

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it to the last week of the half term, surviving the dark mornings, dark afternoons and the cold weather! The children have had lots of super achievements since we came back to school after Christmas...

The children in Key Stage 1 sang beautifully last week in Ripon Cathedral as part of 'The Big Sing'... they really did us proud. It can be really daunting to perform with 160 other children to such a big audience but it hardly phased them at all!

We were in the Northern Echo and Harrogate Advertiser last week for recycling our plastic pens.... Radio York are visiting on Wednesday to interview our representatives on the ECO TEAM, who have worked hard with Mrs Taylor-Connor to achieve this. How exciting! We will let you know when the interviews will be broadcast.



We will be taking part in the Keep Britain Tidy month, after Zach Armstrong in Year 2 was inspired by his reading book 'The Litter Queen' and suggested that we should get rid of the litter in our community. The Friends of Moorside will help us by running an art competition based on this theme next half term. Winners will be judged and displayed by Stuff4offices. We will also be working with the Hell Wath Litter Pickers to keep Ripon tidy! Watch this space for more information...

We have had more 'Reading Madness' events and competitions taking place in school, with 'I Spy You Reading' photos being gradually sent in and the start of our sponsored read. If you haven't done this already, there is still time!! Please keep those photos coming in....they can be emailed to admin@moorside-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk. We are also tracking the children across the school who have read the most on Reading Plus so far... trophies and certificates are awarded weekly in our PRIDE assembly too. We wonder who it'll be next week?!

I hope you all have a lovely week off over the half term and that the children come back raring to go on 4th March. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please share them with us at school. We continue to do everything that we can to keep improving at Moorside, and I feel proud of the work that our staff and children have done this term. We are always open to making changes and all feedback helps us to do this, if it comes to us. Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Amalgamation

We had hoped that the consultation outcome for the Amalgamation would be confirmed by North Yorkshire County Council this week. It is looking more likely that this should happen shortly after half term, after meetings have taken place as part of the protocol. This is out of our control, but as soon as we have any further information, regarding the proposal to join the Infant and Junior schools on the 29th April, we will send an update.

Dogs on the school premises

Just a polite reminder - in line with North Yorkshire Health and Safety regulations, we cannot permit dogs other than therapy or guide dogs on our school premises. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Key Stage 2 Crime Scene Investigation Challenge

As part of our Month of Reading Madness, on Tuesday, every child in Key Stage 2 will be given the opportunity to become a detective, to solve the **Mystery of the Golden Pen**:

A terrible crime has been committed! Over a month ago, an incredibly valuable golden pen was stolen from a display case in school. The police are baffled and have been unable to solve the mystery so far. They need your help!

The children will work collaboratively in teams, using their reading inference skills, to carefully examine the clues and solve the crime. Will the Mystery of the Golden Pen be solved? Which group of insightful detectives will solve the mystery.....?

Forest School timetable for next half-term

Three classes have enjoyed Forest Schools this half term. Forest Schools uses the outdoors and practical experiences, to improve wellbeing and deepen children's learning in Literacy, Science and DT. We have some super evidence of their learning in our new BIG BOOKS!

Next half term the classes on Forest schools will be:

Wednesday pm - Reception

Friday am -Year 2

Friday pm- Year 4

Forest Schools Kit List:

- Warm layers of thick clothing- no jeans or thin leggings please
- **Waterproof coat and trousers**
- Wellies – **essential as our grounds are very muddy**
- Extra pair of socks
- Hat and gloves
- **Plastic bag** for muddy boots and clothing

All children must ensure they have the above kit in order to take part. Please name all items of clothing and footwear. The weather can vary and can be extremely cold at this time of year, so please dress your child appropriately for the weather.

From the FOMS...

The Valentine's disco was a huge success raising just over £500. Thank you to everyone who came along. Again, thanks to Messy Buns and Morrisons for their generous contributions. Bags2School will be going out this week if you're having a clear out of textiles over the half term! Thank you for your continued support.

Class Updates

Nursery – Following on from an interesting discussion we had last week (can you guess who wants to be a plumber?!), Nursery will be thinking about 'When I grow up, I want to be...'. We will be thinking about different jobs, what people wear to work, and the different things people have to help them at work. Our number will be number 5 - we've had some very imaginative things brought in for the number bag so far - keep them coming!

Reception – We are continuing our 'Spark' of being healthy. This week we are concentrating on how to keep ourselves happy. We are drawing and writing things that we can do when we are feeling sad to cheer ourselves up! In Maths we are investigating 2D and 3D shapes. We are naming them and talking about their properties.

Year 1 – In Literacy, we are continuing to focus on poetry; we will finish writing our poem and then add some actions to have a finished performance. In Maths we are continuing to look at position, direction and movement. We are also using this theme as a focus in ICT, so that we can create simple algorithms. In PSHCE we are talking about things that make us feel scared and what strategies we have to make ourselves feel better. In Topic, we will be comparing the physical features of Hell Wath to the Amazon rainforest and during Science we will be looking at the first signs of Spring. It is our last week of Forest School, so the children will need to bring home their Forest School kit and will not need them again until the Summer term.

Year 2 – We are starting this week with a recap of the spellings and SPaG we need to cover in Year 2. We will have a quick spelling and SPaG test to show how far our learning has come this year (it's far!). We are very excited as we have received a letter from the BFG himself! Apparently, he's tried to grow some sunflowers of his own, but he has failed. The BFG wants our help so we will be writing back to him, explaining the best way to grow sunflowers. As we are growing our own sunflowers, we will be checking them and filling in our ongoing diary. In Maths we are continuing with fractions. We will use lots of practical resources to show how to find fractions in different ways. Then we can use this knowledge to find fractions of amounts.

Year 3 – This week in Year 3, we will be solving problems in Maths including division and multiplication. We will be making up some problems of our own to give to a friend to work out. We will be completing our explanation text about magnets and doing some editing and improving by self and peer-assessing. We have our poetry competition on Tuesday... I am looking forward to hearing all the fantastic poems. As well as this we have a CSI reading task to complete! In RE, we will be looking at creation stories and what makes our planet great, and what we can do to look after it.

Year 4 – After finishing off our Sci-fi stories last week in Year 4, we will be looking at writing our very own information text about our moon buggies. We will also be building our moon buggies on Tuesday afternoon and would appreciate any more junk modelling materials. In Maths we will be continuing our work on adding and subtracting fractions, using real life scenarios to support our understanding.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5, we are finding the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. This will include solving problems and explaining how we reached our answer. In Literacy, we will be editing and improving our narratives based around 'Wolf Brother'. We will be building our rockets for our trip to Mars. Photographs will be taken so that we can share our excitement!

Year 6 – This week, we will be rounding off the half term with lots of exciting activities. On Tuesday, we will be reciting our poems in class to decide who the winner is. We will also be taking part in the crime scene investigation challenge 'The Mystery of the Golden Pen'. In Maths, we will be continuing our learning on fractions to investigate equivalents, as well as perfecting our long division method. Using our Literacy skills in Science, we will be writing a script to use, to help us explain how day and night occur to children in Year 2. We will be using models to support us with our explanations too!

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.35	94.12	94.39	97.18	95.86	96.33	96.81

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.20	95.50	96.40	97.50	95.00	93.64	94.23

Diary Dates

Friday 22 nd February	Half-term
Monday 4 th March	Back to School
Monday 4 th March	Planetarium – KS2
Monday 11 th March	Bags2School collection 9.00am