



# Yarrells News

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents,

I trust you have all enjoyed a good half term break and the children have coped with getting back into the routine of school this week! Well, for some of them anyway! It has been strangely quiet around school this week with our Year 6 pupils in France. It is always a real adventure for the children and comes with a mix of excitement and nerves. We look forward to hearing all about their experiences next week. I would like to thank Mme Forbes for organising this fabulous enrichment opportunity for our children, as well as Mr Schneider, Mrs Talwar and Miss Tilley for all their hard work and enthusiasm in supporting the trip; it is exhausting as well as lots of fun!



Our Year 3-8 assembly on Monday, led by Mr Lewis, was focused on the theme of embracing change. At this time in particular, as some of our pupils are preparing to move on to their new schools, or indeed into Year 7 & 8 with us, it is a time of change. Sometimes, we have to face some tough changes in life, and they make us who we are. We watched a fun and engaging short film exploring fundamental philosophical concepts: What makes me me? This exploration of the concept of identity using the story of the Ship of Theseus, made famous by British philosopher Thomas Hobbes, was really interesting and got us all to think logically, laterally and creatively.

'The Ship of Theseus' - Theseus owned a ship and the ship was entirely made of wood. Every time a piece of the ship needed replacing, it was replaced with a metal part. This went on for a few years until eventually it was entirely made of metal. Is the metal ship of Theseus the same ship as the wooden ship of Theseus? Using this example of a ship changing over time and becoming physically different, it encourages children to consider the meaning of identity, stimulating a discussion on memory, experience and the soul.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p015lztg>

Our Friday assemblies are special occasions for us to gather as a school community. We enjoy inviting parents in when it is a class assembly. This Friday, as it is World Oceans Day, Year 1 pupils led an informative and important assembly on the issues surrounding this precious resource. They shared some frightening facts about how our oceans are being polluted, discussed some local and world news relating to the topic and showed us some drama sketches to show our responsibilities, linking this to the UN rights of the child article 24. They shared the important message 'Our Oceans, Our Future' and finished with a wonderful rendition of, 'Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside'. It is important to reflect upon things happening in our wider world. At Yarrells, we encourage our children to think about the choices they make and how these can impact our environment.



**Article 24: 'You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.'**

This half term is really busy for us all. This week, our Year 8 students have been sitting their Common Entrance exams and Year 7 are busy revising for their exams next week. They will all be looking forward to a well-deserved adventure at Skern Lodge in Devon at the end of next week. I am very proud of them all for the hard work they have been putting in to

achieve their best. Yarrells offers genuine choice for our pupils in terms of future schools. This can be hard to even begin to think about when your child enters Nursery or Reception! As your child develops, and their particular strengths shine through, the time soon comes around to consider next steps. Our pupils move on to such a wide variety of senior schools, many to Grammar School or other local state settings, or independent senior schools. I have met with many parents to discuss future school options and I know Mrs Weber-Spokes will welcome conversations with you in September about this too. We celebrate each child as an individual and will support you to make the right choice for your child as they move on to secondary school.

The PE department are preparing the children for all the upcoming sports days and we'll all be keeping our fingers crossed for good weather. We are also in the midst of planning for Prizegiving next month, and I look forward to receiving your replies to the invitation, which will be coming home very soon. In addition, Friday 6th July is our 'Moving Up Morning'; I know the children will be excited to find out their new classes, as well as enjoying a chance to meet all the new pupils, across the school, that will be joining us in September.

I would like to wish our amazing swimmers all the very best at the London Aquatic Centre this weekend at the IAPS National Swim Finals. In addition, good luck to Tom Shepherd, who is competing at the Dorset Schools Athletics finals. You will be impressed to read later in the newsletter the exciting news about Oli Evans and his outstanding achievement in tumbling! What a talented sporting bunch!



Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mrs Linda Sharpe  
Acting Head

<b>Things to remember week commencing</b>		
<i>SP = Selected Pupils</i>		
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>		
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	08:30	IAPS National Swimming Final (SP) at London Aquatics Centre
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	<i>Music Box - Parent and Toddler Group</i>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Years 5 & 6 Dorset Primary School Games Water sports Festival (A) @ Rockley Watersports, Poole Park (Finish at 16:00)
	13:45	Y3 Girls Rounders v Longfleet (H)
	15:15	Years 4 - 6 (SP) Poole Town Sports Athletics Trials @ Ashdown Leisure Centre (Finish at 18:00)
	16:40	Sex Education Talk for parents: Years 3 – 6
	17:00	Sex Education Talk for parents: Years 7 & 8
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	12:30	Year 3 Trip to Graduates Art Exhibition at Bournemouth Arts University
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Year 1 Study Trip to Russell Coates Museum
	09:00	Dorset Primary School Games Sailing Regatta (SP) @ Rockley Watersports, Poole Park (Finish at 16:30)
	10:00	<i>Mini-Monets - Parent and Toddler Group</i>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Year 7 and 8 Residential @ Skern Lodge
	13:00	<b>YEARS 1 AND 2 SPORTS DAY</b>
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Year 7 and 8 Residential @ Skern Lodge Years 5/6 (SP) County Swim Final @ Littledown (Finish at 20:30)

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Trans	William Moore
Trans	Hogan Frost
RT	William Martin
RW	Edward Scurr
1D	Alek Roberts
1W	Lucas Kelly
2R	Ozzy Cribb
2W	Benjy Moorby
3I	Oscar Oxley
3M	Rufus Frampton
4D	Diggory Cribb
4MW	Brandon White
5B	William Somerville
5CW	Evie Huntingford
5S	George Burden
7SM	Ellie Stevenson
8S	All of Year 8!



