

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dean Heritage Centre Trip

Just over a week ago Classes 3 & 5 enjoyed a trip to the Dean Heritage Centre to find out more about the Stone and Iron Ages!



Class 5 began with the Pre-historic Archaeology activity where they first created a timeline. They were fascinated by artefacts which were available to handle and took part in the Iron Age Experience. They made daub (from mud and water), which they threw onto the wattle walls, then enjoyed making flour by crushing/grinding grains. A favourite activity by most was

applying the war paint and charging into battle ready to attack the teachers! After lunch, children made Celtic brooches and then took part in survival activities, which included den building and fire making!



Class 3 began with a gigantic Stone Age cave painting. The children drew pictures of antelopes, cave men, foot prints and mammoths. They used charcoal from burning wood to draw and mud to paint. They went hunting and gathering in the woods with a hunter, gatherer called Alex and found out that you can drink from a birch tree, make a patty with acorns and that hazelnuts came from hazel trees. The children then tried to track down some boar by looking at



turned up mud, footprints and poo! Later in the day the children did a timeline activity. They looked at time from the Stone Age to now.

Kai - "My favourite bit of the trip was walking through the woods, because we learnt about all of the trees. I liked the Ash tree because you can make spears out of them!"



House points:

10th - 14th Sep = Green 87, Yellow 85, Red 58 and Blue 50

17th - 21st Sep = Yellow 184, Green 154, Blue 116 and Red 98

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Internet Safety:

This year was by far our best ever for parental uptake. This was either down to parents wanting the updates, or because we got our class 5 to run the show! Either way, thank you to everyone who attended. Keeping children safe is a main priority of ours, especially when it comes to online activities. If you missed it this time we will aim to repeat again at the end of the year, as by then there will be more updates to pass on. In the meantime the internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time keep fact finding yourselves. Useful links listed:



www.internetmatters.org

www.childnet.com

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/



Harvest Assembly:

Thank you for all the donations. Claire Chapman kindly took them down to Lydney Food bank this week. Thank you for the second year in a row to Lauren and William's mum for baking our Harvest Festival 'Wheat Sheaf' loaf.

All our children enjoyed sharing poems, songs and prayers, especially our youngest who sang Dingle Dangle Scarecrow in such high spirits.

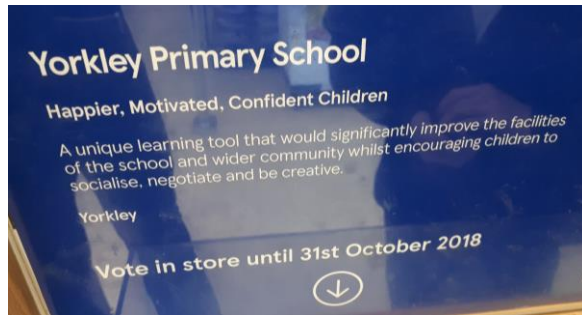


Attendance:

Overall winners:	Week beginning 10 th September	Week beginning 17 th September
Class 5	98.93%	100% - 2 nd already!
Class 4	93.60%	97.60%
Class 3	95.24%	96.00%
Class 2	98.57%	97.93%
Class 1	96.67%	93.33%

Star of the Week 21st Sep:

- Class 1: Samuel
- Class 2: Christina
- Class 3: Lailen
- Class 4: Scarlett
- Class 5: Chloe



Fundraising Tesco's

Please keep voting using the blue tokens for Yorkley School in our local Tesco's store. We remain in 2nd place with one month to go.

Sporting News:



Congratulations to Georgia for gaining her green belt in Tae Kwon-do as well as receiving Gold and Bronze medals in a recent competition.

Well done also to Emily for running in the Yorkley Gallop at the weekend.



Top of P.E - third year in a row.

We have just had confirmation we have been awarded the School Games Silver Award. For a school with under 140 children we still can't qualify for the gold due to the strict criteria of having to enter 2 teams for certain competitions. School Games are now reviewing this for next year as it disadvantages schools of our size.

Census Day - Lunches - School budget:

On Thursday 4th October we have to complete a census for the Department of Education. The Government base a portion of our budget on the number of infant children taking advantage of school dinners that day. If your child usually has packed lunches, it would hugely benefit our school if they have a cooked lunch next Thursday. If you have any questions please come and ask the office staff.

