

# MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week we had last week...lots of brilliant community events to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War made me prouder than ever to be part of the Moorside team.

Talking of teams... Mr Price took a cross country team to run alongside children from other schools and we came 3rd overall. Well done to Holly Yeadon, Poppy Binks, Evie Bailey, Madeline Stocks, Dexter Gorman, Bobbie Small, Imogen Blythe, Zak Renton, Andrew McCormack, Emily Pickard, Matthew Pickard and Jayden Gorman, who represented our school brilliantly.

Our Service children joined the 700 pupils from forces families in a special Remembrance service on Friday, the day after 11 of our Year 3's sang in a concert in the Cathedral too. Both groups of children did us proud and sang their hearts out. We also braved the wet weather yesterday and 20 of our children joined the Civic Parade in Ripon, followed by a school's procession through the Cathedral. Each of our children carried a baton with names of soldiers from Ripon, who sadly lost their lives in WW1. It really was a privilege to be part of it, and I am sure it was a memorable occasion for the children too.



It never stops at Moorside....

Today, the KS2 pupils are visiting Eden Camp, an open air war museum and went marching off on the bus dressed as soldiers, evacuees, land girls, children, men and women from the 1940s.... we thought it would be particularly poignant for them to visit whilst the Remembrance decorations are there, as it's their topic in KS2 this term.



It's National 'Anti-Bullying Week' this week and the theme is **RESPECT!**

The aim of this week is to support ALL our children to understand:

- The definition of respect;
- That bullying is a behaviour choice;
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other;
- That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online.

We have KS2 workshops taking place, as part of our work on Schools of Sanctuary and the children in KS1 will be designing posters and superhero masks to share their views on **RESPECT**, which is one of our aspects of PRIDE.

As always, you can see a snapshot of what is happening in school through our Facebook page! There have been lots of events recently and more happening this week....thank you so much for your support. We try to give the children as many opportunities as possible to take part in learning opportunities and experiences across the curriculum, but it would not be possible without your help and encouragement.

Have a super week everyone!

Mrs Rowett

## **Reading Plus KS2**

You will hopefully have received your child's login for Reading Plus if they are in Years 3-6. If not, please contact their class teacher or Miss Rogan. To make the most of the resource, it would be really useful for the children to login at home and this can be recorded as part of their 'High 5' reading time.

## **Children in Need**

Children in Need is on Friday 16th November. The School Councilors have decided that it will be a pyjama day for a £1.00 donation!! We will also be holding two cake stalls at playtime so any cake donations would be VERY gratefully received!

## **Class Updates**

Nursery – In Nursery this week, we will be thinking about babies and shape. We will learn about what babies need, what they like, and how we can help to look after them. In Maths, we are learning the names of different shapes and how to describe them. We will be learning some important new words -side and corner; these will help us to describe the shapes.

Reception – This week the 'Spark' in Reception is "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". We are learning and acting out the story in our 3 Bears cottage role play area. We are helping Goldilocks to say sorry to the 3 Bears by writing letters to her. In Maths this week we are continuing our work on addition by combining 2 groups.

Year 1 – In Year 1, as it is Anti-Bullying week, the children will be completing work about the 'Ugly Duckling'. In Maths, the children will be starting to look at numbers up to 100 and representing them using equipment. In addition to this, we will start to learn the songs for our Christmas production!

Year 2 – Our Literacy this week will be linked to our Science and is based around our Topic of Dragons! We will be designing some new clothes for the dragon in our class story which will keep him dry. However, we need to investigate waterproof materials and try and find a way to make the material waterproof first. Once we have our favourite material we can design our dragon a new outfit. We will then use our literacy skills to write an advert for his new clothes using a variety of verbs and adjectives. In Maths we are continuing to work on measures and weights. This week we are comparing different lengths and weights and we will use our knowledge of place value to explain why we have ordered our amounts in a certain way. This will lead us into reasoning and we will have to look for clues to work out the order and length of different object.

Year 3 - Year 3 are moving on to subtraction in Maths and working with larger numbers. We will be focusing on our trip to Eden Camp and writing diaries as an evacuee. We will be doing Anti-bullying Week activities in class, which will include making posters about how to show **RESPECT**.

Year 4 – In Year 4 this week, we will be planning our evacuee letters home, using all that we have learnt from our trip to Eden Camp. In Maths, we will be deepening our understanding of multiplication by solving real life problems. The children will also be continuing their ICT with Mrs Moss on Friday morning.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5 we will be starting to plan our wartime newspaper reports. In Maths we will be using all four operations to calculate and solve problems. We will also be continuing to investigate the best materials to use in DT with Mrs Stephenson from Ripon Grammar School.

Year 6 – We have had a fantastic start to the week this week with our trip to Eden Camp where we have gained real life experiences of what life was like during World War 2. We will be using this experience to support us in writing a newspaper article about the Blitz. We will also be sharing our learning from the trip and discussing how World War 2 started, using our mapping skills to locate the countries involved on a world map. In Maths, we will be looking at algebra and how symbols can represent numbers. We will be accessing Reading Plus for half an hour twice during the week to improve our reading fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Please remember to go on at home too.

## Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.55	92.91	95.26	97.58	95.20	95.83	97.07

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.35	97.50	97.00	98.96	98.44	95.96	99.00

## Diary Dates

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	KS1 Showcase - 9.15am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair – 2.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity – 9.15am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity – 2.00pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Performance – 1.30pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Performance – 1.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Carols Round the Tree – 2.00pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Holidays – School ends at 3.00pm