

Yorke Mead School

Newsletter

Friday 9th March 2018

Dates for your diary

This week

W/b 12th March

Reminder there are NO after school clubs this week even paid ones

Art and Literature Week

Parent Consultations

Monday 12th March

Afternoon Parent

Consultations RL, Y1 E, Y2

HC, Y3L, Y5A, Y6WO

Tuesday 13th March

Afternoon Parent

Consultations

N, RW, Y1 SB, Y2C, Y3S,

Y4M, Y5R, Y6RO

Wednesday 14th March

Evening Parent

Consultations – all classes

Thursday 15th March

Voice in a Million Concert

Up and coming events

Friday 23rd March

Junior Games Maker

Training

Thursday 29th March

Break for Easter 2:00pm

This week at Yorke Mead!

Tag Rugby

Well done to Year 5 for their amazing effort at the Tag Rugby tournament on Thursday. There were a number of teams; one team came third and another came second!



Hampton Court

Year 6 had a wonderful day at Hampton Court where Tudor life was brought to life by the chance to visit this wonderful historical setting. The year 6 children have completed some amazing art work and written work in this topic- I am sure this experience will enable them to achieve and understand even more about life in that period of history.



Rickmansworth Art Exhibition

We were so proud to have some of the children's art work exhibited at the Rickmansworth Art Exhibition this week. The quality of work the children produced really was outstanding – this is the norm for Yorke Mead and we are so lucky to have Mrs Watkins leading the way with our art work. Yorke Mead's talent in art was clear for all to see at this exhibition; what a great way to kick off our school art week. Special thanks to Mrs Mistretta who helped with the display last week when Mrs Watkins was very ill. Well done to all involved.



Children's View

Each year I complete a survey with the Key Stage 2 children to get their point of view about school. The survey helps us to know how the children feel and tells us from the most important people in the school how they think we are doing. We are still analysing data but below are a few things we have found out:

92% of children feel school helps them keep fit and healthy

P4C helps a lot of people especially me – I could barely speak in class but now I can with this. We get to share and discuss our thoughts

Core breathing helps me be more focused and relaxed with my work

I feel safe as there is a strict anti-bullying policy

87% of children feel safe at school

Mindfulness helps me focus on the important things and forget the unnecessary things

P4C is helpful because we get to know other people's opinions and I start to think about what to do and what not to do

90% of children are happy to come to school

Everyone gets along and is supportive

More than 8 out of 10 children know school will deal well with bullying

Road Works



According to the website www.roadworks.org and Hertfordshire Highways team the roadwork that posters told us was due to happen this week is actually due next week on 14th and 15th March. Please keep a very close eye on the website and plan to arrive in time to walk as parking will be extremely difficult near school next week. There will be no access to the school site for anything other than emergency vehicles. The weather is improving – next week sounds like the perfect week to start to walk to school – healthy bodies and healthy minds!

Learning Next Week: **WHOLE SCHOOL ART WEEK FOCUS**

Whole School Learning Behaviour: **Looking carefully; using our imagination**

Nursery- Acorns

Focus - *Work of Paul Klee ; using 2d shapes in art , Goldilocks story and rhymes, Number 6, Phonics 2g*

Reception-Lime & Willow

Focus – *Fruit and fruit tasting , doubling. Phonics air/ure Looking at various artists*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English: *ousseau Tiger using adjectives*
Phonics & spelling: -p
Maths: *Equal numbers*
Science: *Evaluating*
Topic: *Recreating the Rousseau picture*
P4C Focus : *Tiger stimulus*

Year 2 –Cedar &Horse Chestnut

English: *Man on the Moon space pictures*
Phonics & spelling: --tion
Maths: *2d shape in art Kandinsky*
Science: *shapes and space*
Topic: *Explorers – Neil Armstrong (Lowry paintings)*
P4C Focus : *Based on explorers*

Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore

English: *Iron Man 3D art stimulus*
Phonics & spelling: -ei as in weigh
Maths: *Division*
Science: *Magnetic fiels*
Topic: *Databases*
P4C Focus : *Art stimulus*

Year 4 – Maple

English: *Poetry in role*
Phonics & spelling: -auto-
Maths: *Maths and art Mondrian (area)*
Science: *Levyn Biss artwork(insects)*
Topic: *Frame & sketch (habitats)*
P4C Focus : *Noah Barleywater stimulus*

Year 5 –Ash & Rowan

English: *Beowolf character*
Phonics & spelling: -ent/ence/ency suffix
Maths: *Multiplying fractions*
Science: *Working scientifically*
Topic: *Art week - birds*
P4C Focus : *What is a hero?*

Year 6 –Red Oak & White Oak

English: *Writing from different viewpoints*
Phonics & spelling: -p
Maths: *C*
Science: *Reflection*
Topic: *Tudor tapestry/Reformation (Henry VIII)*
P4C Focus : *'But what if' stimulus*

Ofsted

Many local schools have had their Ofsted visit, and we are expecting ours soon. Ofsted are always keen to hear the views of parents and they have a website where they ask parents to record their view of the school. It is often the case that we only hear when people are not happy and people assume that if they are happy we know this – no news is good news!

However, this gives Ofsted an inaccurate view of the school. Please everyone, log into the parents view site <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to let Ofsted know how you feel about Yorke Mead

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