



Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2018

Dates for your diary

This week

Saturday 8th September
Consortium test Y6

Saturday 15th September
FOYM fun day for new
Nursery and Reception
Classes.

Up and coming events

Wednesday 19th September
Parent workshop supporting
your child to learn
timestables 2:15pm or
3:20pm.
Year 2 to Year 5 only

Thursday 20th-Friday 21st
September
Y5 to Green Park

Friday 21st September
Jeans for Genes Day

Monday 24th September –
Friday 28th September
Y6 to PGL Residential

Thursday 4th October
Y4 Trigolf and Y5 Tag Rugby
festivals

Thursday 18th October
Individual photographs

W/b Monday 22nd October
Safety Week

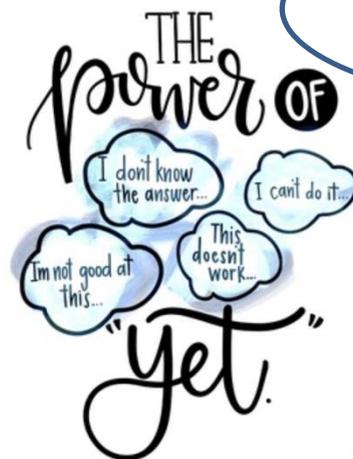
Tuesday 23rd October
Y6 to Hazard Alley

Friday 26th October
Break for Half Term

This week at Yorke Mead!

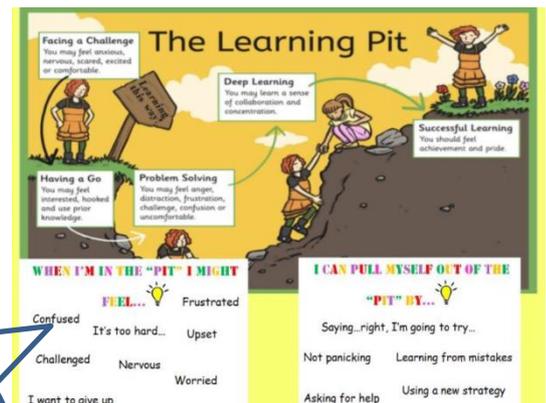
The Yorke Mead Way

At the start of the new school year we focus on reminding the children of the key features of learning at Yorke Mead. Over the next week take the opportunity to talk to your children about the following.



Don't say you can't do something – say you can't do it 'yet' – develop a growth mindset!

Being stuck in learning is part of learning. It might feel uncomfortable but it is worth persevering.



We can improve our work by going back over it – the purple polishing pen is a way of editing and developing our work.

The purple pen of progress...

- Gives you the power to:
- Respond to teacher feedback.
 - Improve the quality of your work.
 - Make progress and aspire to be the best you can be.



The 5B's – Brain Book Board Buddy Boss help to get us out of the pit, making an independent learner.

Welcome back!

Welcome back everyone after our summer break – it seemed to go so quickly, and at least the weather wasn't too bad this year. A special welcome to our Nursery, Reception and any children who joined Yorke Mead this year. We are thrilled to have you join us and excited to have the chance to get to know you.

Among our new faces is Mrs Walke who is teaching in Year 5.

We have a long term ahead of us with lots of events – please keep an eye on the school calendar panel for details. Our first event kicks off on 19th September with a timetable workshop 21st September with Jeans for Genes Day.



Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday September 21st we will be marking Jeans for Genes Day and donating money towards the research into genetic diseases. We have had a number of children who have had/have a genetic illness, including one family battling a significant illness at the moment.

Marking and supporting these events is extremely important and is a way of supporting families struggling with a genetic disease.

Children should come to school in jeans and trainers along with their normal school sweatshirt/t-shirt. Donations please – anything from a few pence to £2.00 will be sufficient.



Times tables

The National Curriculum expectations are that by the end of Year 4 children working at the expected level for their age should know their times tables and associated division facts up to 12x12. Many of our children know their tables well, but we are aware that our current system is not working for children if they fall behind, as they do not seem to be able to catch up. We have therefore adapted our system so that we use curriculum time to spend more time teaching the times tables and then we will test the children once a month. This work is being supported by a HfL Maths Adviser who will be offering two workshops for parents on Wednesday 19th

September. You will have the option of attending the workshop from 2:15 – 3:10pm or 3:20-4:10pm.

Further details will be sent out in a letter next week.



PE Kits

Please ensure your children have their PE kit in school EVERYDAY and that this is all named and stored in a drawstring kit bag. Our cloakrooms are struggling to hold all the large bags and the draw string bags keep kit much more securely in the PE boxes.

PE kits must be in a small drawstring PE bag and not in rucksacks or carrier bags as we cannot fit these in our PE boxes

Uniform

The children all looked so smart this morning in their school uniforms and it was lovely to see them looking so happy coming into school. Thank you parents for kitting your children out so well.

I did ask before summer that book bags/children's bags were small rucksack. Our classrooms will not be able to accommodate large bags once the winter coats need to come out. **Please ensure your child does not have a large bag for school.**

Pencil Cases

Many schools expect children to provide their own pens, pencils, crayons etc. At Yorke Mead we provide your children with all the equipment they need throughout the school year. This does cost a significant amount of money, but it helps to ensure all children have access to the same equipment and the same opportunities, and protects parents from the stationary shopping that can quickly add up in terms of cost £££.

With an ever stretched school budget this is proving difficult to maintain, but I do think it is worthwhile.

To help us we would like to ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of £2.00/child towards the cost of the pens, pencils, crayons, paints, felt pens, rulers, glue sticks, rubbers, whiteboard pens etc. that your children will be provided with by school. I am sad that we need to ask for this but guarantee that we will provide all your child stationary needs in school.

Please send any contributions into the school office and a big **"Thank you"** in anticipation for your support.



Congratulations

Please join us in sending our congratulations to Mrs Elliott and her husband who welcomed their second son, Albie Eric, into the world on 20th August, weighing 5lb 8oz. I am sure you will agree he is simply beautiful.

Twitter



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This is a quick and easy way we are able to keep you up to date with what is happening at Yorke Mead, and helps others know what a wonderful school we have. If you haven't found us yet search for us. Our Twitter feed can be found at @YorkeMead.

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