



## Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### *This Week at Yorke Mead*

#### *Super Sports Stars*

Congratulations to all of our children nominated for the Sports Partnership Awards this year. It was wonderful to see so many children celebrating their sporting success, and I am sure they found Beth Tweddle, Olympic gymnast, an inspiration to listen to! Emanuel (Y6) was our Outstanding Sportsman; Joe (Y6-) Play Leader of the Year; Ellie (Y5) -Outstanding Sporting Achievement and our Gymnastic Team was nominated for Team of the Year. A huge congratulations to everyone, especially the gymnastics team who took second place across the Partnership! Best wishes to the KS1 Team who will compete in the County Finals next Thursday.



#### *Year 5 - London Eye*

Year 5 braved the rain and London Underground delays to visit the London Eye yesterday. This amazing experience, inspired by their book *The London Eye Mystery*, gave the children chance to experience this wonderful attraction first hand.



#### *Skipping Day*

We have kicked off our Health and Wellbeing Week with a skipping day! This is both a fun and amazing way to keep ourselves fit and healthy.



#### *The Revels*

Thank you and a huge 'Well done' to our Year 6 parents and children and to Elena (Y4) for representing Yorke Mead at the Revels this year. Elena looked simply stunning as the Revels Princess and Year 6's float sailed away with the first prize. It was also wonderful to have so many children walking behind the float in the parade. Thank you to everyone involved.



#### *Year 3 Assembly*

Well done to our Year 3 classes who entertained their parents with an assembly all about what they had learned this year. The assembly featured singing, dancing, gymnastics, art, science, acting as well as their well-presented dialogue. Thank you to parents who turned out to watch the event; I am sure you were very proud of your children.



## Dates for your diary

### This week

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June - Health & Wellbeing Week  
Year 6 to Chessington

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> June - Y2 to Whipsnade Zoo  
KS1 Gymnastics team to County Finals  
Yr5/Yr6 Athletics Ricky School

### Up and coming events

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July - Y1 Elder to Cassiobury Park

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

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> July - Y5 to Ricky School Music Day  
Y4/5 performance (evening)  
Yr1 SBirch to Cassiobury Park

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July - Piano Concert 2:30 pm

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

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July - Bastille Day Celebrations  
Y3 Laurel Music Concert

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July - Transition Day (Children meet the teacher day)

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July - Open Afternoon 2:00pm  
Reports home

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Leavers Evening

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

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July - Celebration Assembly 9:15am

Try talking to your child  
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Thank you to the parents who attended our E-Safety evening this week. I am sure they will agree it was an informative and eye opening event! A key message of the evening was for parents to keep communication open between you and your children, so that if they are worried about anything they know they can always talk to you. It means stating the obvious. Slides for parents from the evening will be available on our website. Please do take the time to read these.

## HEALTH and WELL BEING WEEK KEY EVENTS

Monday	YOGA		YOGA	Y3S Sandwich Shop
	Parent Child workshop FS/ KS1 9:15 am	R	Rec Ball Skills	
Tuesday	KS2 Carousel Foundation Stage Walk		FS/KS1 Carousel	Parent Child workshop KS2 2:30 pm
Wednesday	SPORTS DAY		SPORTS DAY	
Thursday	OAA	OAA	OAA	OAA
	Parachute Games Nursery/Rec		Y5/6 Athletics Ricky School	
Friday	KARATE (KS2 teachers in Y4) Early Years Yoga		KS2 Tough Mudder session Parents must sign for their children to be included and complete change of clothes provided	

Events highlighted are open for parents to join us

## Sport's Day

Sports Day will Kick off at 10:15 am with Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 completing their traditional track events and Key Stage 2 completing swimming and multi skills events. At 12:00 the family picnic will begin (FS and KS1 children please collect your children from their classrooms) and at 1:15pm children swap places and KS2 children take to the track and FS/KS1 complete their multi skills.

Parents of FS/ KS1 children who are able to help in the afternoon please talk to your class teacher as your help may well be appreciated. We will have a presentation of the cup to the winning team at the end of the afternoon.

Fingers crossed for a dry day!

