

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

We had a really busy week last week with two Reading Cafes, the Swimming Gala and our Macmillan Coffee afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the events. We know that this is not always possible if you have work/out of school commitments. Having noted your feedback, we will try to hold both Reading Cafes on the same night. They will be on the last Tuesday in each month moving forward. If you have children in both school buildings, you could maybe share a story/activity in one and then visit the other! The Cafes will run from 3.15pm in the Infants and 3.20pm in the Juniors until approximately 4.00pm! The children in Year 6 made some lovely wartime pancakes for the event and in Year 3 they had fun naming their big reading bear..... I think they have agreed on.....Freddie!! Our next Reading Cafe for the Infants and Juniors is on Tuesday 27th November.

In the Infant school hall, we now have a wonderful art gallery entitled 'Every Child an Artist', featuring beautiful masterpieces created by children in our school. You are welcome to visit our art gallery at the end of the school day or alternatively we have our public consultation meeting for our proposed amalgamation at 6.30pm on Wednesday this week. I met with the Local Authority on Friday afternoon to finalise the details and hope that you will be able to take the opportunity to ask any questions and/or share your views.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee event on Friday. It was a really busy afternoon and we are pleased to say that we raised £144.62. We really appreciated the cake donations and the time that the FOMS gave to run the event too!

Congratulations and well done to our outdoor team, led by Mrs Taylor-Connor, for achieving GOLD in the Ripon in Bloom competition. Olivia Smith (Year 1) proudly received the Ripon Young Gardener of the Year award for all her hard work in her allotment and the amazing gardening she has done at Buddies club. Thank you to Mrs Taylor-Connor for all her work to maintain our grounds and to Mrs Lily for the gardening work with Buddies. Thanks also to our Forest School team who inspire the children to use, respect and enjoy our outdoor space with imagination and creativity.

This week is another busy one with the beginning of Black History month! The children in Years 1-4 will learn about different cultures through workshops with our visiting Kenyan storyteller, Mara, on Tuesday. Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will also take part in her assembly first thing in the morning.

The children in Years 5 and 6 are currently reading a book set during WW2, 'My Friend the Enemy', and the author, Dan Smith will be visiting us on Friday so that they can interview him. Very exciting! We hope to put their interviews on our school Facebook page so keep your eyes peeled!

Have a super week everyone.

Mrs Rowett

Message from Sally Price

Ripon Grammar school are hosting a Drug Awareness workshop for parents, on Tuesday 9th October from 7pm- 8.45pm. It is open to all parents within the community. The session will be delivered by the Children and Families Prevention Service.

Family Friday

This Friday (5th October) will be the first 'Family Friday' of the year for **Reception** and **Nursery** parents. This is a chance for you to spend some time in school with your child - sharing books, looking at their learning journey, playing in the classroom and chatting to staff. Nursery will open at 11.15am and Reception will open at 2.45pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all! This will now be a regular event on the **first Friday of every month**.

Class Updates

Nursery – In Nursery, we will be thinking about Autumn. We will start with an Autumn walk to see what changes we can find. We will be counting conkers and other Autumn items. Please have a look around your local area with your child and see what you can find. Bring anything interesting you find to Nursery so we can share it! Ask your child to sing you the 'Autumn leaves' song!

Reception – The 'Spark' this week has led us to 'emergencies'. We have a new Doctors role play area which the children are already really enjoying. We are learning about how lots of doctors and nurses help us for different things. Our writing this week will link to a story about a little girl going into hospital. We will think about what she will need to pack into her bag and write her a list. In Maths this week we are using all the fantastic conkers that have been kindly brought in to do some great counting and sharing activities.

Year 1 – In Year 1 this week, we will be going into the world of Knights and Castles. The children will be given the opportunity to create and label a castle with a drawbridge and also make a tea party for the King and Queen. In Maths they will be starting to look at addition this week as well!

Year 2 – In Maths we are looking at column addition of 2 digit numbers. We will use dienes to help us and draw a bar model to show our answers. In Literacy we are starting a new story, 'Small Knight and George and the Royal Chocolate Cake'. We will use our senses to think about what the royal chocolate cake is like. This will help us create a description using lots of tasty adjectives.

Year 3 – This week in Year 3 we are starting to do addition in Maths whilst still doing work on place value. We are writing to persuade children from London to come and visit Ripon and will be focusing on our use of prepositions. We have a storyteller coming in on Tuesday and are looking forward to a workshop linked to this.

Year 4 – In Year 4 this week we are going to start looking at Roman numerals. In Literacy we are looking at being persuasive in the hope of finding Sophie from the BFG, who has gone missing! We are also focusing on our reading and have had lots more children achieve the High 5 Readers award this week.

Year 5 - This week in Year 5 we will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 6 digits and using our reasoning skills to solve problems. We will be starting to look at the features of recipes in Literacy and comparing the story of creation according to different religions in R.E. We will continue to investigate fossils as part of our Evolution and Inheritance topic in Science.

Year 6 – This week, we will be celebrating Black History Month with an assembly tomorrow hosted by a Kenyan Storyteller, which we will use ideas from to inspire our writing. In Science, we will be completing our 'Fossils' science magazine articles and as part of our World War 2 topic, we will be investigating what life was like in Germany during the war. We are very excited about meeting Dan Smith (the author of our class text) on Friday. We will have our interview questions prepared and rehearsed ready for his visit. Year 6 continue to amaze us with their fantastic homework. Please keep bringing it in for us to display in the classroom!

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.58	91.73	95.05	95.72	93.97	94.74	97.37

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.83	91.00	92.80	95.00	95.83	92.06	97.20

Diary Dates

Tuesday 2 nd October	Kenyan Story Teller, Mara
Friday 5 th October	Dan Smith, Author Visit
8 th – 12 th October	Year 6 – East Barnby Residential
Wednesday 10 th October	EYFS Reading meeting – 3.15pm
Wednesday 17 th October	KS1 Reading & Phonics meeting – 3.15pm
Thursday 18 th October	Individual School Photographs
Friday 19 th October	Harvest Festival (more details to follow)
Friday 26 th October	Half term
Tuesday 6th November	Back to School