

# MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well that was the fastest week ever, but we are back and raring to go at Moorside, ready for an exciting half term in the lead up to Easter.

The children in Key Stage 2 had a fantastic experience with the Aurora Planetarium this morning, consolidating their learning about the planets last half term. Their Topic now moves onto How did the Ancient Egyptians use the Sun? The children in Key Stage 1 are continuing with the plants and growing Topic, extending their knowledge by learning about trees and rainforests in countries around the world.

We are looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday. Some children will not want to dress up and it is not compulsory, however, being 'in character' and dressing up is a fun way for the children to express their reading preferences and engage in a wider variety of stories, which promotes reading for pleasure. They will be taking part in a number of activities relating to different books and authors throughout the day....I am still hunting for my broomstick, as I am feeling inspired by one of Roald Dahl's fantastic novels....!

Online Safety.... We have obviously been extremely concerned about the recent news reports, making us aware of the threats to our children's safety online through the Momo challenge. We hope that the communication we have shared regarding this has supported our families. The message that I would like to share on behalf of the NSPCC, is that we MUST talk to our children about keeping safe online, outlining potential dangers that they might encounter, so that they are equipped to deal with them. This will obviously provoke conversations between themselves and their peers, regarding any concerns that they might have and this is natural. Please could you reiterate to your child(ren) that there is always someone to listen to their worries about the Internet at school or at home and it is always best to share them us instead of bottling things up. There is advice for how you can support children by knowing the risks at [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com). We will continue to address online safety through our ICT lessons and PHSCE.

On the subject of absence and attendance, we had SO many bugs and germs in school last half term. Some guidance has been shared by the NHS, so that you know when children CAN return to school after common illnesses. We hope you find this useful.

As ever, please do contact us at school if you have any concerns that you would like to share so that we can all work together to support your child(ren).

Best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

### When should my child return to school?

<b>Chicken Pox</b> When all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> None*	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> None*	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> None*	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> None*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> None*	<b>Threadworms</b> None*	<b>Tonsillitis</b> None*		

## **Amalgamation**

We are due to hear the final decision regarding the consultation to amalgamate next week. As soon as we have any further information, we will let you know.

## **Year 6 SATS Information Evening**

On Monday 11th March at 4.30 pm (after SATS club), Miss Rogan will be holding a Year 6 SATS information session. The aim of the session is to share all relevant information regarding the SATS: the timetable of the tests, reporting of the outcomes, scaled scores and how children can be helped at home. There will also be an opportunity for parents to ask any further questions. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

## **World Book Day Thursday 7th March**

To celebrate World Book day, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. During the day, we will be taking part in a range of reading activities in class to promote a love of reading. Every child will be given a £1.00 book token, which can be used to purchase one of the £1.00 books available in many supermarkets and books shops or used towards the cost of another book.

## **Class Updates**

Nursery – Nursery are learning about Little Red Riding Hood this week. We will be retelling the story, acting out the different characters and finding differences between the different books we have. We are moving Pancake Day to Friday - we're very flexible! Our number of the week is 6 - our number bag is ready for your offerings!

Reception – In Reception we are beginning our Topic of Traditional Tales and beginning with the story Little Red Riding Hood. We will be retelling the story using our new Grandmother's cottage role play area and by drawing our own story plans. Our focus for Maths this week is addition. We are adding groups of cakes for Grandma and learning to count on from the bigger number when we work out the total.

Year 1 – In Literacy this week, we are beginning to look at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be re-telling the story and drawing story maps. In Maths, we are re-visiting number bonds. Our ICT session is focusing on writing simple algorithms to give instructions. During Science, we will be writing descriptions of different flowers which we will read to our partners to see if they can guess which flower we are describing! In Topic, we will be starting to look at the Amazon rainforest, and its key physical features, which we will then describe in a setting description. A letter will be going home this week about our visit to Harlow Carr Gardens on Friday 29th March. Our showcase for this half term will be on Tuesday 26th March at 2.15pm. The Year 1 and 2 children will be performing a dance that they have been learning with Mrs Rich during their weekly PE lessons.

Year 2 – Welcome back. We hope you had a fantastic half term break. We are excited to begin a new text in Literacy called 'The Great Kapok Tree'. It's all about the Amazon Rainforest and we will be using our senses to discover what it's like to live in a rainforest. In Maths we will use cubes and draw pictures to find fractions of amounts. We are hoping our times table knowledge will help us! Forest School starts this week again in Year 2 on Friday. Mrs Goss has planned some amazing activities linked to our Science topic of plants, so please remember your Forest School clothes on Friday.

Year 3 – In Year 3 this week we are starting to learn about time in Maths. We will be looking at telling the time with more accuracy so that we can tell the time in a range of formats. In Literacy we are looking at subordinating conjunctions and using them to expand our writing. We will be writing a persuasive piece linked to our RE topic to encourage others to look after the world. We will be starting our Topic of 'How did the Ancient Egyptians use the Sun?' We are looking forward to World Book Day and the activities we will be doing linked to it.

Year 4 – This week we will be launching our new Topic 'How did the Ancient Egyptians use the Sun?' with a school visit from the Aurora Planetarium, this will build on our knowledge of space whilst introducing one of the many accomplishments of the Egyptians. In Maths, we will be continuing our work on fractions aiming to use our reasoning skills. We also have a new Science topic to begin and will be investigating electricity and how to use it safely.

Year 5 – In Year 5, we will be creating Information sources about our visit from the amazing Planetarium. The children had a brilliant time and were astounded by the visual effects. In Maths, we will be focusing on decimals, fractions and percentages. This will include ordering decimals and solving problems that link all three aspects. We will be finishing and evaluating our Rockets, which will be looking spectacular!

Year 6 – Today, we have explored a visiting planetarium and discovered lots of new facts about space. This week, we will be writing a newspaper article about the visit to share the excitement of our experience. In Maths, we will be continuing to explore fractions as well as shape and in Science, we will be completing our models to demonstrate how day and night occur, ready to share with Year 2 next week. SATs club is on tonight as usual and will be on every Monday this half term. Children who have not yet attended the club are more than welcome to join for this half term.

## Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.50	94.16	94.28	97.24	95.90	96.28	96.89

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.29	95.00	92.00	98.33	96.67	95.15	98.46

## Diary Dates

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Bags2School collection 9.00am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Showcase – 2.15pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Harlow Carr visit – KS1
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays – 3.00pm finish
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school - Summer Term