



Yeading Infants News

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Headteachers' Message

Welcome to the February and March bumper edition of the newsletter! As usual it has been a very busy few months with lots of learning and enrichment activities to support our children.

I am sure you have all been following the story of our new building works. We are super impressed with how well the builders have worked on getting to completion. Our Breaking Ground ceremony was in January and already we are ready to choose furniture for the Learning Pod. I am hopeful that the children will be able to use the space in the Summer term.

We have had lots of visitors to school who have been delivering workshops for writing and the vicar Peter Mackenzie has been in to share the meaning of Easter for Christians during assembly. We marked the beginning of the month with the annual World Book Dress up day and I was delighted to see all the inspiring

home made costumes. We have also had some fantastic feedback for the children who recently performed at the Beck Theatre. A huge thank you to Miss Leech, Mrs Greenwood and Mr Nash for organising all the rehearsals and supporting the children on their journey to representing the school in such a coveted Hayes festival.

We have also been learning all about the joys of Spring as our children have been learning about Water Dragons and Dart frogs. Children have also been working hard to find out more and share this in posters and information booklets.

It was wonderful to see so many of our dads spend time with their children in the Mother's Day activities organized by Mrs Cheema and Mrs Parmar.

The holidays are a time for coming together as a family and having fun with friends too. The children will be bringing home some suggested activities to do with you and completing these will benefit them greatly in achieving their future targets. I would also like to thank all the parents who have been attending the workshops we have been hosting to help you. Feedback has been very positive and we will be doing more in the Summer term.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Anita Schramm who has worked in our office for a diligent 26 years and offered unwavering service to the children, families, staff and governors of Yeading Infant and Nursery School. On behalf of a very grateful school team, we wish Mrs Schramm lots of happy adventures in retirement. Thank you!

Wishing all our families celebrating Ramadan/Eid, celebrating Easter and Vaisakhi a wonderful time with family and friends!

News in brief....

Comic Relief

A huge well done to all children and staff who wore Red for Comic Relief! We raised an astounding £307.45 to support projects in the UK and Africa! Well done everyone!

Medical and Dentist Appointments

Please could we remind parents and carers to book medical and dental appointments after school and in holidays wherever possible. Taking time off school will affect your child's attendance and they miss out on their learning. Thank you.

Celebrating Birthdays in school:

We are a Gold Healthy School and if you would like your child to celebrate in school, please feel free to donate a class book to the class library. Thank you for your co-operation.

International Women's Day

This year we celebrated International Women's Day. Children celebrated all the inspirational and dedicated women who help us in our lives and throughout history who inspire us. Children learnt about scientists, astronauts, writers, politicians, activists, mathematicians and many, many more. We had an

assembly with Dr Huda Yassin, one of our parents who inspired us with her work as an Oral Surgeon. If you would like to learn more, why not take a trip to the library and choose some biographies to read together with your child. We can carry on the celebrations all year

round!



Fairtrade Fortnight

Alongside celebrating the annual National Number Day, at our school, we decided to incorporate a Fair Trade Hunt which involved children from every year group to find 30 Fair Trade products around the school and fill out an informative sheet. The children were given the task of finding out where the Fair Trade product originates from, what the product is, a fact about the product and how much you

can buy the product for. After the Fair Trade hunt, our children were challenged to add up all the Fair Trade products that they found around the school and find a grand total! The children were full of excitement from start to finish! At the end of the Fair Trade Hunt, each class received a special certificate for their participation and efforts!



NSPCC Number Day

On **Friday 2nd February** we took part in the NSPCC Number Day. The staff and children came 'Dress up for Digits' and had a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, whilst raising money to support the NSPCC.

Thanks to all your generous donations, as a school we raised **£373.76** for the **NSPCC**.

Science Week 2024

We have been enjoying Science for British Science Week from 8th-17th March and celebrated 30 years of Science (1994-2024). The range of activities were spread across all the year groups across our school.

It was a fantastic opportunity for teachers and children to come together and explore the fascinating world of Science.

British Science Week provides a platform to ignite curiosity and inspire a love for science among children. By incorporating engaging activities, we captured their imaginations and encouraged them to explore the world around them. Explore these ideas for

crafting engaging lessons that resonate with students, perfectly aligned with the spirit of British Science Week:

Interactive Experiments: Conduct hands-on experiments that demonstrate scientific principles. Encourage pupils to ask questions, make predictions, and draw conclusions, fostering a spirit of inquiry.

We had great fun trying out some experiments, especially the Bouncy Egg experiment!

Neither the teachers nor the children had ever tried this before. The vinegar got very cloudy and a scum formed on the top. It did not look good, nor did it look like the pictures we were expecting. We thought it had all gone wrong! But we know that that happens in Science, and sometimes wonderful developments come from the mistakes. So we persevered. On day 3 we looked again at the eggs. They felt all squidgy and the shell had almost disappeared. But it bounced!!! Whipee! So much so that we tried bouncing from higher and higher! Oh dear, the egg eventually splatted!! That was a great big surprise!

