

# Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024



## *This week at Yorke Mead!*

### Inspiring others – encouraging a love of reading

Once every 4 weeks our pupils come together as reading partners and the older pupils encourage the younger pupils to read. With Year 5 swimming, Year 2 took the reins, reading to the reception children and encouraging their love of reading.



### *Dates for the diary*

This week	This Month	Next Month
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – dental nurse R/Y1 Eco council to Harvey Road  Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Y5 Football tournament	Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Y5 Girls football tournament	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> /Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Road Safety Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 Africa Day w/b 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May – Yr 5 WW2 Theme Day Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> May – Y2 Woburn Trip Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May – Y3 local walk Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May – Y1 Superheroes Day Yr 6 to Chessington Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – 50 <sup>th</sup> celebrations Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May and 3 <sup>rd</sup> June- INSET DAYS

# Welcome

This week we have welcomed Mrs Singleton to our teaching team. Mrs Singleton has worked at Yorke Mead for a few years providing additional support post Covid to help pupils and is now covering Miss Welsh Welling's maternity cover. She has been a FOYM chair over recent years and is a well-known member of our community. I know everyone will welcome her.

We also welcome Sienna (Y5 Ash), Maya (Y3 Laurel), Dhilen (Y2 H Chestnut) and Raghav (Lime) to the Yorke Mead family.

## Learning Next Week

### Nursery – Acorns

**Focus:** 'Long, Long Ago'- all about dinosaurs. *Story: Ten Little Dinosaurs and non-fiction books about dinosaurs. Learning dinosaur names and exploring different types of dinosaurs. Phonics: focus on the sound 'l'. Rhyme Time: '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I caught a fish alive' rhyming words. Linking numerals and amounts up to 5. Using our senses to explore fossils. Using our imagination in our outside play - dinosaur small world play.*

### Reception – Lime & Willow

**Focus:** 'Long Long Ago'-Reading Lifesize dinosaur book to learn facts and vocabulary. Using measuring equipment to find out how large dinosaurs were. Listening to music from Jurassic Park and thinking about how it makes us feel. Creating art work based on this music. Maths: using equipment to solve subtraction questions. Phonics: reading and writing CCVCC words. New tricky words: were, here, little says. PSHE: who is in our family? How can we be helpful at home?

### Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English: writing a letter of persuasion  
Phonics & spelling: alternative graphemes /ie/ and /oa/  
Maths: multiplication problem solving (2s, 5s and 10s)  
Science: observe and describe spring weather  
Wider Curriculum: How do we make a winder and what materials would we need? Who was Mary Seacole?  
PD/P4C/Growth Mindset: Is everyone significant?

### Year 2 – Cedar & Horse Chestnut

English: writing and publishing a non-chronological report on Africa elephants using sentence starters and expanded noun phrases.  
Phonics & spelling: 'zh' Prickly words - busy, pretty. Homophones - be / bee  
Maths: properties of 2D and 3D shapes.  
Science: going on a plant hunt around the grounds of Yorke Mead school.  
Wider Curriculum: How can I communicate using email? Why is Africa hot? Looking after our world linked to Earth Day on 22nd April.  
PD/P4C/Growth Mindset: What would be appropriate physical contact in my family?

### Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore

English: Researching for our Explanation texts  
Phonics & spelling: Suffix - ation  
Maths: Division  
Science: Investigation how objects move on different surfaces  
Wider Curriculum: What are sacred texts? How is a volcano formed?  
Coding - Using flowcharts  
PD/P4C/Growth Mindset: How can we negotiate conflicts in relationships?

### Year 4 – Maple & Pine

English: biography writing  
Phonics & spelling: suffix -ous, -ious, -eous  
Maths: fractions of measure & equivalence  
Science: identify types of teeth and their function  
Wider Curriculum: Who were the Victorians and when was the Victorian era?  
PD/P4C/Growth Mindset: Why and how should I express feelings of gratitude?

### Year 5 – Ash & Rowan

English: writing a balanced argument about the evacuation  
Phonics & spelling use of apostrophes for possession :  
Maths: understanding and drawing Nets. Translation of shapes.  
Science: Parts of a flower and reproduction in plants  
Wider Curriculum: What was the impact of the war on London and the local area?  
PD/P4C/Growth Mindset: Why should I use technology safely?

