



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 9th September 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

Year 5 PGL

Our Year 5 children have spent the last 3 days challenging themselves and discovering new things about themselves as they faced rope swings and assault courses at PGL. There are no photos yet as the children don't return until later today but I am confident they are all having a fantastic time, learning to be independent and enjoying all the fun of the great outdoors!



Well Done Ayaz

During summer Ayaz (Yr 4) secured silver medal in the Taekwondo England Open competition. This is the first of a Grand Prix series of National Championships. At the end of the year the top two seeded players will be invited to fight off for the England Open Title Belt. Good luck and Well done Ayaz!



Dates for your diary

This week

Tues 13th Sept - Roald Dahl Day
9:15 am Reading with parents ks1/ks2
2:30 pm Reading with parents Reception children

Up and coming events

Thurs 22nd Sept - Purcell School to work with Y4
Tues 22nd Sept - Reception Parents Reading Info morning
Thurs 29th Sept - Y4 to British Museum
Fri 30th Sept - Book Swap Day
Fri 7th Oct - Harvest Festival KS1 9:15 am
KS2 2:15pm

Try talking to your child about...

Your favourite books

Talking about books and letting children see you read is a very valuable way to help your children to see that reading is important to you. As you talk to them about books you can help them unlock the world of your favourite characters or amazing facts!

Handing things to the office

Please could I remind you that you can use the post box to hand things to the office. This saves you time and helps our very busy office to manage. Please use this, remembering to add names, class and purpose to the envelope before you do.

Flu Jab

A note to Years 1,2,3 that the flu nasal sprays will be given on 3rd November. Please ensure you have returned your consent form to the office. You can do this via the post box.

Have you named everything?

This week, on day two of the term, I picked up a red jumper in a play area. I was able to return the jumper to the child at YM because it was named. Please check you have named everything – it really does help!

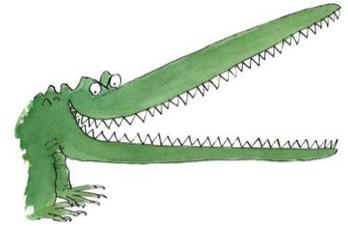
Roald Dahl Day



On Tuesday (13th September) we are celebrating the 100th year since the birth of Roald Dahl. We wrote to you in July to tell you we will celebrate this special day and that we are asking the children to dress up as a Roald Dahl character. Throughout the day we will be exploring a selection of reading activities, finding out more about Roald Dahl and his inspirations and there will be time for you to come in and share a book with your child.

The times for this are as follows : Reception classes 2:30pm
KS1 & KS2 9:15 am

What a fantastic way to launch our Read and Read More programme to encourage children to be lifelong readers.



Read and Read More!

I hope you have all seen the Welcome back newsletter that informed you of the new programme we are introducing to keep our children reading and help them develop a love of reading that will last them a lifetime. If you haven't got your three sessions in yet there is still time before Monday when we will collect reading records in for the first stamp.

Remember parents need to sign the reading record to say that your child has read/discussed a book with you. The expectations are as follows :

KS1 - Children to read to an adult at least 4 times a week

KS2 – Children to read to adult/ discuss a book with an adult at least 3 times a week

Please remember to hand reading records in every Monday morning when these will be checked to see if children have met the challenge/ expectations. If they have, in key stage 1 this will be recorded with a stamp in their book whilst in key stage 2 they will be given a sticker on their new bookmark. Once you have achieved the challenge 10 times (ie read to an adult the required number of times a week for 10 weeks) you will earn your reward. For key stage 1 children this will be a BRONZE CERTIFICATE and in KS2 it will be a BRONZE BADGE. Once you have earned your bronze award you can carry on and after another 10 weeks meeting the challenge you can earn SILVER AWARDS and then GOLD AWARDS.

Please note reading records will only be checked on a Monday!

Your children will need your help to achieve these awards; please do all you can to encourage them into a world of reading!

Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns

Learning Behaviour- *How to sit on the carpet*

Focus -*Settling in, learning how to access the environment, class rules*

Reception- Willow & Lime

Learning Behaviour – *Being an independent learner*

Focus – *Feeling safe and settled in our new environment*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

Learning Behaviour: *Getting to know our classroom*

English – *How can we help the world*

Phonics & Spelling – *High frequency words*

Maths –*Counting*

Topic – *Ourselves*

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

Learning Behaviour: *To tidy up quickly*

English – *Magic Finger – role play/debating*

Phonics & Spelling – *dge*

Maths –*place value*

Topic – *Making photo frames, map skills using school grounds*

Year 3 – Sycamore

Learning Behaviour: *Listening to others*

English – *The Green Ship*

Phonics & Spelling – *High frequency words*

Maths –*Place value and money*

Topic – *Staying healthy*

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

Learning Behaviour: *Keeping work tidy*

English – *Past tense*

Phonics & Spelling – *Adding – ing double consonant*

Maths –*Place value / addition*

Topic – *Egyptian timeline*

Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

Learning Behaviour: *Presenting work neatly*

English – *'Cosmic'*

Phonics & Spelling – *ei rule*

Maths –*Place value +/-*

Topic – *The Space Race*

Year 6 - Oak

Year 6 will be challenging themselves at PGL all week and learning to be independent

Lucille Pollard

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