

# MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

We had some really super visitors in school last week. On Tuesday, Mara came all the way from Kenya to tell us stories from another culture. She did a fabulous assembly for the whole school and got everyone involved with actions and sound effects! SUCH a lot of fun and a great way to learn more about Black History month.



On Friday, Dan Smith, the author of 'My Friend the Enemy' (which is now a film too) came and did a presentation for our children in Years 4-6. He really inspired lots of our children to become writers themselves and helped them with ideas to get past that 'writers' block that so many of them feel when they start a story. He was really impressed by some of the questions that the children asked when they interviewed him and even tweeted about Moorside, and put a lovely message on our Facebook page too!

We really enjoyed welcoming parents into the Foundation Stage on Friday afternoon so that the children could share their classrooms and learning areas with them. Thank you to everyone who could make it. If anyone was

unable to, you are welcome to arrange with the class teachers to pop in at a mutually convenient time.

On Wednesday, a public consultation was held at Moorside regarding the amalgamation of the Infant and Junior school and the Mowbray satellite provision on the Infant school site. If you missed it, there is an amalgamation page on our website with all the documents and information, including the speech that I made, to share our reasons for amalgamating and the process that will take place. Your comments and questions are always welcome and you can give feedback on the North Yorkshire consultation page:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/current-consultations>



We said farewell to our lovely Year 6 children who are spending the week in East Barnby today....we are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather is kind and will share updates through texts and our school Facebook page throughout the week!

The Early Years and Key Stage 1 teams have been working hard to put together their phonics, reading and spelling presentations for our information events. Please do come on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October for the Nursery and Reception session at 3.15pm and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm if your child is in Year 1 or 2. I hope you find the sessions really useful to support your child(ren).

Have a great week everyone!

Mrs Rowett

## Recycling takes off at Moorside

Both the Infant and Junior Schools are responding to a request from Ripon Grammar School to start recycling pens! The newly formed Eco Teams are already recycling paper, and pen recycling pots are now in all the classrooms.

A recycling point near Mrs Dunn's office is also ready for collecting old glasses and stamps.



## Double in Bloom Celebration

We have been lucky enough to win Gold from both Yorkshire and Ripon in Bloom. It seems a long time ago when the judges came. It was a beautiful sunny day and our grounds were looking so wonderful.

The children impressed the judges with their talk about our grounds and their love for learning outside.

A special mention must go to Olivia Smith in Year 1, who also received a Ripon in Bloom Merit Award, for her enthusiasm and helping at school and on her family allotment.



At a recent award ceremony, Mrs Taylor-Connor said "I would like to thank everyone at school and in Ripon in Bloom for all their help and support that helped school achieve the Gold Awards."

## Class Updates

**Nursery** - This week, Nursery will carry on thinking about Autumn. We're going to have a go at some writing - what we know about Autumn and bake some Autumn biscuits.

**Reception** – This week in Reception we are learning all about Autumn. We will be going on an Autumn walk, observing and discussing the changes that occur at this time of year. We will be finding out about animals such as hedgehogs and squirrels and writing some facts. In Maths this week we are learning to name and describe some 2D shapes.

**Year 1** – In Year 1 this week we will be creating dragons from egg boxes and writing instructions about this. If you have any empty egg boxes at home, please could they be brought in? The children will also be creating paintings of vegetables ready for our Harvest Festival!

**Year 2** – In Literacy this week we are continuing to look at the text 'Small Knight and George and the Royal Chocolate Cake'. We will be focusing on the chocolate cake (of course)!! In particular, looking at instructions of how to make one. We will practice by creating some instructions to make jam sandwiches and then seeing if we can follow them. If these instructions are tasty enough, hopefully we can make some chocolate cakes!! In Maths we will be using dienes to continue adding two digit numbers and drawing bar models and part whole models to support our learning. We will be finding missing numbers and experimenting with moving the equals sign around in the sum.

**Year 3** – In Year 3, we will be continuing our excellent work on addition in Maths. In Literacy, we are creating an information text built around our Science text 'The Street beneath our Feet'. In Science, we are continuing with our fossils mini topic. The children have brought in some super fossils already. If you have

some at home that you would like to share, please bring them in. Just a reminder, PE kits should be in school for Thursday and Fridays. Thank you.

Year 4 –This week in Year 4 we will be continuing our persuasive writing building up to us creating a persuasive letter for the BFG to read. In Maths we are going to be starting our unit on addition and subtraction, using concrete resources to support our understanding.

Year 5 - This week in Year 5 we will be exploring the human and physical characteristics of Hamburg in Germany and Newcastle in the UK. We will be making comparisons to help us to understand the similarities and differences. In Literacy our writing will be linked to our topic and we will continue with our place value topic in Maths.

Year 6 – The week has finally arrived... East Barnby residential! We have a fun-packed week of fantastic outdoor activities planned, including mountain biking, beck scrambling and canoeing on the River Esk! Check out Facebook during the week for updates. We are all really excited about our week of outdoor adventures!

## Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.68	90.12	94.83	96.35	92.71	95.53	97.25

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.00	84.00	94.00	98.75	87.92	98.53	96.80

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Phonics & Reading meeting – 3.15pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Reading & Phonics meeting – 3.15pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photographs
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival – Years 1 & 2, Infant Hall 9.30am
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Halloween Disco – Infants 4.15pm–5.45pm & Juniors 6.00pm–7.30pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
Tuesday 6th November	Back to School