



YEWDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Note from the head ...

Mrs Brierley

It has been another fantastic and very busy week at Yewdale! Pupils have all been involved in the National Mental Health Awareness week and have completed lots of activities to support this. Please check out our Facebook page to see lots of photos!

A quick 'Thank You' for continuing to support the Covid safety restrictions on the school site. We continue to follow Government Guidelines as the gradual unlock of the country progresses and will keep you updated with any changes we need to make.

Please continue to wear masks at all times on the school site, unless you are exempt.

A quick reminder that children should not wear any jewellery at school apart from small stud earrings.

I hope you all have a great weekend and will see you all on Monday



Dates for your Diary

More info to follow ...



Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements	Tues 25 th May
Visit from Caldew School for Yr 6 Pupils transitioning to Caldew	Tues 25 th May
Half Term	Mon 31 st May – Fri 4 th June
CET My Money Week	7 th – 11 th June
Virtual Parents Evening	w/c 21 st June

REMINDERS

Please remember to ...

- ✓ Bring a water bottle every day
- ✓ Report any absences to the school office by 9.30am every day your child is ill (unless agreed with the school)



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Notices

● If your child is poorly; please remember children should not return to school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea

● Please arrange any appointments outside of school hours. We are working hard to make up for the children being out of school and would appreciate your support with this by keeping their time out of school to a minimum.



Menu

CHANGE OF MENU

Thursday 20th May

The lunch on Thursday 20th May will be

Fish Fingers & Chips
Cheese Omelette
& Chips
Jacket Potato

The lunch on Friday 21st May will be

Chicken Curry Rice
Vegetable Wraps & Rice
Jacket Potato

The classes with the highest attendance this week are:

- 1 **Donaldson - Reception**
- 2 **Blyton - Yr 1/2**
- 3 **Dickens - Yr 5**



Well done everyone keep it up!

Breakfast & After School Club

Just a reminder that we do have a Breakfast & After School Club available should you need them

Breakfast Club

£3.50
from 7.45am

After School Club

£3.00 until 4.15pm
£5.00 until 5.15pm

Please book early on Parent Mail as spaces are limited

Dream, Believe, Read

Years 1 – 6 are extremely lucky to have a zoom visit with an author next week who has written some wonderful books around Childrens Mental Health

Please take a look at her website where the book is available to purchase

www.dreambelieveread.co.uk



Monster Mountain: Quirky, Uplifting New Children's Book Series a Gentle Introduction to Mental Health Issues

Leanne Brown's 'Monster Mountain' series is an empowering and enchanting opportunity for young readers to join the adventures of Daniel. When Daniel goes to sleep, he's transported to the magical Monster Mountain where he not only meets a colourful cast of characters, but learns about the mental health issues they struggle with. It's a topic and conversation that is well overdue, and Brown hopes to help thousands of young children around the world better care for their mental wellbeing.



The Author

Leanne Brown, the author of Daniel's Dreams: Monster Mountain, lives in Greater Manchester, England with her partner Steve and her young daughter, Erin.

Leanne is a qualified secondary English teacher, who has specialised in special educational needs, and is now focusing on writing children's books based on mental health issues that arise in children. Mental health is something that Leanne is passionate about and hopes her books will help young children everywhere.

When not writing, Leanne likes to spend time with her family. She loves to read, colour, watch a good series or film, go swimming, enjoy a meal out and spending quality time with her daughter and partner.

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Shakespeare Class – Yr 6

Shakespeare class have used great communication skills to solve very tricky times tables challenges!



We learned how to use scoring and slip to attach pieces of clay together to form a tile.

We are going to create a Benin-style animal plaque by the end of term using the skills we have learned.





Our top tips on connecting with nature to improve your mental health

There's a lot of good research to support the role nature can play in protecting and supporting our mental health.

For many of us though, 'being in nature' may not be as easy as it sounds.

The good news is, you don't have to climb a mountain to feel the benefit – there are lots of simple ways to bring nature into your everyday.

Here are some top tips on how you can build your own connection with nature:



01. Find nature wherever you are

Nature is all around us. It might be a garden, a local park, a nearby beach or open countryside. Even in cities where nature can be harder to find, there's things community gardens or courtyards to discover and explore.

Look out for the unexpected – an urban fox on your way out for the early shift, changes in the weather or birdsong outside your window. Try to notice nature wherever you are, in whatever way is meaningful for you.

02. Connect with nature using all of your senses

Taking some quiet time to reflect in natural surroundings using all your senses can be a real boost to your mental health. Whether you're relaxing in the garden or on your way to work, try listening out for birdsong, look for bees and butterflies, or notice the movement of the clouds. All of these good things in nature can help you to find a sense of calm and joy.



03. Get out into nature

If you can, try to spend time visiting natural places - green spaces like parks, gardens or forests - or blue spaces like the beach, rivers and wetlands. This can help you reduce your risk of mental health problems, lift your mood and help you feel better about things.

If it feels daunting to get outside, try going with a friend or relative, or picking somewhere familiar.



04. Bring nature to you

Sometimes it's hard to access natural places because of where you live, how busy you are, how safe you feel or your health. Why not try bringing nature into your home? Having plants in the house is a great way to have something natural to see, touch and smell - pots of herbs from the supermarket are a good start.

If you have a garden, allotment or balcony, think about how you can make the most of it. Grow flowers, plants or vegetables, get a bird feeder and take in the sights and sounds around you.

If planting isn't your thing, you can also connect to nature through stories, art and sound recordings. Watching films or TV programmes about nature are also great way to connect with and reflect on nature.



05. Exercise in nature

If you're physically able to exercise, try to do it outside - whether it's a run, cycle or a short walk. Walking or running outdoors in nature may help to prevent or reduce feelings of anger, tiredness and sadness. Try leaving the headphones at home - unless you're listening to nature sounds of course! Or why not try new routes that bring you closer to green spaces or water?



06. Combine nature with creativity

Try combining creativity with your natural environment. This could involve taking part in creative activities outside, like dance, music, or art. All of these things can help reduce stress and improve your mood.

You could also increase your sense of connection by taking photos, writing, drawing or painting pictures of the landscape, plants or animals.

Noticing the beauty of nature and expressing this creatively can help you find meaning and an emotional connection to nature that will stay with you for a lifetime.



07. Protect nature

Taking care of something can be a really great way to feel good. And what better thing to take care of than nature? Nature is truly amazing – do what you can to look after nature - in your actions and choices.

This can be as simple as recycling, to walking instead of driving, or even joining community conservation or clean-up groups. Taking care of nature can help you feel that you're doing your part, and that can make you feel more positive all round.

These are just a few handful of ways you can connect with nature. You can also [download](#) our free **"Thriving with Nature"** guide – created in partnership with WWF-UK – for even more tips and activities to enjoy nature every season of the year!

