



Yorke Mead School



Newsletter

Friday 10th June 2016

A Big Yorke Mead Welcome to Eva (Yr3), Victoria (Y3) and Ivy (Y4)

This Week at Yorke Mead

Reception Visit

Our Reception children had a wonderful day at Shortenhills enjoying taking stories outdoors and bringing these to life. This was a fantastic day learning outdoors in a wonderful environment



Year 3 - The BFG

Year 3 have been reading the BFG. Holly and Katia were inspired during half term to take this story and create their own BFG. This giant will now take pride of place in our school library!



Year 5 - Flour Babies

Year 5 have been learning a little about responsibility when you have someone to look after by spending their week looking after their own flour baby. We take this seriously to help the children understand a little about parent responsibility - they are also great fun, and fortunately sleep all night!



Year 4 Football Tournament

Year 4 yesterday competed in the PSD Football tournament at Yorke Mead. The team competed very well with a good sporting attitude. Well done Year 4!

Dates for your diary

This week

Tues 14 th June	Y3 to Natural History Museum
Thur 16 th June	Y6 first aid training
Fri 17 th June	FOYM Father's Day tea
Sat 18 th June	Croxley Revels

Up and coming events

Tues 21 st June	
Wed 22 nd June	Book swap morning
Thur 23 rd June	Yr5 London Eye
Fri 24 th June	Y2 music festival
Mon 27 th June	Sports Partnership Awards evening
	Health & Wellbeing Week
	Yr6 Chessington
Wed 29 th June	Sports Day
Thurs 30 th June	Yr5/Yr6 Athletics
	Y2 to Whipsnade Zoo

Try talking to your child about...

Creating new friends

Children will begin to be mixed up in classes, in some year groups, new people will join us and our Year 6 group will be leaving us. Try to help your children think about the value of being friends with lots of people rather than relying on one or two. Talk about what makes a good friend, how we can try to create links with others, and try inviting someone new to tea.

Children's University

We have a record number of pupils who have graduated this year – well done to each and every one of them. We will be sending home their invites from the Children's University. Please do try to make the graduation ceremony.

Reception Trip!

On Wednesday our Reception children ventured off for their first school trip to Shortenhills. What an adventure it turned out to be! They say things don't always run smoothly but this trip started with the kind of bang you never want. Fortunately no children were involved and no one was hurt, though the coaches looked in need of some TLC, and the trip finally set off. A HUGE thank you to the parents who were so very patient and supportive, including those who were willing to drive themselves there when we were struggling to sort out enough last minute seats. Here's to the next trip they do starting a little more smoothly!

Policy Updates!

To help keep parents up to date, and to allow you to give your thoughts and points of view, the governors have decided that when a policy is reviewed we will inform you so that you can check the policy out on the website and let us have your comments.

Recent reviews include the Attendance Policy and the Medicines in School Policy. If you wish to make any comments please send these in on the slip attached with this newsletter.



Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns

Learning Behaviour- *Trying new things*

Focus – *Mr Potato Head, vegetable printing, growing cress, naming and tasting fruit and veg*

Sound of the week 'y'

Reception- Willow & Lime

Learning Behaviour – *Challenging ourselves to take our learning further*

Focus – *Introducing 'Stanley Stick' – developing our imagination*

Phonics – *Revising ou, ai, ur, er*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

Learning Behaviour: *Taking risks in our learning*

English – *Bean diary*

Phonics – *phonics revision*

Maths – *Money & place value*

Topic – *Planting beans*

P4C – *Growing up*

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut

Learning Behaviour: *Editing out work*

English – *Lila and the Rain*

Phonics – *Possessive apostrophe*

Maths – *Shape properties*

Topic – *Africa terrain mapping*

P4C – *African homes*

Year 3 – Sycamore & Laurel

Learning Behaviour: *Knowing where to get help*

English – *Possessive apostrophe*

Phonics – *prefix - mis*

Maths – *Timetables/ multiplication*

Topic – *Digestive system*

P4C – *Video stimulus changes*

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

Learning Behaviour: *Taking risks in learning*

English – *Possessive apostrophe*

Phonics – *Suffix - ous*

Maths – *Multiplication / timetables*

Topic – *Digestive system*

P4C – *Video stimulus - changes*

Year 5 - Rowan

Learning Behaviour: *Respecting the classroom*

English – *Introduction to London Eye Mystery*

Phonics – *ably suffix*

Maths – *Percentages*

Topic – *Powering our homes*

P4C – *Growing up*

Year 6 - Oak

Learning Behaviour: *Taking responsibility for our learning*

English – *'Floodland' – using inference*

Maths – *Using a calculator / Problem solving*

Topic – *Map skills*

P4C – *Looking at gender in toys*

Baby and Toddler week

Thank you to the parents, babies and toddlers who have visited this week to help our children understand more about how they have already grown and developed, and how they will continue to do so. Your support is so valuable – and having younger siblings in school is very special for the children.

Cancer Support

Remembering a colleague

Earlier this year we were very sad to hear that one of our colleagues had lost her battle with cancer. We have decided to complete the Race for Life, (some walking, some running) and would be pleased if any of you were able to sponsor us. We set a target of £300 but that has quickly been passed so now we are heading for £1000. Please donate if you feel you can.

<https://www.justgiving.com/teams/YorkeMeadPrimarySchool>

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