



# Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## This Week at Yorke Mead

### Super Gymnasts

We are so proud of the two gymnastics teams – who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place (KS1) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place (KS2) at the recent gymnastics festival yesterday. The whole team performed really well and should be feeling very proud of how they did! Thank you to Miss Vettese who coached and helped the gymnasts prepare for the competition.



### Super Story Telling

Jayden in Nursery can retell the whole of the gruffalo, in sequence, with such lovely animation to his voice. He clearly loves this story. Well done Jayden!



## Dates for your diary

### This week

W/b 8<sup>th</sup> May – Key Stage 2 SATs week  
 Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May - Year 4 Art Workshop  
 Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May – Rabbi visiting Year 2

### Up and coming events

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May – Yr 4 to River Chess  
 Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 to Chessington  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May – Non uniform day  
     Play Leader Training (Y5 Rowan)  
 Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> May – FOYM Spring Fayre  
 Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Perform Dance workshop  
 Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Play Leader Training (Y5 Ash)  
 Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May – Yr 4 to Clay Lane  
 Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 Assembly to parents  
     Kwik Cricket  
 w/b 29<sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM

# WOW!

### Thinking of others!



Freya (Y5) and Meryl (Y3) last weekend took part in a bubble run to raise money for St Francis Hospice. It is wonderful to see children helping others and getting good exercise as they do it. Well done Freya and Meryl!

Mrs Bolitho has raised over £2000 to support research into Huntington's Disease and is donating her hair to charity to support children's cancer care. Such a brave decision – well done Mrs Bolitho!



## Fidget Spinners

Having had a week of the fidget spinners in school we have decided that they are too distracting for the children. Whilst we understand that they are intended to help children concentrate – this isn't happening as we would hope. It may be that your child is helped but the child next to them is distracted by the toy. We have fidget tools in school that we give to children who need them. We will allow the fidget spinners to be brought to school for use at playtimes **but these will need to be kept in the children's bags during lesson time** – school fidget tools will be used if the **child** needs one. I suggest you label your child's fidget spinner as many children now have

these, and it is inevitable that confusion will begin to occur.

## Safety First

We are teaching the children how to be safe and explaining that the road through the car park is a road and like any other road should not be walked on. A number of children have reported that they have told their parents that they shouldn't walk through this way but parents have not listened to this. Before there is an accident resulting in an injury, stop walking through the car park. Please use the pedestrian access. Parents and grandparents should not be parking in the school car park.



## School Uniform

I understand that there has been quite a lot of discussion on social media about whether a combination shorts/dress style playsuit would be appropriate for school and allowed under school uniform rules. I would not see any difficulties with one of these in the style displayed in the image – this seems a comfortable, smart and practical solution for the girls' summer uniform. I hope this helps to clarify the situation for parents.

## Clubs

We are very proud of our clubs and the fact that we offer so many of them free of charge. It is sad therefore that the office have this week had a number of parents complaining that on this occasion there was no space for their child. Please do not shoot the messenger. We are very open to ideas about how we can improve the allocation of clubs. We currently ensure each child has one club, as far as possible, before allocating a second club to children. If you feel you have an idea for a system that would work more fairly for all please jot your idea down and let me know, or make an appointment to see me. Remember, the staff are running these clubs during their own time, unpaid and simply for the benefit of your children. Most parents I am sure are very happy – please do not blame the office for your disappointment.

### Learning Next Week:

**Whole School Learning Behaviour:** *Checking our work carefully*

#### Nursery- Acorns

**Focus** - Woodland stories, looking for natural materials/ sorting materials, pond life, imagining characters

#### Reception- Willow & Lime

**Focus** – Predicting how stories might help, heaviest and lightest, bears around the world, revision of sounds covered so far.

#### Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

**English** – Retelling Traction Man

**Phonics & Spelling** – Sound revision

**Maths** – Adding and subtracting numbers

**Topic** – Real life heroes – Grace Darling

**P4C** - Would you rather be a super hero or a real life hero?

#### Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

**English** – Checking our writing makes sense and punctuations

**Phonics & Spelling** – S

**Maths** – Word problems

**Topic** – Location of Kenya and world maps

**P4C** - Stimulus photos of Kenya

#### Year 3 – Sycamore

**English** – Different viewpoints through poetry

**Phonics & Spelling** – Prefix dis-

**Maths** – Shape & symmetry

**Topic** – email communications/ plants and water transference

**P4C** - English stimulus linked

#### Year 4 – Pine & Maple

**English** – Planning own newspaper report

**Phonics & Spelling** – Suffixes

**Maths** – Multiplication & Division

**Topic** – Rivers around the world

#### Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

**English** – The Adventures of Odysseus – play scripts & oral storytelling

**Maths** – recognising/drawing/finding angles

**Topic** – Water resistance/The Battle of Marathon

**P4C** - Democracy

#### Year 6 - Oak

SATS

**Topic** – Pop art inspired sculptures

**PE and P4C**

## Do you have green fingers?

There will be many things we miss about Mrs Steere – but none more so than her green fingers. Mrs Yates also has green fingers, but sadly only 10 of them, and our allotment does demand a little more than that.

If any parent wishes to volunteer to help look after our lovely allotments we would love to have you. I am sure Mrs Steere will pop back and help occasionally but your help would be very much appreciated. Please contact the office if your green fingers are itching to help! Thank you



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