton have also been successful in securing a place on a teacher training course that allows them to convert their degrees to qualified teacher status – both of these staff will be completing this training at Yorke Mead. At this time when schools are struggling to appoint teachers, Yorke Mead continues to be very well staffed and attractive to strong candidates. The new teachers will be visiting throughout the term. As soon as we are able to I will inform you of the teachers and classes for next year.

### Learning Next Week:

Whole School Learning Behaviour: **Learning from our mistakes!**

#### Nursery- Acorns

Focus - *The Gruffalo, Gruffalo cakes, dough snakes, length, Gruffalo feely bag, letter u*

#### Reception- Willow & Lime

Focus – *Bedtime for Monsters, counting backwards, 1 more/1 less 2 more/ 2 less, understanding characters, revisiting counts*

#### Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English – *Traction Man story boxes*  
Phonics & Spelling – *Revision of sounds*  
Maths – *Patterns*  
Topic – *Grace Darling*  
P4C- *Can anyone be a hero!*

#### Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

English – *Lily & the Secret of the Rain story mapping*  
Phonics & Spelling – *words that are exceptions to the rule.*  
Maths – *Symmetry in 2d shapes*  
Topic – *African summer*  
P4C- *Story stimulus*

#### Year 3 – Sycamore

English – *Comparing explanative texts*  
Phonics & Spelling – *prefix -un*  
Maths – *Angles / parallel & perpendicular lines*  
Topic – *Earth's structure. Parts of a flowering plants*  
P4C- *Mindful moments*

#### Year 4 – Pine & Maple

English – *Introduction to newspaper reports*  
Phonics & Spelling – *'ship' and 'head' suffix*  
Maths – *Co-ordinates and translations*  
Topic – *Introducing rivers*  
P4C- *Mindful spelling*

#### Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

English – *Discussion text*  
Phonics & Spelling – *'able' suffix*  
Maths – *Rounding and Roman numerals*  
Topic – *Ancient Greek democracy*  
P4C- *What is Beowulf's biggest strength*

#### Year 6 - Oak

English – *Writing a short story based on 'Alma'*  
Phonics & Spelling – *Revising spelling patterns*  
Maths – *Measures and data*  
Topic – *Andy Warhol Pop art*  
P4C- *A stimulus about positivity*

## Au Revoir ...not Goodbye!

On Wednesday we say 'au revoir' to Mrs Steere. This amazing lady has been supporting children at Yorke Mead for over 20 years in the classroom and out of it. The talents of this lovely lady are endless and there are not enough words to explain what Mrs Steere brings to Yorke Mead. She is retiring early to enjoy time with her family. We hope however to see her regularly in the future.

## School Clubs

The club letters have been sent home tonight. Please return these on Monday (8.30am onwards, first come, first served) – remember we aim to ensure every child has one club before offering a second club so please list your clubs in order of preference.

## Lost Property

Please check the lost property tub, it is now completely over-flowing. Items with no name that are left will be donated to charity in the next 10 days or so.

*Lucille Pollard*  
Head teacher