Kind regards
K. Burke
Mrs K Burke

Clubs in Autumn Term 2018

Children in years 5 and 6 can walk home after clubs however we require this in writing from a parent/carer before we allow this to happen due to the late nights drawing in already. All other children need to be met at the junior entrance at 4.00pm

	Mondays 3.00 - 4.00	Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00	Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.00	Thursdays 3.00 - 4.00	Fridays 3.00 - 4.30
After School:	Running / Cross Country Years 2-6 FREE Mrs Burke	Football Years 3-6 FREE Mr Tomley	Design Technology Years 3-6 FREE Mr Berry		Mountain Biking Years 5 Payment required Mrs Wood & Dan Lewis
	<u>Lunchtime Club</u> French Games Years 3-6 Miss Newbery		(FULL) - waiting list for January	<u>Lunchtime Club</u> Choir All year groups Miss Williams	

Lunchtime Clubs: Children are also getting the opportunity to attend further clubs at lunchtimes.

- Tuesday and Thursday: - Sports with Mr Tomley (no need to sign up for this, anyone welcome)
- Play leaders are always out every lunchtime overseeing equipment and teaching new games.

'WAKE AND SHAKE' - We will be continuing with our 'Wake and Shake' morning programme to promote an active way to start the day in readiness to learn. **'Wake and shake' will take place on Fridays. Time 8.30-8.40** Please can all children attending line up at the side hall entrance (disco entrance). Do not go onto the school yard. **Please note if your child is not in Wake and Shake they are not allowed into class before 8.40 a.m.**

After School Provisions:

Playgroup are continuing to offer an afterschool club for £3 an hour per child on the following days:

- Tuesday until 4.00
- Wednesday until 5.00
- Thursday until 4.00

IMPORTANT DATES**Autumn Term 1 & 2**Friday 28th Sep

French Day

Thursday 4th Oct

National Poetry Day

Thursday 4th Oct

Team Cross Country event - Five acres 2.00 start.

Friday 5th Oct**School photographer in (from 8.30 for younger siblings)**Monday 8th Oct**Parents Evening 3.15 - 6.15**Tuesday 9th Oct**Parents Evening 3.15 - 5.00**Monday 15th Oct

Flu Immunisation programme for year Reception up to year 5 (parents must sign up in advance).

Thursday 18th Oct

PTA School Halloween Disco *Sorry no reception children for this one

Friday 19th Oct

End of term 1

Monday 22nd - Fri 26th**HALF TERM**Monday 29th Oct

Start of term 2

Tuesday 30th Oct

Bonfire Safety assembly for children

Mon 12th Nov - Fri 16th

Anti-bullying Week

Thu 15th Nov

STOP, SPEAK, SUPPORT Cyber-bullying day (part of Anti-bullying week)

Saturday 1st Dec

Choir singing at Christmas concert Lydney Town hall - 7.30pm

Sunday 2nd Dec

Choir singing at Taurus Crafts 10.15-11.00

Monday 10th Dec

Infant Christmas play (dress rehearsal for school, playgroup & parents with toddlers)

Wednesday 12th Dec

Infant Christmas play for parents 1.30 start

Thursday 13th Dec

Infant Christmas play for parents 9.30 start

Thursday 13th Dec

Last swimming session for class 4 & 5

Wednesday 19th Dec

Aladdin, Whole School Pantomime, Cheltenham 2.00 start (late return) - (Early lunch)

Friday 21st Dec

End of term 2

Spring Term 1 & 2Monday 7th Jan

Start of term 3

Thursday 10th JanSwimming starts classes 2 & 3 and year 1's in class 1. (All Spring term, last session Thu 4th April)Friday 15th Feb

End of term 3

Monday 18th - Fri 22nd**HALF TERM**Monday 25th Feb

INSET - School closed

Tuesday 26th Feb

Start of term 3

Friday 5th Apr

End of term 4

Summer Term 1 & 2Tuesday 23rd April

Start of term 5

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May

End of term 5

Monday 27th - Fri 31st**HALF TERM**Monday 3rd June

INSET - School closed

Tuesday 4th June

Start of term 6

Thursday 13th June

Country Dancing Festival Speech House 6.30-8.30

Friday 19th July

Last Day for children