



# Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## This Week at Yorke Mead

This week we welcome Eveliina to Year 5 Rowan

### Year 4 Visit to British Museum



Yesterday Year 4 were able to bring their Egyptian topic to life with a chance to see real examples of mummies and other Egyptian artefacts. This splendid venue, with one of the best Egyptian collections is an amazing place to visit.



### Book Swap

Children have something new to read and have supported the environment by swapping a book. The joy of reading and finding a new book was plain to see. Have a good read together.



### Thank you School Council

You will recall that School Council set out last year to raise funds for the school and decided to purchase new musical instruments. These have arrived and are now in school. Thank you to the parents who supported the Funday Friday. Happy music making!



## Dates for your diary

### This week

*Please send in donations for harvest festival*

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct - KS2 maths evening 6:30pm

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - No Pens Day!

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - Harvest Festival KS1 & Y3 9:15 am  
Y4-6 2:15pm

### Up and coming events

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct - School Governor Coffee Morning 8:50 am

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Individual photographs

w/b 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Half Term

Try talking to your child about...

thinking creatively

Try to encourage your child to consider how approaching a problem from a different angle might help them find a solution. Creative thinking is about just that - thinking outside the box to find a different kind of solution.

## Parent Support Worker

Please remember Debbie Greenfield, our parent support worker, is in school Monday and Thursday mornings and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. She is here to support you - please use her! She makes a good cuppa and has the best listening ears.

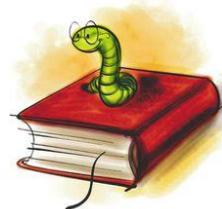


## Harvest Charity

It is hard to believe that in this day and age we still have parents who are not able to afford enough food to feed their children. Sadly however, we do. The children have agreed that they would like to support the local food banks with their harvest donations. Please donate non perishable foods such as cereal, tins, biscuits etc to allow us to support such families. Collections to the office from Monday please.

# Summer Reading Challenge

I am very proud to hear that the Croxley Green Library was a sea of red this week as children were presented with their reading challenge certificates. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the challenge; this shows a real commitment to reading and to supporting your child in developing a lifelong love of reading! If your child would like to have their certificate presented to them in assembly please send this into the school office next week and the certificates will be presented in assembly on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October as Friday is our Harvest celebration.



## Learning Next Week:

### Nursery- Acorns

Learning Behaviour- *Listening to our friends.*

Focus - *Incy Wincy Spider, Nursery rhymes, 1:1 counting, spider biscuits, talk about spiders*

### Reception- Willow & Lime

Learning Behaviour – *Taking turns*

Focus – *Ordering familiar events, numerals 1-5 and 1-10, linking sounds to letters, phonics s and a*

### Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

Learning Behaviour: *Starting work on time*

English – *Retelling story of Little Red Hen*

Phonics & Spelling – *nt, mp, nd, lp, st, lk*

Maths – *2d shapes*

Topic – *Harvest scarecrows*

P4C – *The day the crayons quit*

### Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

Learning Behaviour: *Start learning task straight away*

English – *Reading & writing shape poems*

Phonics & Spelling – *Kn*

Maths – *Multiplication & division*

Topic – *Healthy living & exercise*

P4C – *Who will lead us?*

### Year 3 – Sycamore

Learning Behaviour: *Lining up quietly*

English – *Creating our own books*

Phonics & Spelling – *Kn*

Maths – *Addition & subtraction*

Topic – *Planning healthy meals/ simple maps*

P4C – *Harvest stimulus*

### Year 4 – Pine & Maple

Learning Behaviour: *Being ready for learning*

English – *Ma'at's feather – character feelings and motives*

Phonics & Spelling – *Suffix - en*

Maths – *Data handling*

Topic – *Pharaohs*

P4C – *Sharing the Harvest*

### Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

Learning Behaviour: *Working effectively with talk partner*

English – *Newspaper reporting*

Phonics & Spelling – *unstressed vowels*

Maths – *Multiplication and fractions*

Topic – *Creating a Mars rover*

P4C – *Sharing the Harvest*

### Year 6 - Oak

Learning Behaviour: *Using equipment to support learning*

English – *Presenting and writing a news report*

Phonics & Spelling – *Homophones*

Maths – *Simplifying and ordering fractions*

Topic – *Extreme Earth and link to harvests*

P4C – *Sharing the Harvest*

## School Governor

**Do you want to make a difference to your child's school?  
Are you skilled and wish to use your skills to support others?  
Are you keen on helping shape the future of your school?**

Being a school governor is both rewarding and interesting. You find out about our school from behind the scenes and have a chance to learn more about how your school is developing and support it along the way. There is a time commitment involved but I am confident that this time is time you will find well spent and rewarding.

To help you find out more about the role we have arranged a drop in coffee morning on Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> straight after school drop off. This will be held in the dining room - please call in and find out more about the role.

**Your school needs you!**

## Parent Workshops

We have had a tremendous turn out for the two parent workshops held this week – a huge thank you to parents who attended these. It was marvellous to see so many people trying to find out more about supporting their children. On Monday evening we will be running a workshop for our Key Stage 2 parents (Years 3 to 6) which will focus on supporting your child with maths and mental fluency. Please attend if you can.

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Head teacher