**THINK OF THE WEEK**

*If you fill a room with bricks, is it still a room?*



# GL Advocate Partner



We are pleased to announce that Yarrells has this term become an Advocate Partner of the leading provider of formative assessments to UK schools, GL Assessment - the only school in Dorset to have such status.

For over 30 years, GL have provided assessments for UK children's education, mental health and wellbeing - and for overseas ministries and British, bilingual and international schools in over 100 countries worldwide.

Recognising that technology is a driver for educational change, GL have pioneered a powerful digital assessment system, which we have now been using at Yarrells for the past two academic years. That GL continue to innovate with adaptive testing and tablet-based assessments is an exciting part of the ongoing development of our school's approach to providing a high-quality education for our pupils based on effective 'Assessment for Learning' and the informative and purposeful use of data.

GL share our own belief in a 'whole pupil' approach to assessment too - one that covers ability, attitudes, progress and attainment to provide a holistic view of each pupil. We welcome dialogue with pupils and parents about each child's progress, and our teaching staff engage in regular, planned conversations to reflect upon the impact of our work in classrooms.

Our link with GL will not only mean Yarrells being involved in cutting edge trials and accessing the most contemporary developments in assessment of pupils with the main provider of 11+ grammar school tests and ISEB pre-tests to schools in our local area, but also means that we will host training events for other users of the materials. We look forward to a long and positive partnership.

## GREENWOOD NURSERY



Our week has been full of fun in Greenwood! We have introduced our topic of Under the Sea, with lots of discovering in the water trays and role-play areas and we have enjoyed a variety of craft activities. We look forward to learning much more about our favourite sea creatures.

There was a surprise waiting for us in the Rabbit corner this week, baby rabbits! We all got the opportunity to stroke them and the older rabbits too! One of the children found a slow worm in our garden! We learnt that they are lizards (even though they look like snakes!) with no legs and that they drop their tails. We gave the lizard the name of Wiggly Woo; we even sang the song to him.

In cookery we linked in our sound of the week, Z. We chopped and peeled Zucchini (courgette) and grated parmesan cheese to make a Zucchini bake. We enjoyed it for our snack that afternoon.



Reception are back with a SPLASH as they dive into their new topic, Under the Sea! To hook us into our learning we were called upon to clean up the mini ocean that had appeared in our classroom, you would have been shocked to see all the different materials and items we removed from the ocean to make it safe for the sea creatures! As authors, we have been using the book *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister to spot and magpie adjectives, ready to use in our own sentences. In Maths we have been shape geniuses, naming and describing 3D shapes using the technical vocabulary edges and faces. As designers we have been making jellyfish and then describing them using some of our new vocabulary. We also had another special delivery, which needs our extra special attention, EGGS! We have predicted what we think may be inside the little eggs and the ideas were incredible. We will have to track their progress and keep a close eye on them.



## Reception Photography Club

Miss E Fellows

This week we learnt all about flowers! The children loved smelling their scents and looking at the variety of colours. The peonies and orange poppies were a favourite. We were thrilled to see so many bees and butterflies pollinating the beautiful plants.



# Yarrells Sport News

During half term the Oxleys, Merrells, Harlands and Kong-Browns completed a 50km ride in the beautiful weather out to Moors Valley and back for the second year running. It was a great day and all of the children did exceptionally well. Josh and Benjamin did especially well completing 60km in total (that is 37 miles)! A fantastic achievement by all involved, well done!

A big congratulations to Isla McPhail who came second in the Poole festival of running minithon at the weekend. Isla was very happy with her performance.

Isla, along with Marnie Dodd and Callum Bowdler competed in the 10-11 age group. Euan McPhail, Austin Dodd and Luke Bowdler ran in the 6-7 age group. All of the children did exceptionally well on a very hot day, well done everyone!



Congratulations to Oli Evans who competed in the second Tumbling Spring Series on Saturday, 26th May 2018, in the Sheffield Athletics Arena. He came 12th and as such has qualified across both events (by being top 16 and obtaining qualifying score) for the British Championships in Birmingham Arena on 22nd September. Well done, Oli!



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# **YARRELLS SCHOOL**

*Yearbook 2017 - 2018?*

The Yarrells Yearbook, our school magazine, has been very well received in past years, both by present and prospective parents. The magazine provides a lively insight into the flavour, ethos and style of the School and is a wonderful keepsake for families in the Yarrells community. It will be published in July and will have a circulation of about 350. It is distributed at no charge to all families in the school and is also given to prospective parents who visit the school over the course of the year.

We are offering for interested associates to take advantage of an opportunity to use our magazine for marketing. As such, they may purchase advertising space at the following very reasonable rates:

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**Mon 16 to Fri 27 July**

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**age 3 to 13 years**

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