Yeading Junior School

Dear Parents/Carers 23/10/26

What a fantastic start to the new academic year! It is hard to believe how quickly this first half term has flown by. The children have settled back into school routines with ease and have shown a wonderful enthusiasm for their learning every single day.

It was wonderful to see all the parents yesterday at Parents' evening. It is so important for us to work as a team throughout your child's learning journey.

We hope you found the curriculum meetings at the beginning of the term useful and informative. If you need any clarifications on the information provided, please feel free to contact me. It has been a pleasure and privilege to see the curriculum enacted in classrooms and I am incredibly proud of what the children are achieving.

I would also like to thank parents and children for their fantastic engagement with our new home learning expectations. It is wonderful to hear from you and see how this additional practice is having a positive impact.

We have had many things to celebrate this term. The children have enjoyed some exciting trips: Year 3 has visited the National Portrait Gallery, Year 4 went to the Tate Modern Museum, Year 5 stepped back into history at the Natural History Museum, and Year 6 enjoyed their learning experience at the Science Museum. These educational trips not only reinforce their learning in class but also give them hands-on experience of what they learn. On the sports front Yeading Junior School FC secured a fantastic victory against Grange Park School in their very first match.

We were delighted to welcome renowned poet Tomas Roberts to work with our Year 4 and Year 5 children. After an inspiring assembly, Tomas ran dynamic one-hour workshops in each class, where pupils wrote and proudly performed their own original poems.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent RHE (Relationships and Health Education) workshop. We hope the session delivered provided helpful insights into how the subject is taught in school. Important workshops were also delivered for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, focusing on online safety and responsible digital behaviour.

Our co-curricular programme has been very successful and most clubs are now fully booked. However, we do have a few spaces available in selected clubs, so if your child is interested in joining one next half term, please reach out to the school office.

I would like to remind all our Year 6 families to apply for your child's secondary school place before the deadline on **31st October**. Please ensure your application is submitted on time. You can access the online application form using the link below:

Secondary School Applications

To support families whose first language is not English, we have created a dedicated translation guide on our website. This page provides step-by-step instructions on how to translate web pages, online applications, and digital content into your preferred language.

Please visit our Translation Page to learn more.

As you may be aware we have an exciting opportunity for a parent or carer to join our Governing Board. Parent Governors play a vital role in supporting our staff, pupil and the wider school community. If you are interested in applying, please email *office@yeadingjunior.co.uk* for an application pack. The deadline to apply is **Friday 13th November.**

Finally, I wish you all a restful half-term break. I hope you have the chance to get outdoors, enjoy the fresh air and spend some quality time together!

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes

Mr M Hall

Headteacher