



Issue015

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parent and Carers,

Suddenly we are fast approaching the end of our first year as a brand-new school! The time has flown by (we must be enjoying ourselves!) and the summer holidays are looming. We are currently arranging a summer holiday respite club for some pupils to take place during the holidays. If you think that your child may be interested, or for further information please contact [Jemma.Godel@yarrowheights.com](mailto:Jemma.Godel@yarrowheights.com) or [Alana.Lunn@yarrowheights.com](mailto:Alana.Lunn@yarrowheights.com).

In a separate email we have produced a special edition newsletter which contains a separate Safeguarding section, some useful information and helpful links for parents. After reading the material, if you require any further information around any of the issues included, or have any questions on any of the topics raised, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or our Family Liaison Lead [Alana.Lunn@yarrowheights.com](mailto:Alana.Lunn@yarrowheights.com)

Sun safe 

Now the weather is [hopefully] warming up, we will be spending more time learning outside of the classroom. If the forecast is due to be sunny, can you please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. Each tutor group has a supply of sun cream, we will ask the pupils to reapply sun cream during the day, especially prior to going outside. Some children may also wish to wear a sunhat/cap outside during break and lunchtimes. This is perfectly acceptable.

Please ensure that each pupil comes to school with a named water bottle, we will continue to encourage the children to drink plenty of water throughout the day, where there are numerous points of access to cold drinking water throughout the school and in the playground.

## Parenting with Purpose

What a great start we have had to our Parenting with Purpose programme which got underway last week.

Feedback from some parents so far:

*"Wow Sue is a character and makes it very interesting"*

*"It's making me aware of aspects I never would have thought of before"*

*"This is not your bog-standard parenting class, Sue personalises it to your family and provides proof it works with evidential based stories"*

If you would like further information or to register to attend our next 6-week Parenting with Purpose programme, due to be rolled out in the Autumn (October), please do contact [Alana.Lunn@yarrowheights.com](mailto:Alana.Lunn@yarrowheights.com). We are especially keen to hear back from parents about the timings around our programme and what structure is most suitable.

## Key Stage 4 – Upper School

Before Easter our Year 9 pupils choose their GCSE Options. These are the GCSE programmes of study that they will follow over the next two years to secure a GCSE qualification at the end of Year 11.

PE Spanish IT User Skills Art Computer Science History Performing Arts Psychology

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Each Year 9 pupil chose two 'Options' to supplement the core subjects in our curriculum which all pupils must study: English, Maths, and Science, they must also engage in physical education and PSHE/Citizenship.

## Monthly Parent Drop In

Our next parent drop in will be on Friday 10th June. This provides the opportunity to meet our SENDCo, Naomi Arthur over coffee. Naomi will be our lead representative, arranging and attending all of the school's LA meetings and the Annual EHCP reviews with yourselves and the Local Authority. [Naomi.Arthur@yarrowheights.com](mailto:Naomi.Arthur@yarrowheights.com)

Naomi is a highly experienced SENDCo and will be happy to answer any questions and explain the different processes.

## Parents'/Carers' Evening – Hold the date!

We are planning a face-to-face Parents' Open Evening for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2002 1630-1830 for all parents.

Further information to following in next newsletter.

## Education-Business Partnership (EBP) South Careers Event 'Get Inspired'.

We were very proud to take two of our year 9 groups to the annual careers event at Southampton University. They fully engaged and interacted very well with the various business representatives. They did a great job of meeting the different challenges posed to them and asking lots of questions.



One of our pupils excelled in formulating an interesting proposal of how we could support unprivileged children and families in our local community.



## School Trips

### Swimming

To enhance our curriculum we have now built links with a local swimming pool. Classes MJ, LH & RL are attending weekly swimming lessons. We are hoping to offer this as an enrichment option for the older children during the second half of the summer term.

### Marwell Zoo

Our Art department arranged a day long visit to Marwell Zoo to undertake a series of observational drawings as part of their art projects.

Pupils from RL's class enjoyed a full day at Marwell Zoo. The weather started rainy but then brightened up! After visiting the penguins and animals from the African plains, the pupils met some of the giraffes and found out some interesting facts from the zoo team. The Ring-Tailed Lemurs from Madagascar quickly became their favourites! They were then lucky enough to experience a workshop in the Wild Explorers zone and the new Tropical House where they got to hold animal bones and fossils. A thoroughly enjoyable day with exemplary behaviour.





On their return, Marwell Zoo contacted the school to praise the behaviour of the children. They enjoyed our visit so much they have invited us as a school, to work more closely with them! A positive move as the Zoo is close to the school and offers a huge range of activities.

## Religious Education

For many children and young people religious education (RE) lessons will be the first place they learn about people different from themselves and often the first context in which they will visit a different place of worship or meet a person who belongs to a religious or belief tradition different from their own. At YHS, pupils are encouraged to learn about and develop their own beliefs and learn about the faiths and practices of others, whilst learning to respect those who hold principles different to their own.

Our approach to RE is based on a whole school focus exploring the wide range of different religions and beliefs throughout all parts of the world. On Monday in our assembly children will discuss the religion of Islam and over the course of this term all pupils will be given the opportunity to visit our local mosque.

## Diary Dates:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May : School INSET Day

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: ½ term holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Platinum Jubilee Celebration (more information to follow in next newsletter)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Open Evening for all parents 1630-1830 (further information to follow)

Hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

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