



Newsletter

Thursday 24th March 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

EASTER CRAFT MORNING

Thank you to parents who were able to join our Early Years and KS1 classes for an Easter Craft session. Parents seemed to have a lovely time, and the atmosphere was very calm and enjoyable.



BUDDY GROUPS

Well done to Year 6 children who organised a spring themed craft session for their buddy groups. Buddy groups involve children from all year groups coming together, which supports the children in knowing people from all year groups whilst giving the older children a role in supporting and explaining to their younger peers.



Dates for your diary

Events this week

--- *** --- EASTER WEEKEND 25th – 28th April --- *** ---

W/b Monday 28th March Drug and Medicine Week
Thursday 31st March Dance Morning (Y1 to Y6) 9.15am
Friday 1st April: End of Term 2:15 pm

--- *** --- EASTER BREAK 4th – 15th April --- *** ---

Try talking to your child about...

Believing in themselves

Children in Key Stage 2 spent assembly time thinking about the power of self-belief. Encourage your child's potential by reminding them to try to believe they can do –you can because you think you can!



THANKYOU for TREE...ting us

Thank you so much for your generous donations whilst you attended parents consultations this week. Many parents donated generously and a total of £84.68 was raised to buy fruit trees for our new allotment area. This amount has been dramatically boosted by a further £100 donation from a parent who, having seen trees being pulled down for the rail link, wants to support the environment so we have £184.68 to spend on trees.

One family asked if they were able to provide a tree of their own, and a beautiful peach tree was delivered to school by FOYM today. We will be organising the trees over Easter and hope to get them planted straight after Easter. We also hope to get compost delivered over the Easter break so that we can start planting asap. Mrs Yates and Mrs Steere will be giving pupils keen on gardening the chance to join them over some lunchtimes.

Dance Date!



We are pleased to have a date for our annual dance morning. This year our dance theme will be to Disney tracks and will take place on 31st March at 9:15 am. The whole event lasts no longer than one hour at the most – please only attend if you are able to stay for every year groups performance. This year our dances are inspired by Walt Disney.

Children who are part of Croxley School of Dance may bring certificates they were recently awarded into school to be presented to them in assembly on Thursday next week. This will not be at the dance morning but will be in the whole school assembly following this.

Learning Next Week: *Drug and Health Education Week*

Nursery- Acorns

Key Focus : *Medicine*

Who gives us medicine

Who looks after us when we are ill

What should we do if we find something that looks like sweets

Reception- Willow & Lime

Key Focus : *Medicine*

Who gives us medicine

Who looks after us when we are ill

What should we do if we find something that looks like sweets

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

Key Focus : *Medicine and keeping clean & healthy*

Who gives us medicine- what is it?

Washing our hands

Staying clean and healthy

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut

Key Focus : *Medicines*

Prescription medicines

Sweets and tablets – not eating what you don't know something is

Medicine packaging's/ dosage

Role play

Safety poster

Year 3 – Sycamore & Laurel

Key Focus : *Smoking*

Healthy and unhealthy lifestyles

Effect of tobacco on our bodies

Understanding what is in a cigarette

Side effects of smoking

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

Key Focus : *Alcohol*

Healthy and unhealthy lifestyles

Quiz

Resisting peer pressure (role play)

Creating non alcoholic cocktails

Understanding units related to alcohol

Year 5 - Rowan

Key Focus : *Drug awareness*

What is a drug?

Understanding what drugs might do to our bodies

Peer pressure, creating a leaflet

Year 6 - Oak

Key Focus : *Drug awareness*

Nurse visiting to speak to children

Peer pressure – strategies to resist

Creating a leaflet

School Clubs

Please remember that after Easter we will be re-enrolling for our school clubs. There will be a new club letter and with the onset of the summer term (and hopefully better weather), a new selection of clubs for the children.

Children's University

Remember that Yorke Mead clubs all count towards the Children's University hours. Have you remembered to log all of the hours your child has done? The graduation date will soon be here!



4 pint milk cartons

Miss Winter would like as many 4 pint milk cartons that you can provide to enable her to recreate her wonderful igloo! As the igloo will be a feature of Year 2 for a number of weeks please ensure the milk cartons are all well washed out – the smell of stale milk is really not very pleasant.

Please ask your children to take any milk cartons you can provide to Year 2. Thank you



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