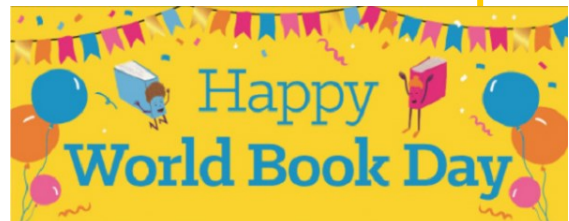
WORLD BOOK DAY

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This March, we had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. To start of our festivities, we had the wonderful author/illustrator Lisa Stickley visit the school and deliver a brilliant assembly. We got to hear her read her lovely story 'Bernard Makes a Splash!'. The children took part in an exciting draw-

along workshop with her where she taught them how to draw one of the sneaky characters in her book 'The Wobbly Waitress'. On Thursday, the school was buzzed with excitement as the children donned on their costumes and dressed up as their favourite characters. It was delightful to see the effort children had put into their costumes. We

raised a total of £188.60. Thank you for all your generous donations.



Notices

Car Park

A reminder for all parents and carers NOT to walk through the car park. Cars are pulling in and reversing all the time and it is very difficult for drivers to see small children as they run into the car park unexpectedly. SAFETY is our primary concern and we would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who are using the pedestrian gates at all times.

For the safety of all children and carers, please can we ask all parents and carers not to bring their cars into Carlyon Road. We are encouraging all children to walk to school

Attendance and Punctuality

We take attendance and punctuality very seriously at Yeading. Doors open for class at 8.45am and it has been encouraging to see so many children taking advantage of the soft start before the bell rings at 8.55am. If you are worried about being late for school, we have a wonderful Breakfast club which the children can attend. Please contact us to find out more.

Yeading loves Bees!

Ahead of the arrival of Spring, children attended an assembly to learn all about Bees. Ms Malik showed children part of an actual beehive and children were able to see why it is so important to wear a bee suit to keep protected. Children learnt about the importance of bees for pollination and food

production. We learnt about how bees provide so much for us and how we can help to keep bees alive and healthy.



Beck Theatre

Such a proud moment for Yeading Infant and Nursery School to have such a rapturous applause at our most recent event at the Beck Theatre. Children have been practicing with Mrs Greenwood and Mr Nash at school and sung two songs with such tenacity. After spending the day at the Beck theatre with a voice coach, children returned in the evening for the performance and we made their debut at around

6.30pm. Parents and audience members alike were simply blown away. A huge thank you to Miss Leech and Mr Nash for accompanying the children and making sure they were well looked after before the evening performance. We are very much looking forward to next year!



Yeading Book Buddies for Reading!

We are fortunate enough to have so many talented and supportive parents so we thought we would look to our school community to help children with their reading. We introduced Book Buddies to the school. Back in March Ms Malik hosted training for a group of enthusiastic parent volunteers who will be reading in school with children. Mrs Loi shared information about VIPERS which we use in school to support comprehension.

Still in its early days, feedback from the children has been inspiring and our Book Buddies are enjoying their time at the school. Thank you to them all for their support so far!

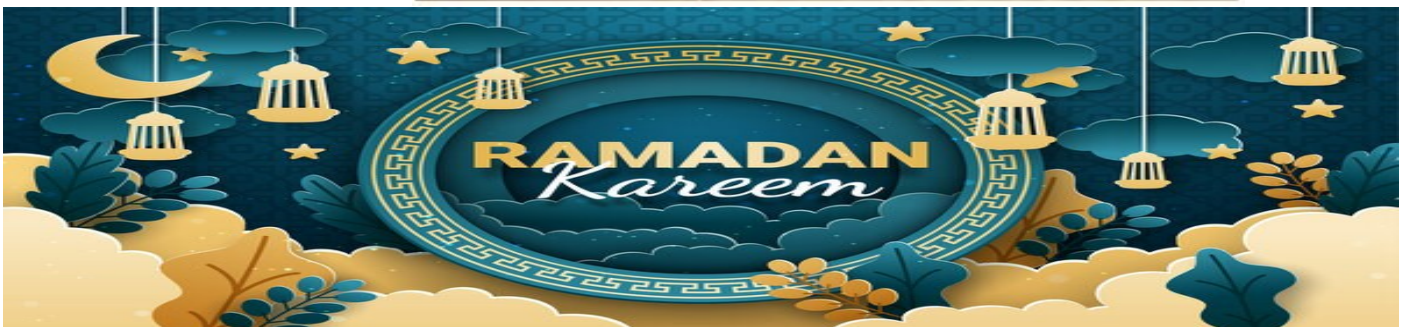
We hope to recruit more Book Buddies in the summer term. If you can donate some time we would be very appreciative! Please see Ms Malik for more info.

