



Yeading Infants News

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Headteachers' Message

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

We have lots of visitors and children have been participating in lots of exciting learning opportunities during writing week, World Book Day, science week and Easter Week. Children have lots of opportunities to visit local places of worship .

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.

We have had lots of visitors to school including the dads who have been in school helping children make cards for Mothers' Day. Mrs Parmar organized some creative activities for the children

and dads to enjoy.

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 goodbye to Mrs Holland who has been working at Yeading Infant School for 19 years. She has been so dedicated in inspiring children to read and delivering useful workshops for parents supporting them in phonics and reading. Mrs Holland will be missed and

we would like to wish her a very happy retirement. We also say goodbye to Mr Lopes and Miss Joiner who will be leaving Yeading Infants School for pastures anew. We would like to thank them both for their contributions to children's learning and attainment. We wish them well for their new adventures.

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

Mrs. Ahluwalia

News in brief....

Comic Relief

A huge well done to all children and staff who wore Red for Comic Relief! We raised an astounding **XXXXX** 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.

Children's Mental Health Week

This year we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. Children celebrated all the inspirational and wonderful ways that we feel gratitude for all the things that support our positive mental health. This supported the work that the children are already doing in zones of regulation to support their

emotions. We helped the children understand the important role positive mental health plays in being on the green zone and how being in school is a safe space for learning and growing.



Headteacher's Coffee Morning



SCIENCE FESTIVAL

We are very excited to be hosting the very first Science Festival on the 29th April at Yeading Infant and Nursery School. We will be joined by children from Minet Infants and Grange Park Infants. More details coming soon!

Science

We have been enjoying Science for British Science Week from 7th-16th March celebrating 'Change and Adapt'. The range of activities were spread across all the year groups across our school. It was a wonderful 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 motivating 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:

We had great fun trying out some experiments, es-

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pecially the Balloon experiment, baking and chromatography.!

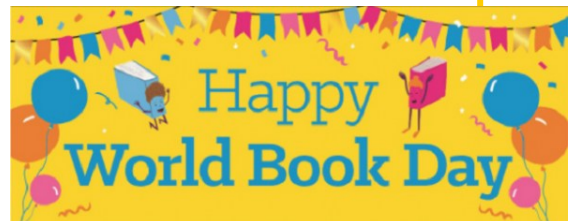
Thank you to Mrs Bhamvra and Miss Singh for organising such an exciting week!

WORLD BOOK DAY



This March, we had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. A huge thank you to Miss Hall for organising a day of wonderful assembly where we were able to see all the wonderful costumes that the children have worn to school. Top points for all the mums and dads who got creative and helped turn

ordinary costumes into fantastic book characters that their children could wear. Later in the day teachers swapped classes and read with different classes to share the joy of reading with children across the school. Don't forget to use your World Book Day vouchers before they run out!



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.

Animals at Yeading!

We have been adding to the number of animals at Yeading. Mr Khan from the Science garden has loaned us a fabulous Chinese Water Dragon, Leaf cutter ants, frogs in addition to the milk snake, leopard geckos and Panthera Chameleon. Children from all year groups including Nursey have been learn-

ing more about the animals including habitats, food, predators and interesting facts with Miss Morgan. Miss Morgan has been supported to develop their bravery with even petting the animals under guidance and supervision. Lots of children have tried their best to be curious and

learn lots.



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 reintroduced Book Buddies to the school in September and we are so grateful for the commitment and dedication our volunteers have shown. We are hoping to recruit more Book Buddies for the summer so if you are interested, please do come and speak to Ms Malik for more info.

BBC TINY HAPPY PEOPLE

We are very excited to share with you a wonderful BBC website Tiny Happy People which supports Language and communication skills. Tiny Happy People can help you develop your child’s language and communication skills, so they get the best start in life. Their ideas and activities are easy to build into your daily routine.

They’re quick and inspiring, but they’re also based on expert advice and evidence, and are proven to help your child’s development.

Language and Communication skills unlock literacy, building blocks of language development and support all children achieve well.

Over the next term we will

be sharing resources in our weekly newsletters so keep an eye out for some great ideas- In the meantime you may want to explore yourself and you can find out more here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



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Activities

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Simple, fun and free activities to try with your baby. Just select the age of your child.



Advice

Tips and advice

Experts and parents give their advice on language learning and child development.



Science

Child development and milestones

Learn about your child's brain and how they understand the world.



Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Our HAF programme is open to school-aged children (reception to year 11) who receive benefits-related free school meals. HAF activity sessions run during Easter, summer and winter school holidays.

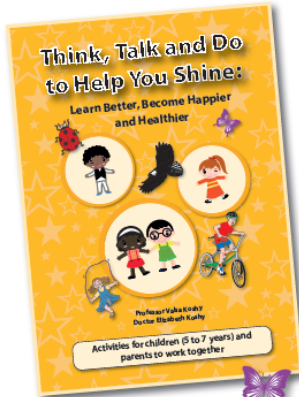
This programme is funded by the Department for Education.



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 takes into account the latest research and government policy documents which tells 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.

Dr Elizabeth Koshy, MRCGP (Distinction), PhD has worked as a general practitioner, a course leader (teaching undergraduate medical students) and as a medical researcher at Imperial College London. She has a passion for supporting parents on aspects of children's physical health and wellbeing and helping to create the right foundations to boost children's wellbeing and potential.



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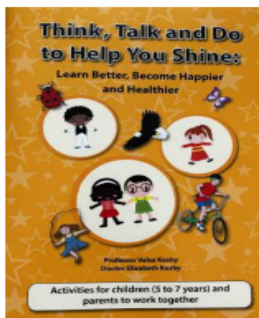
We are so excited to be sending this book home with the children today!

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... Goodbye



Animals at Yeading



Science Experiments



Church and Mosque Visits



Goldilocks and the 3 Bears



Mothers Day



Scooter Traning Day

