

Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 19th May 2023



This week at Yorke Mead!

Oh, we love the good weather and our allotment and field!



Dates for the diary

| This week | Next Week | Next Month |
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| <p>Tues 23rd May – Y6 Chessington Y4 Play evening</p> <p>Wed 24th May Y4 Play afternoon Understanding YM approach to supporting behaviour workshop for parents</p> <p>Thur 25th May – Class/ Sports photographs</p> <p>Fri 26th May – INSET DAY</p> | <p>Half Term!</p> | <p>Mon 5th June – INSET DAY</p> |

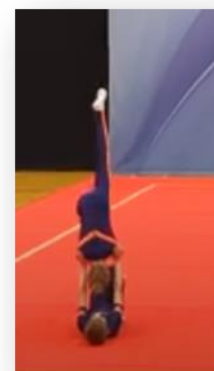
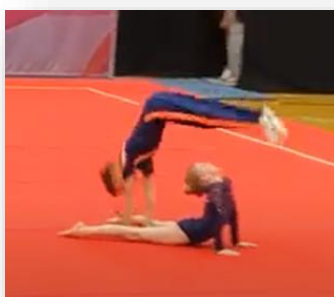
Learning Next Week

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| Nursery- Acorns Focus: Topic-Heroes and Helpers. Book of the week-A Superhero Like You! Song of the week- There Are Lots of People to help us. Visits from real life superheroes. Asking questions. Thinking about keeping ourselves healthy including our teeth. Making emergency vehicles from loose parts, talking about shapes. Thinking about how other people feel. | | Reception-Lime & Willow Focus: Topic - 'Heroes and helpers' topic.Learning about the fire and police service - hopefully being visited by both local services (Subject to there being no emergencies)Maths: odd and even numbers. Phonics: assessing all phase 4 learning to date. Practicing writing a sentence using known sounds, letter formation focus. | |
| Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch English: writing about plants Phonics & spelling: - assessment week. Maths: fractions halves and quarters Science: to understand that plants produce seeds Wider Curriculum: maps - looking at what is around and near to Croxley green. P4C/Growth Mindset: Incredible me | Year 2 –Cedar & Horse Chestnut English: applying grammar skills – contractions, conjunctions & possessive apostrophe Phonics & spelling: - contractions Maths: sequences Science: - recording findings from investigations P4C/Growth Mindset: giving & receiving compliments | Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore English: exploring 'The Bear and the Piano' Phonics & spelling: - ou grapheme Maths: time continued Science: - Wider Curriculum: DT- planning, creating and evaluating our moving monsters. Computing: continuing to design and make an interactive scene P4C/Growth Mindset: know how to express appreciation for my family and friends. | |
| Year 4 – Maple & Pine English: narrative story - Fly Eagle Fly Phonics & spelling: - 'k' spelt 'que' Maths: Roman numerals Science: tooth decay investigation Wider Curriculum: Y4 play P4C/Growth Mindset: : stepping out of my comfort zone | Year 5 –Ash & Rowan English: direct speech Phonics & spelling: - common misspelt words Maths: formal and mental strategies to problem solve Science: Jane Goodall Wider Curriculum: democracy and ostracism /human responsibility and values P4C/Growth Mindset: | Year 6 –Red Oak and White Oak English: publishing and sharing Spiderwick reports Phonics & spelling: - revision of y6 learning Maths: arithmetic Science: - Wider Curriculum: clay pop art P4C/Growth Mindset: magistrates in the community discussion | |

Wow! Amazing Talents

Quiet and unassuming, Alex and Jamie (Year 5) have been working hard and performing to an outstanding level in their gymnastics for many years. This week we saw them competing at the British Championships representing the London region. Alex is ranked 3rd nationally in Grade 1 mixed pairs and Jamie is ranked 6th nationally in Grade 2 male pairs. What an amazing achievement! Well done to them both!

The photo's are taken from videos of their routines, which can be watched at



<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL19sTFabBWU9sKUDBAgOxhy20hCM3PaH8>

A Thank You

This week a member of the community took a nasty fall. A number of members of the Yorke Mead Community (staff and parents) stepped forward to help. We have been asked by the family of the lady to thank those involved in helping her and to let you know that, although somewhat bruised, the lady is fine. From her family to you – thank you ♥

Support for Parents

On **Wednesday 24th May** we would like to give parents a chance to attend a workshop to help you understand the approach we take to behaviour and how we use this to support children to learn to manage their own behaviour.

We hope this will be a valuable session and will support you to support your children. We have decided to run two sessions both on 24th May 2023

Session 1: 2:00pm

Session 2: 7:00pm

Your help appreciated!



Nicholas Sweet from Reception Lime is holding a charity bake sale on Sunday 21st of May supporting the British Heart Foundation. Cakes will be on sale from 11 am to 1 pm opposite Cherwell Close, Dulwich Way. Please come and support this excellent cause.



Eco Council News

During the month of June our Eco Warriors want to encourage everyone to get outside, in the wild and enjoy the natural world. There are so many ways you can enjoy the outdoors; lets get out there and do it! During June we will ask children who have been 'Out and Wild' to bring a photo in to inspire others. Let's get our imaginations flowing!



This week we have been pleased to welcome Saina to Yorke Mead. Saina has joined Year 4 Pine.

Sports Day – Save the date!

I know many people like to attend the Sports Day and the picnic event that goes with it. Please add to your diary the following dates:

Early Years and Key Stage One: Wednesday 5th July

Key Stage Two: Thursday 6th July.

The events will last half a day each with a picnic in the middle.

More Sporting Stars

Abi & Aimee's (Year 6) team - St Albans Lionesses U11's entered the ESF tournament at Butlins last weekend in the U12 category for an extra challenge. They won!

This was an absolutely amazing achievement and we are so proud of them for their part. The team are now playing in the national Grand Final at St George's Park (England training ground) in June.



A special well done to Hannah (Y5) who last weekend completed a swimathon for cancer research. Hannah swam 2.5k = 100 lengths in 1 hour and 4 mins. Her family, and Yorke Mead, are so very proud of her. Hannah swam to do something positive for the benefit of others ... something that should never be underestimated in value

A sad farewell

I am sorry to inform you that Mrs Vandy, who has led the work on first access music, will be leaving her role with Herts Music Service at the end of this half term. Vicky has a long, established connection to Yorke Mead and we are so sad to see her go. We await details on who will be replacing her, but are assured that this is in hand, and know that first access will be in safe hands with Mr Davis.

Letters sent out this week

Changing Me Letter
Parent Workshop Mental Health
Watford School of Music Wind Band Day & Beginner String Day Y3-Y6
Africa Day Letter Y2

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Head teacher