



Yorke Mead School



Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2018

Dates for your diary

This week

W/b 5th February
 Yr5 Cycle Training 9-12
 Drug & Health Education
 Tuesday 6th February
 Safer Internet Day
 Friday 9th February
 Y1 India Day
 Y3 Stone Age Day
 Valentine Disco
 W/b 12th February
 Half Term

Up and coming events

Wednesday 21st February
 Y5 Intra Sports
 Friday 23rd February
 Rickmansworth Music
 Festival Rehearsal YM
 W/b 26th Feb
 Book Fayre
 Thursday 1st March
 World Book Day :
 superheroes
 Friday 2nd March
 Maths Morning
 Thurs 8th March
 Yr 5 Tag Rugby
 Rickmansworth School
 W/b 12th March
 Art and Literature Week
 Parent Consultations
 Thursday 29th March
 Break for Easter 2:00pm

This week at Yorke Mead!

Year 1 Temple Visit

Our Year 1 children this week visited the Neasden Temple as part of their India topic. This will be followed up next week with an India Day in school.



Behaviour Policy



You may be aware that we made some slight adaptations to our Behaviour Policy in September, as we trialled not having the cloud and other negative aspects of the system. The focus was shift to natural consequences of actions to try to help children understand the implications of their actions. The governors have recently reviewed the policy and the new policy will be accessible on the website. I have sent a copy to parents electronically to ease your access to this. Parents who do not receive electronic mail from school may request a paper copy at the office.



Chocolate Spread

If you are sending your child into school with chocolate spread in their sandwich please ensure that it is not Nutella or other nut containing spread. Some of our children have nut allergies and simply being in contact with nuts is enough to bring on a reaction; they don't have to have eaten it! We do not wish any child to be put at risk and request everyone respects this. Thank you.

Learning Next Week: **DRUG and HEALTH EDUCATION WEEK**

Whole School Learning Behaviour: **Be Safe – understand the importance of saying 'no' at times**

Nursery- Acorns

Focus - *Chinese New Year retelling the story and the festival, Number 2 and letter 1*

Reception-Lime & Willow

Focus – *People who help us, talking about medicines, Night Pirates story prediction, adding using a number line*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English: *Non chronological reports*
Phonics & spelling: *u-e*
Maths: *Days, weeks, months*
Science: *Drug and Health education. Keeping clean*
Topic: *India day*
P4C Focus : *Was the fox right to eat the gingerbread man*

Year 2 –Cedar &Horse Chestnut

English: *Shape poetry*
Phonics & spelling: *Spelling of numbers 1-100*
Maths: *Statistics*
Science: *Potion experiment linked to drugs week*
Topic: *Design a musical instrument*
P4C Focus : *Drugs and health awareness*

Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore

English: *Writing own instruction text*
Phonics & spelling: *common misspelt words*
Maths: *Properties of 2d shapes*
Science: *Data logging*
Topic: *Drug and health week - smoking*
P4C Focus : *Drug and health week. The Internet*

Year 4 – Maple

English: *Writing a letter in role*
Phonics & spelling: *Prefix sub-*
Maths: *Properties of 2D shapes*
Science: *Volume/ sound and drugs week (alcohol)*
Topic: *Designing a musical instrument*
P4C Focus : *Drugs week*

Year 5 –Ash & Rowan

English: *Drug safety presentations*
Phonics & spelling: *ial suffix eg partial*
Maths: *Compare and order fractions*
Science: *Life Cycles; Jane Goodall*
Topic: *Drugs and health awareness*

P4C Focus : *Drug and health education*

Year 6 –Red Oak & White Oak

English: *Drug awareness explanation text*
Phonics & spelling: *i before e rule*
Maths: *Reflection and translation*
Science: *Drug education*
Topic: *Periods of British History Research*
P4C Focus : *Peer pressure stimulus*



Eco - Council

We live in a throw-away society and recently there has been much press about the damage we are doing to the planet we live on. On Monday this was the focus of my assembly and many children have come forward hoping to be part of a new Yorke Mead Eco Council. This is important and our world is in our hands for our future – and our children need to look after this world for our grandchildren. If any parent has any interest in this and would be keen to work with us, I would love to hear from you.

Celebration Assemblies

As our numbers have grown we have reflected on the celebration assemblies. We have come to the decision that we will give certificates in a children only assembly in future, as we do at Easter. I am concerned that our musicians do not lose their opportunity to perform so we are currently considering how we can accommodate this, as it is an important part of playing an instrument. We will be in touch in summer about this.

Lucille Pollard
Head teacher

Vandalism

Thank you to the members of the Community who have been keeping their eyes peeled for our site security. I am pleased to tell you that we have received notice that some of the youths involved have been served with orders and that hopefully things will improve. Your support has been so important and is greatly appreciated.