Ramadan Assembly

This term the children enjoyed taking part in a special Ramadan and Eid Assembly. It was lovely to see how they performed a wonderful assembly wearing their special costumes. It provided all children to learn all about Islam and the meaning of five

pillars. Huge thanks to all our parents who supported the

children to learn their lines.



Easter Assembly

On Monday the 25th of May our Local Priest, Father Peter came to deliver a special Easter Assembly. During the assembly children learnt about the significance of eggs during Easter, the importance of the Easter Story and the special days leading up to Easter. The children were engaged and were able to understand and ask

questions after.

After the assembly Father Peter was honoured with the job of handing out the gifts to the winners of the Easter Egg design competition. It was lovely to see all the hard work and dedication the children put towards their designs. In the afternoon Year 2's visited the church and were able to learn further information about the Easter Story and the importance of it for Christians.



Easter Holidays Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Bookings are open for this Easter's HAF programme which runs from Monday 1 to Friday 12 April for schoolchildren up to Year 11 in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. Activities include cycling lessons, multi sports, cookery sessions, dance, drama and arts programmes and coding workshops. Please click here to book: [Easter HAF programme - Hillingdon Council](#)

Information on how to sign up to the HAF programme can be found here: [Information for parents - Hillingdon Council](#)

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Think, Talk and Do to Help You Shine: Learn Better, Become Happier and Healthier

(For Ages 5 to 7 Years)

Authors: Professor Valsa Koshy and Dr Elizabeth Koshy



This book contains 35 activities for parents and carers to work with their children. The activities have been carefully chosen to help children to become better learners and, at the same time, to become healthier and happier. All parents want their children to be happy, healthy and successful and as our own research and experience show, parents have an important role to make this happen.

The activities in the book take into account the latest research and government policy documents which tell us:

- Finding children's special interests, passions and gifts and letting them know what their particular strengths are encourage children to make more effort and want to succeed. As well as finding children's individual interests and passions, we must provide opportunities to develop them.
- Working with adults and being guided by them, children enjoy learning more and achieve better results.
- We must encourage children to think about their future plans and aspirations as early as possible.
- Talking and discussion help children to make stronger connections in their brain and can make them more effective learners.
- Eating the right foods contributes to children's good health, energy levels and overall wellbeing.



How to use this pack

The activities provide parents with the knowledge they need to guide the children. They give them the tools to think and talk with.

Ideally, parents, grandparents or other adults should introduce each of the activities and discuss what is expected of them. Each activity is free-standing and can be used over many sessions. Many of the activities could be repeated both inside and outside the home. It is very useful to re-visit activities to make sure that children understand and practise what they have been introduced to previously.

Children should be encouraged to share their thoughts orally and their written comments about what they have learnt from an activity and other thoughts can be recorded in the pages provided at the back of the pack. **Promoting active discussions is an important part of using the activities.**

While working through the activities parents will be able to find out very useful information about your children's special interests, gifts, knowledge, understanding of issues and attitudes. There will also be opportunities for noticing aspects of your children's lives which may be causing them anxiety, stress, fear or lack of motivation. Prompt action can be taken where necessary. Share your findings with the child's class teacher.

You don't need expensive equipment to do these activities. Talking and enjoying working together is the most important aim of this book. All you need are: pencils, paper, colour pencils or felt tips and dice, most of which can be bought from shops quite cheaply.

The Authors

Professor Valsa Koshy MBE, PhD is a professor of education. She founded the first University-based Talent Development Centre in the UK, at Brunel University. Her interests include: the enhancement of the quality of children's learning, the search and fulfilment of talents of children who live in challenging circumstances and mathematics education.

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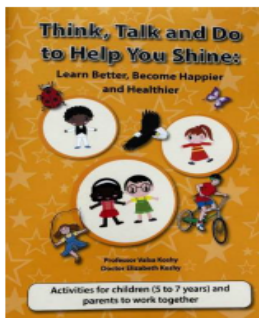
We are so excited to be sending this book home with the children today!

Use this book to spend quality time with your child and learn all about their special interests, passions and gifts. We **do not** need the book back at school, complete it at your own pace and time however, you are welcome to share feedback with the class teacher (see p45).

Enjoy the activities and have fun!

This book is designed to find children's special interests, passions and gifts and letting them know what their particular strengths are encourage children to make more effort and want to succeed.

- Children to work with an adult
- Think about your future and aspirations
- Encourage conversation and stronger connection with learning
- Eating the right foods, contributes to children's good health, energy and well-being
- Physical activity for a fit and healthy body and mind
- Emotional well-being is a key contributor to success in life being happier and having higher self-esteem and self-belief are known to raise school results.
- Parents can help children to deal with anxiety, excessive worry and stress so that they can achieve better mental health.



Marvellous March at Yeading...



