



Yeading Infants News

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Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the joint October/November issue of the Yeading Infants News. It has been a sombre month, with the passing of our much loved Finance officer Mrs Sellick. She was a huge part of our school community and will be hugely missed. We would like to extend our thanks to our parents and families who have shown such kindness during a difficult time for our school community. We would like to extend a special thank you to Miss Baskaran, one of our Nursery Parents who made a beautiful wreath for the funeral. We will be coming together once again in December to remember Mrs Sellick in a staff memorial service at the school.

The first half of the new school year has been a busy and exciting time as children and families adjust to their studies. We are delighted to invite parents back to school for Soft Start mornings and parent meetings. It was wonderful to see you here

supporting so many of us and your children. I met with all the teachers to discuss each child's progress and goals for the rest of the year. Teachers shared this at parent-teacher conferences, along with specific strategies for support at home. I cannot stress enough how important it is to read with your child every day. This allows them to get into the curriculum and gives them so much confidence in their studies. Home support will certainly help our children accelerate to meet state expectations or learn more deeply. The focus is also, as always, on 100% attendance during this period. Punctuality is also very important because learning begins as soon as the children arrive. Stay safe and healthy and let's see how many children get their certificates before the end of the year!

We are very excited to

begin working alongside Brunel University in supporting the children's wellbeing. During this project called The Rainbow, children and families will be able to take part in activities and games that support general wellbeing and nurturing each child's individual talents. We will send through more details when we have them.

From January we will be working with a new PE coach and this may mean that your child's PE day changes. Please look out for more details closer to the time.

Finally, I would like to say that I hope all of our families celebrating Diwali and Gurmurb had a wonderful celebration! I look forward to seeing you all at the Concerts in December. The children are working on practicing their very best performances for you. Please check the weekly newsletters for details.

Mrs Ahluwalia

Doodle and Bug Club

As part of our continued focus on high standards in reading, writing and maths, staff have been thinking of lots of ideas to support learning at home. In addition to the children's goals that you would have discussed with your child's teacher in a parent consultation, each child will bring home a few more ideas and strategies to support them as they move toward

their end-of-year goals. Make sure your child uses BUG CLUB and DOODLE every day to support their reading and comprehension. They can be found on our school's website under the Home Learning tab. In addition, staff have recorded helpful parenting videos to inform you of the strategies we currently use

at school to help children learn the basics.



National Poetry Day!



This month we celebrated National Poetry Day when children memorized poems. Poetry recitals are extremely important to help children develop their long-term memory and support learning. Children (and teachers!) also enjoy singing nursery rhymes, which are poems set to music!. Thank you to Miss Semi for organising the day.

Curriculum Meetings and Parents' Evening



Parents and children had an invaluable opportunity to discuss their goals with the class teacher at the parents' evening. Those who have already attended parent meetings have already found strategies to support at home. If you haven't made an appointment yet, be sure to do so. All children should know what they need to improve in reading, writing, math and self development. This supports their access to other areas of the curriculum. We encourage our parents to talk about their goals with their child at home and practice with them so they can confidently do well in reading, writing and maths. Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Survey. We will share the results soon.

Breakfast Club!

At Yeading we have a fantastic Breakfast Club to support all our families including those parents who are working. Children have access to a healthy breakfast, time to play and make new friends. It is a perfect way to get children ready for the school day and Break-

fast club supervisors drop children off at their classes at 8.45am. Breakfast club is open at 8.00am, with drop off at the very latest between 8.00-8.10am. If you are interested in this service, please speak to our office to find out more.

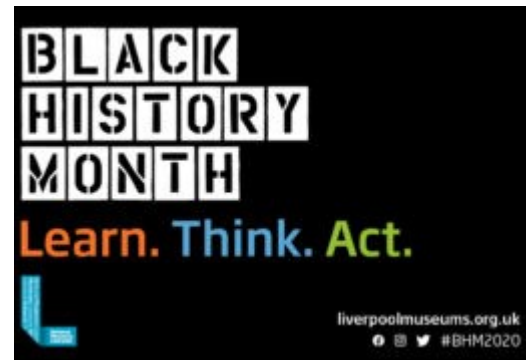


Black History Month

This October was Black History Month, and while we celebrate Afro-Caribbean culture all year long, we took time this month to understand the art, music and dance that have shaped so much of our culture. We have studied many famous people who have greatly influenced our

lives. The children also learned about Africa, various musical routines from different parts of Africa, and the struggles of famous people like Rosa Parks. Year 1 found out about Handa's surprise. It has been an interesting and thought-provoking time and as an inclusive school we con-

tinue to learn about the vibrant and rich cultures of our wonderful school community!



And....



From 1st November poppies were available to buy to commemorate Remembrance Day and to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to our families who purchased items to support the charity.

Interfaith Week 2023

We are extremely proud of what a diverse and inclusive school community we are, here at Yeading Infants, so it was with the greatest pleasure that we welcomed Interfaith Week. We learnt about Christianity from Reverend Vanessa, from St Edmund's Church, Islam from Ms Malik and Hinduism from Mrs Parmar, Mrs Dhoshi, Mrs Joshi, Mrs Mistry

and Sikhism from Mr Singh from Nanaksar Sikh school. The children were proudly sharing facts about their own faiths as well as learning from others. Thank you to all the teachers and visitors who prepared assemblies for us and Miss Owoaje and Mrs Cheema for organizing a thoroughly educational

week. We look forward to next year!