At Sports Day you are welcome to take photographs of your children, but please remember the school policy that these photographs are for your own use and must not be transmitted electronically or placed on the internet in any form including social media.

# Health and Well-being Week

Our Health and Well-being week kicked off with a skipping day for Y1 to Y6 today!

For the next week our children will focus on ways to keep themselves both physically and emotionally well. A timetable is attached below to help you know the kind of things your children will be doing. There are opportunities for you to join in with our parent/child workouts. There is no need to book – simply turn up with your gym kit and trainers!!!

The week will finish with a Tough Mudder event for KS2. This will be an assault course through the mud! We can expect the children to get **VERY DIRTY!!!** This event is open to key stage 2 children who wish to take part but because of the dirt that will be involved they must have a complete change of clothes and **parents must complete and return the slip attached – without this slip children will not be permitted to take part.** Parents are invited to watch at 2:00pm.

During the week your children will complete a Mind Up session each day and will also learn about healthy eating habits. Support your children by planning and preparing together some healthy meals and considering healthy alternatives to snacks.

**For Health & Wellbeing Week children should come to school everyday in their PE kits.** On Sports Day they wear their PE kit but with a t shirt to match their team colour – red, yellow, green or blue. Why not join them by wearing their team colour when you come along to support them? Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July they may come to school in a sports kit of their choice (Football kit, tai kwon doh suit etc).

**At any of the events you are welcome to take photographs of your children, but please remember the school policy that these photographs are for your own use and must not be transmitted electronically or placed on the internet in any form including social media.**



## A Champion Visits Yorke Mead

Today Yorke Mead was honoured to be visited by Trevor Tunnington, the Australian Champion Stand Up Paddle Boarder, and holder of the Fastest Paddler on Earth title. This 19 year old champion shared with the children the story of how as a child he had very little confidence and low self-esteem. His story was one of a boy who had tried many sports and been left feeling like sport was not for him. At the age of 15 he discovered a new sport, stand up paddle boarding, and as a result of hard work, determination and a willingness to keep getting back on every time he fell off he has discovered a passion and a skill that takes him all around the world. The messages of the Power of Yet, that talent is a result of hard work and our DARE TO values was clearly demonstrated by this marvellous young man. Thank you to Trevor for taking time out to visit us and to Jarred (Y4) and Mrs Phillipson for making this visit possible. Trevor was a true inspiration!

## Industrial Action

Yesterday, you may be aware, the NUT announced that members have taken the decision to take industrial action on July 5<sup>th</sup>. We cannot tell you whether any classes or the school will be affected by this action. There is no requirement for staff to give me notice but as soon as I know I will let you know.

## Safety First

I am sorry to end this newsletter on a negative point. Many of you will have seen me in the car park and on the road outside of school recently. Sadly this has been necessary due to the behaviour of a few parents who are parking inconsiderately and without regard for the safety of the children and other road users. This has included stopping in the middle of the road to drop children off; parking on double yellow lines; parking across drive ways and blocking in residents or preventing them from accessing their drives; double parking preventing access for fire engines and ambulances and using the school car park.

I am fully aware that it is very difficult to park outside of school, and I know the weather has been particularly poor recently. However, how many of you really do need to drive to school? If you do need to drive, is it really essential to park right outside of the school gate? Leaving home just a few minutes earlier would mean you can park just a short distance away, safely, and give your child a short walk to school. This week is health and well being week. Model to your children the best way of exercising there is – simply walking!

A few families need to use the school car park, and have blue disability badges. If you are one of these parents please ensure you have informed the school office and display the badge in your window as there are more of you than there are disabled parking spaces.

Please could I ask all parents to put the safety of the Yorke Mead children first and to consider our neighbours when they park their cars and drop or collect their children at school.

*Lucille Pollard*  
Head teacher

# TOUGH MUDDER

Key Stage 2 Only

Child's Name.....

Class.....

I confirm that: -

- I would like my child to take part in the Tough Mudder activity
- I understand that my child may get extremely dirty doing this activity
- I will provide a complete change of clothes for my child to wear in this activity – that I do not mind getting extremely muddy.

Signed ..... Date.....