



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Thursday 24th November 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead



World War I Day

Year 5 looked amazing in their World War I costumes this week as they experienced what life would have been like to be involved in World War I. From Red Cross nurses to soldiers in the trenches, the children had the chance to learn more about life in the trenches, the impact of the war and the incredibly uncomfortable uniforms worn.



Chairman of Three Rivers Council Visits

Key Stage Two were able to learn a little local history this week when the Chairman of Three Rivers District Council visited and showed the children the Chain of Office. Explaining how the chain tells the story of the history of our local area he was able to give new snippets of information to both the children and myself. Afterwards he met our school council and viewed the school. His visit will be recorded in the Chairman's log.



Fabulous Home Learning

Year 2 have produced some fabulous work in their home learning projects linked to The Great Fire of London. The real benefit of these projects is in parents and children working together - learning together!



Dates for your diary

This week

- 25/11/16 **SCHOOL CLOSED OCCASIONAL DAY**
- 29/11/16 Bright Stars last session (Y4 group) – 1:00pm (parents involved have been informed)
- 2/12/16 Non Uniform Day
School clubs finish

Up and coming events

- 7/12/16 Reception Nativity 2:00pm
- 8/12/16 Reception Nativity 9:30 am
KS2 Carol Concert Rehearsal
- 9/12/16 Nursery Nativity 10:00 am
KS2 Carol Concert All Saints Church - afternoon
- 10/12/16 FOYM Christmas Fayre
- 14/12/16 KS2 to Panto –am
Year 2 Nativity 2:00pm
- 15/12/16 Christmas Lunch
Year 2 Nativity Evening 6:30pm
- 16/12/16 Year 1 Christmas Assembly 9:15 am
Christmas Café
Xmas Jumper Jay
- 19/12/16 Rec and KS1 Celebration Assembly 9:00am
- 20/12/16 KS2 Celebration Assembly 9:00am
- 21/12/16 Term Ends 2:15pm

Try talking to your child about...

The local area & where they live

Many children are not able to talk confidently about the local area or know where they live. Spend a little time talking about Watford and Three Rivers, the sights and features of our local area. Talk to them about the rivers and parks, and help them to understand how close we are to London compared to other major cities.



Christmas Post

We will be opening our post boxes on 1st December for Christmas cards. PLEASE ensure your child writes surnames and registration group on the envelope.



Non Uniform Day

FOYM would like your support to bring in things for the Christmas Fayre. In exchange for wearing non uniform they ask you to donate a bottle for the stalls. Further details have been sent by FOYM.

The end of an era!

This week we say a very sad farewell to Mrs Wrangles, who will be hanging up her teaching assistant badge as she retires from the post after 26 amazing years at Yorke Mead. Mrs Wrangles works mainly with the older children, and her expertise and fantastic organisation skills will be sorely missed. She has supported the PGL trips for both years 5 and 6 for so many years, looking after the children on , for many, their first nights away from home. She ensures we have all we need for our SAT tests and Mr Rees, whom she worked with for much of the past years, simply doesn't know how he would have survived without her!

Mrs Wrangles, like many of our team, has been a Yorke Mead parent as well as a member of staff. She is never without a smile or a wise word of encouragement. We will miss her, though fortunately not for too long – she will be returning to help with the visit to the pantomime at the end of term. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a happy retirement; may she enjoy a little rest and many great adventures.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to those parents who attended the parent consultations – these events are so very important, helping you to know how your child is doing and to share in the joy of learning for them.

We trialed a new layout this year, in an attempt to cut down the noise, which seemed to work. Your thoughts and comments would be appreciated please.

Last week of clubs

Next week will be the last week for the school run clubs. This is due to the number of school events happening after school such as choir and Christmas plays. Christmas is a busy time at school and teachers need to time to prepare for these events. Children also begin to get very tired – so an earlier return home is always a good thing. Paid for clubs will continue as advised in the original letters.

Children In Need

Thank you to everyone for your support last week. Yorke Mead raised £418.00 for Children In Need



Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns

Learning Behaviour- *To learn about the power of 'yet'*
Focus - *Learning our play, singing songs, learning words and cutting activities*

Reception- Willow & Lime

Learning Behaviour- *Being kind and helpful to our friends*
Focus – *Counting to 20, number recognition, reading and writing letters to Santa*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

Learning Behaviour: *L*
English – *Halibut Jackson – creating own character*
Phonics & Spelling – *wh, ph, ir*
Maths – *Time – o'clock and half past*
Topic – *Toys from the past*
P4C –

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

Learning Behaviour: *Challenging ourselves*
English – *Claude in the City*
Phonics & Spelling – *'all' spellings*
Maths – *Division*
Topic – *Making fire engines axles*
P4C – *Anti -bullying*

Year 3 – Sycamore

Learning Behaviour: *Mindful listening*
English – *Non chronological reports*
Phonics & Spelling – *sion/tion*
Maths – *Time*
Topic – *Map Roman Empire*
P4C – *Stimulus –dad helps his son*

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

Learning Behaviour: *Finishing work on time*
English – *using paragraphs*
Phonics & Spelling – *Adding - ation*
Maths – *Fractions*
Topic – *Germany*
P4C – *Self-esteem and confidence linked to Halibut Jackson*

Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

Learning Behaviour: *Knowing where to get help*
English – *Poetry performance*
Phonics & Spelling – *silent letters*
Maths – *Multiplication & Division*
Topic – *Women in WWI*
P4C – *Stimulus : Conscientious objectors*

Year 6 – Oak

Learning Behaviour: *To check work carefully*
English – *Skellig – - writing conversation*
Phonics & Spelling – *tricky words*
Maths – *Angles*
Topic – *Mayan Day*
P4C – *Anti bullying stimulus*

School Stage almost there!

Many of you will now have seen our new stage. The final touches with sound and curtains will be added in the next week and we will be good to go in time for Christmas. This project could not have been possible without YOU! – or more precisely without FRIENDS OF YORKE MEAD. It is the generous work of the FOYM that have made this possible and have funded the stage. Thank you all so much.

Lucille Pollard
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