International Education Week



This year we have been learning about the cultures children in our school come from. It has been such a joyous time sharing the costumes, traditions, food and dance that countries have also had the opportunity to celebrate their own cultures

through Discovery Homework. Thank you to all our wonderful families who have been helping their children make beautiful and informative projects. A huge thank you to Miss Jalal for organizing a thoroughly exciting week for all,

American Football Tasters



On Friday 24th November, we welcomed Warren Smart from Wem-

bley Stallions to deliver an American Football taster session to all our Year 2 pupils. American football is an exciting sport, which builds camaraderie and teamwork and it gives players a sense of belonging. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed learning some

of the skills essential to the sport. Thank to Mrs Siyani for organising a great experience!

Harvest Collection!

Thank you all for your immense generosity at our annual harvest organised by Miss Owoaje and Reverend Peter Mackenzie. It was especially touching because many families continue to face challenging times, but your kindness to those less fortunate has been

inspiring. Box after box has been filled with essentials and essentials for the food bank at St Edmund's Church, where it is distributed to local families in need. The community spirit of Yeading Infants is alive and well and still thriving! Well done all!



Friendship Week

We spent some time learning to be a good friend and how kindness and compassion are attributes of being a good friend. We also learnt what bullying is. Children had the opportunity to work towards a Kindness Certificate and take part in other activities

that support good play. Thank you to Mrs Thornton for organising such an important week and delivering an entertaining assembly!

Friendship Week



Start a ripple, create a wave.
It starts with you

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who support us online with our Instagram account. If you have liked, shared or contributed to our posts, we would like to like to celebrate your engagement. We are very excited to develop further and share all the exciting news of learning at Yeading Infants!



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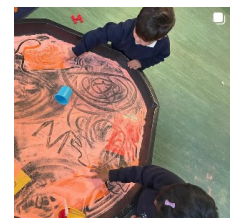
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Official Instagram account for a thriving, multicultural infant school in West London. Carlyon Road, Hayes, Hillingdon UB4 0NR

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Outstanding October at Yeading...



Yeading Infants

Excited to be working with Brunel University

More information coming soon

The Rainbow Pack

To Help Children to Reach For The Sky

Activities to help children develop their
talents and wellbeing (ages 5–7 years)



Dr Elizabeth Koshy
Dr Elizabeth Day
Professor Valsa Koshy

*A Pack Using a Triad Model of Learning:
Teachers' Notes, Parents' Notes and Activities for Children*

Raring to Go magazine

Raring2go!



Make your own Autumn Trees with Red Ted Art this Autumn.



Materials

- Sticks
- Leaves
- White paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick



Instructions

1. Start with the sticks to create our tree.
2. Squirt glue in a rough tree shape on the paper
3. Cut down the leaves, so that they fit on the branches of trees.
4. Stick these on with the glue.
5. Add a little more glue on the top, to help "seal" the leaves a little, so that the tree will keep better.

If you want to make all 4 Tree seasons, visit the Red Ted Art website here...

<https://www.redtedart.com/four-seasons-crafts-autumn-nature-tree/>

For hundreds more crafting ideas, go to:
www.redtedart.com



The Big Draw

What is The Big Draw?

The Big Draw is a visual literacy charity dedicated to raising the profile of drawing as a tool for wellbeing, thought, creativity, social and cultural engagement. We run the world's biggest drawing festival which is a celebration of drawing in all its forms with museums, galleries, libraries, local councils and even shopping centres, taking part and getting creative. Organisations can run Big Draw events year round, with the official festival month taking place in October.

Drawing with Senses

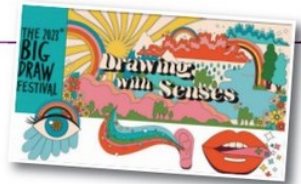
Each year we have a different theme for organisations to respond to. Our 2023 theme Drawing with Senses changes the focus from external to internal, exploring the way we personally process the world through our senses. This year we're encouraging people to tap into the 5 senses: Touch, Sight, Sound, Taste and Smell, experimenting and transforming sensory experiences into creative work and drawings.

"Being fully present in the moment with our senses, means we are not worrying about the past and not fearing the future. We can be fully immersed in what is happening now, feel less stressed, feel more positive, because we feel we have more control over our thoughts. This positivity can be a step change, becoming infectious, spreading more positivity throughout the world, making us less susceptible to overwhelm." – Jane Barnes, Executive Director of The Big Draw

How can I get involved in The Big Draw?

Visit an event

This year we have some incredible organisations taking part in the festival. The Big Draw is taking part in the Cathedral, National Museums, Knole, H. G. Wells Museum, talks at venues offer audier to get engaged am events are coming thebigdraw.org or t where we share ar



events, as well as other exciting exhibitions and workshops that catch our eye.

Get your school involved

Here at The Big Draw, we believe drawing and visual literacy are important skills that should be taught and developed at school. Drawing can help us develop our creative thinking skills, understand tricky concepts and give us an opportunity for both focused mindfulness and fun creative play. Schools are a huge part of The Big Draw Festival, with a number of primary schools, secondary schools and colleges taking part each year. Running The Big Draw at a school could look like an after school sketchbook club, using drawing as a learning tool across STEM subjects, a school wide art exhibition or something completely different! Schools who take part will receive a welcome pack, which contains posters, stickers and certificates to hand out to pupils, as well as access to our Drawing with Senses education pack which is full of sensory inspired drawing activities that teachers can carry out in the classroom.

Keep in touch with The Big Draw on our website, newsletter and on social media to find out about creative events, enter art competitions and read inspiring blog posts.

Thebigdraw.org
twitter.com/The_Big_Draw
<https://www.instagram.com/thebigdraw/>

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ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

was 95%

9 Days from School

50 Lessons

was 90%

19 Days from School

100 Lessons

was 85%

29 Days from School

150 Lessons

was 80%

38 Days from School

200 Lessons

was 75%

48 Days from School

250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

