



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 23rd September 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

Challenging Ourselves at PGL

Last week Year 6 were able to develop independence, discover new things about themselves and learn that they are braver than they thought as they faced the challenges of PGL and taking responsibility for themselves there. A great week was spent - full of fun!



Introducing our School Council

Well done to all the children who stood for school council this year. The quality of their presentations was very good and all should feel proud of themselves. The school councillors this year are: Jack, Louisa, Florence, William (Yr2), Bailey, Kyle (Y3) Victoria, Matthew, Sara, James (Y4), Sara, Momin, Rhys, Katherine (Y5), Hannah, Jamie, Jamie and Emily (Y6).



French in Year 3

Year 3 is the start of the formal French lessons and Year 3 have made a tremendous start. Working through role play the children have begun to speak 'en francais'. I think their enjoyment in their learning is clear to see!



Dates for your diary

This week

Tues 27th Sept 9.15 Reception Parents Reading Info morning
Wed 28th Sept - Rec and KS1 maths evening 6.30pm
Thurs 29th Sept - Y4 to British Museum
Fri 30th Sept - Book Swap Day

Up and coming events

Mon 3rd Oct - KS2 maths evening 6.30pm
Wed 5th Oct - No Pens Day!
Fri 7th Oct - Harvest Festival KS1 & Y3 9:15 am
Y4-6 2:15pm
Fri 14th Oct - Y5 to Greenwich
Mon 17th Oct - Individual photographs
w/b 24th Oct - Half Term

Try talking to your child about...

*maths and why
we couldn't
live without it!*

Try to imagine a world where there was no maths, nor any numbers? Talk about this with your children and spend a day trying to identify all the problems that this would bring. How would you know how many apples to buy? Where the channel was on the tv? How much to pay in a shop or if you had enough money? Help your children to understand the importance of maths

Harvest Festival

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ARRANGEMENTS
FOR YEAR 3
See the calendar above



Clubs

School clubs begin on Monday. If your child is not attending their club any week we do expect them to see the teacher and let them know, unless they are absent from school of course. This is to encourage politeness. Texts will be sent today from 3pm onwards to inform you the clubs your child has been allocated.

Have you registered for your child's pupil premium grant?

To ensure that your child is getting all the benefits at school they are entitled to, we ask each parent to complete the online application form (link attached below). This will ensure that children who would be eligible for pupil premium money receive this. If you are in receipt of some benefits or working tax credits your child may be eligible for the additional grant. Being registered for pupil premium brings significantly more benefits for your child beyond. Children may receive additional support for music lessons, some sporting activities and extra-curricular activities as well as additional support in the classroom and a free school meal.

Parents of younger children may feel they no longer need to apply for a free school meal, however, to receive the additional benefits application is essential. **Please can I encourage all parents (Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2) to register for universal free school meals pupil premium if they believe they are eligible, even if their child does not currently like to eat a school meal this will enable your child to receive the additional support available in other areas of school if they are eligible.**

Please use the following link: www.hertsdirect.org/ufs/ufsmain?formid=HC

Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns

Learning Behaviour- *Learning to share*

Focus - *Humpty Dumpty Nursery Rhymes , building walls, puzzles,*

Reception- Willow & Lime

Learning Behaviour – *Taking turns and sharing with peers*

Focus – *Recognising numbers, 1:1 counting to 5 then to 10. Using the creative area, mixing colours*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

Learning Behaviour: *Maintaining focus*

English – *Poetry linked with art*

Phonics & Spelling – *oi, ear, air, ure, er*

Maths – *Addition and using equipment*

Topic – *How we have changed*

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

Learning Behaviour: *Starting work straight away.*

English – *Reading shape poetry & writing their own poems.*

Phonics & Spelling – *Kn words*

Maths – *Money – totals and finding change*

Topic – *Picasso the fruit bowl – working in same style*

P4C – *The Bridge – working as a team*

Year 3 – Sycamore

Learning Behaviour: *Lining up quietly*

English – *Editing and improving our work*

Phonics & Spelling – *H*

Maths – *Addition and Subtraction*

Topic – *Extracting data in science*

P4C – *The Hungry Caterpillar stimulus*

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

Learning Behaviour: *Main*

English – *Finishing work on time*

Phonics & Spelling – *suffix - ing*

Maths – *Written methods subtraction*

Topic – *Pyramids writing in role*

P4C – *Can one mistake outweigh a life of good?*

Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

Learning Behaviour: *Presenting work neatly*

English – *Exploring issues in text*

Phonics & Spelling – *Unstressed vowels*

Maths – *Rounding & multiplication*

Topic – *The future of space travel*

P4C – *Felix's jump from space*

Year 6 - Oak

Learning Behaviour: *Using equipment to support learning*

English – *Ice Trap – investigating language in poetry*

Phonics & Spelling – *Homophones*

Maths – *Area and Perimeter*

Topic – *Extreme Earth – research natural disasters*

P4C – *The Brownlee Brothers stimulus*

Year 5 Residential Trip

For the children who are currently in Year 4 we have decided to try a different venue for the residential trip next year. In part this is to reduce the cost of the trip, as we fully appreciate that finding money for your child to attend PGL two years on the trot can be a challenge for some people. However, the main reason was to give the children a new and different experience as they currently have two PGL trips – one in Year 5 and another in Year 6. The venue is close, reducing the travel costs, and will be a one night stay. There are still a wide range of outdoor pursuits and the venue has come highly recommended. Children in Year 4 currently will soon be bringing a letter home to explain to parents in more detail and allow you to reserve a place for your child.

Parent Workshops

Next week we are running workshops to support Reception parents with reading and KS1/ Reception parents with number fluency. The following week we will run a maths workshop for KS2 parents. The dates and times are on the front sheet of this newsletter.

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