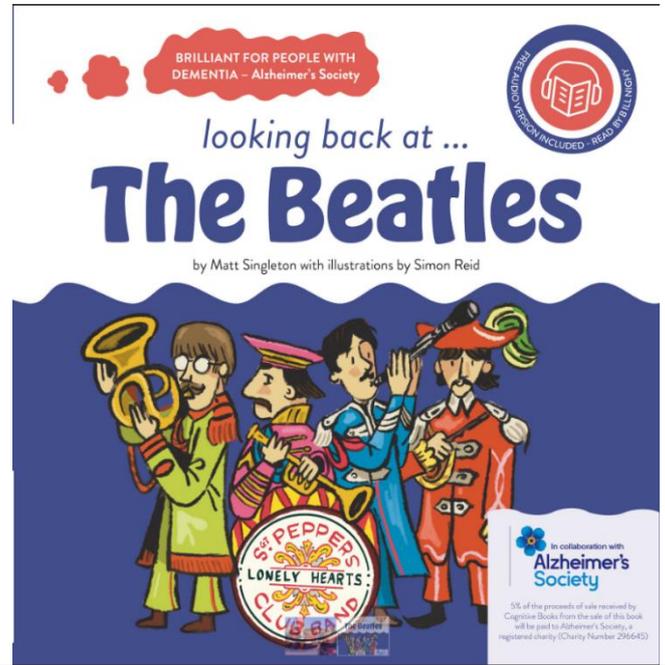
### Year 6 – Red Oak and White Oak

English: Spiderwick- non-fiction writing  
Phonics & spelling: etymology of Yr 6 words  
Maths:  
Science: how we see colour  
Wider Curriculum: How did Lichtenstein create an impact?  
PD/P4C/Growth Mindset:

# Writing and inspiring others

Did you catch father of Ben (Y5, Rowan), Matt Singleton, on BBC Breakfast on Tuesday? Matt explained how he started writing books for Ben's granddad, who has Alzheimer's Disease, and he's now launched "Cognitive Books" together with the Alzheimer's Society. Based on science, 'looking back at...The Beatles' is designed to bring joy and possible wellbeing benefits to people living with dementia. Please talk to your children about how Matt has used his writing to help others, helping the children to see some of the ways developing our writing can be used outside of school.

If you have a friend or relative who might benefit, visit [cognitivebooks.co.uk/buybooks](http://cognitivebooks.co.uk/buybooks)



# Yorke Mead 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



As you may be aware, Yorke Mead turns 50 this May. We thought it would be interesting to invite the Yorke Mead families to mark the event by entering a competition. The competition theme is '**Yorke Mead in Fifty Years Time**'. Pupils could create a storyboard, model, poem, or piece of artwork linked to the theme, which imagines how Yorke Mead will look in another 50 years time.

The official anniversary date is 13<sup>th</sup> May – this is the first day of the Year 6 SATS (something the children didn't have to do 50 years ago) and therefore, we have decided we will celebrate week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a party and we will be finding ways to mark this very special event.

The planned celebrations will look like this:

On **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** we will invite children to come to school dressed in the fashion from a decade or as a key figure/event from the time period during history of the school. So much has happened – the birth of the mobile phone; Queen Elizabeth's jubilee parties; Britain joined and left the EU; the birth of Harry Potter; the opening of the M25; England nearly won the Euro's at football!

We have allocated the decades/themes as follows:

**Year 6 – 1970's**

**Year 5 – 1980's**

**Year 4 – 1990's**

**Year 3 – 2000's onwards**

**Year 1 & 2 – Significant people/events from the past 50 years (fictional and real)**

**Early Years – Book and Disney Characters from the past 50 years**

We will be organising a tea party and there is of course the competition that is explained at the top of this article. We may have a few surprises up our sleeve too!

# Yorke Sport News

The new term has started well for Yorke Mead in sporting terms! Year 5 performed fantastically in the Tag Rugby Competition this week. All three of the Rowan teams finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their leagues and the Ash A team took 1<sup>st</sup> place in their league, qualifying for the district finals next week.



The sporting fun continues with Year 6 competing at the quick sticks hockey tournament yesterday. It was a highly competitive event and the Year 6 team had great fun!



## Well done!

Marnie, Heidi and Scarlett decided to make bracelets and sell them outside their house with a little stall. Amazingly, they raised over £135 and off their own accord decided to donate all the funds to Diabetes UK! a Charity so close to so many. They spent the day talking to people they had never met before, taking orders for bracelets, personalizing them, counting money, etc. They made £135 that day and continued to raise another £70 through further donations.





# Eco-Minute

The weather is getting a little warmer ... time to turn your heating dial off or at least down a little. Save the pennies and the planet by not wasting energy.

## *Letters sent out this week.*

Year 6 Chessington Trip  
Year 5 Welcome Letter Summer Term  
Reception Welcome Letter Summer Term  
Year 4 Welcome Letter Summer Term  
Year 3 Welcome Letter Summer Term  
Year 2 Scooterbility Sessions  
Year 5 Secondary School Test Information  
Get Set For Tennis Open Day  
Nursery Summer Term Welcome Letter  
Tempest Class Photographs  
Year 2 Woburn Safari trip  
Science Week Letter  
After-School Club Information

*Lucille Pollard*

Head teacher