

# MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's British Science week! We had our planetarium last week in KS2 to help launch our learning about how our understanding of space has developed over time, and how people have used the sun in the past and today. We are focusing on the Ancient Egyptians who were the first to use the sun for heating houses (solar panels today). They used the sun to tell the time using sun dials, and they were the first to use a calendar with a 365-day year. They also built their pyramids in line with the stars! The children have written news reports and recounts in KS2, to share their planetarium knowledge! Our Science week theme is 'Celebrating Science at Moorside', and we will be having a sharing assembly in school this week for each class to showcase their learning to the school in Science, which is progressive across KS1 and KS2. Keep your eye on the Facebook page for Science Week updates!

The children all looked fantastic on Thursday when they came to school dressed as their favourite characters for World Book Day. Thank you so much for your hard work in helping them to achieve this! It really does help to celebrate reading at school. We are still taking in our 'Usborne Sponsored Read' money until the end of this week. Please deliver it to the school office so that we can count it and let you know what our total is to buy new books in school. We are also still receiving 'I Spy You Reading' entries, so please send any photos of your children reading in adventurous places to the school office.

It's Comic Relief this Friday!! The children are invited to bring a donation of at least £1.00 towards this fantastic national fundraising event and have a 'crazy hair day' at school. We will be having a 'crazy hair salon', where the children will be able to do the teachers' hair! We will be uploading our photos onto the school Facebook page to share the results! There will be no scissors involved!

Today, we have our KS1 and KS2 SATs Information Evenings. Parents and children in Year 2 are welcome at 3.15pm and in Year 6 at 4.30pm. This will be led by the class teachers, so please do come along to ask any questions if you have any queries about how the SATs tests are delivered and what is entailed.

Our Parent Consultations will take place in the week beginning 1st April 2019. You will be able to sign up from next week.

Finally, we are taking part in Keeping Britain Tidy month through.... 'The Great Big School Clean', along with the Hell Wath Litter Pickers on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019. This event been arranged by Mrs Taylor-Connor, who would love as many helpers as possible to take part. Parents/Carers will need to meet their children at 2.45pm at school, to walk from school to Hell Wath to collect litter. Please see further information at: [https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/sites/default/files/resources/Great%20Big%20School%20Clean%20-%20Primary%20School%20Pack%202019\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/sites/default/files/resources/Great%20Big%20School%20Clean%20-%20Primary%20School%20Pack%202019_FINAL.pdf)

.....if you are interested! There will be hot chocolate for helpers at 4.00pm.

The Friends of Moorside have also arranged an Art Competition using recycled materials. Please have a look at their poster as part of this newsletter to take part! It all sounds very exciting!

As ever, there is lots going on, so please do let us know if you have any questions or queries about your child's learning and/or well-being in school. We are always here to help!

Have a super week!

**Mrs Rowett**

## **FOMS – Art Competition**

Take part in our art competition using recyclable items....! Create artwork on paper or a sculpture using as many items that can be recycled as possible. Let your imagination go wild, using a theme of Spring and the Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean, e.g. animals, flowers, save the planet etc. All Artwork needs to be brought into school by the 22nd March, where it will be judged. The best art from each class will then go on display at Stuff4Offices for 2 weeks, where the public can vote for their favourite. The overall winner will be announced week commencing 8 April. Entry is £1.00 and this will need to be handed in with the artwork. Please ensure the artwork is no bigger than 2ft by 2ft and if on paper, no larger than A3. It needs to be able to be transported to the shop easily. The more recyclable items used the better. Thank you to Stuff4Offices for supplying the prizes and for the art display. Any questions please see a member of FOMS or email us on [foms@moorside-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:foms@moorside-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk).

## **Class Updates**

**Nursery –** Nursery are busy this week! We are thinking about Hansel and Gretel, and will make gingerbread houses. Our number of the week is 7 - we already have a rainbow in the number bag; what else could you bring?! As part of Science week, we will be exploring and investigating some of the exciting equipment that the older children use - what can we do with it?!

**Reception –** This week in Reception we are continuing our work on Little Red Riding Hood. The children are learning to sequence the story and will have a go at writing the beginning, middle and end. In Maths this week we are moving onto subtraction. We will be using objects and drawing in order to solve subtraction problems.

**Year 1 –** In Literacy this week, we will be continuing to focus on the story of Jack and the Bean Stalk - drawing story maps and writing character descriptions. In Maths, we are re-visiting partitioning and continuing to focus on time. In PSHCE, we are learning about growth and fixed mindsets. During Science, we will be starting our Topic about the seasons, we will be selecting a tree to observe over the next few weeks, monitoring the changes which are happening. In RE we will start looking at the importance of the Qur'an in the Islamic faith. Topic will see us writing a description about the Amazon rainforest, so that we can compare it to Hell Wath.

Don't forget to return the letter about our visit to Harlow Carr Gardens on Friday 29th March. Payment can also be made via ParentPay. 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. Some Year 1 children have said that they have Disney costumes that they can wear; Mrs Rich will provide clothes for any children who don't have costumes at home.

**Year 2 –** In Maths this week we will be using paper shapes to create fraction number lines. We will also be creating number lines with missing fractions on for our friends to solve. This will lead us on to solving problems with fractions. We will choose practical resources to help and also draw pictures to show our learning. In Literacy we will re write the story of 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We will be looking at commands and statements and using these in our story. First we will draw pictures to show the events in the story then we will orally rehearse the story before using exciting vocabulary to write it in our books. We will be making our own miniature rainforests later on in the week and we really need 2 litre pop bottles. If you have any at home, please could you bring them in?

After school on Monday we will be holding a parents meeting about the upcoming SATs tests for Year 2. Please do join us after school. It will give you a chance to find out how the SATs are administered in school, what your child will be tested on and to ask any questions you may have. We will also have a selection of past SAT papers for you to look at.

Year 3 – In Year 3 this week we are continuing learning about time and will start looking at the 24 hour clock alongside the 12 hour clock. We will also be learning about shapes following on from our pyramid investigation last week. We are learning about subordinate clauses in Literacy. We will be writing a persuasive letter to another child to get them to help save our world in RE. In Topic we will be learning about Howard Carter and how he found the tomb of Tutankhamen, we will be writing a diary as if we are Howard Carter and what happened when he found the tomb.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4 we will be finishing off our poetry and will be moving on to writing a newspaper article regarding an Ancient Egyptian discovery. In Maths we will be continuing our fraction work, using our reasoning skills to justify our answers. We will be delving into our topic even more, looking at the story of Howard Carter and how he found Tutankhamen's tomb.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5, we will be rounding decimals in Maths, building on the excellent work produced so far. In Literacy, our focus is using comma's for clarity and we will use this skill during our story writing. In PE, we are focusing on our Rugby skills. We have some budding superstars in Year 5! Reading plus will be completed in school. Please encourage your child to continue to read at home as much as possible. Thank you.

Year 6 – This week, Year 6 will be finishing off their newspaper reports to share their experience of last week's fantastic Planetarium visit. Tomorrow, we will be sharing models with Year 2 to explain and show how day and night occur; we are well prepared and looking forward to sharing our knowledge. In Maths, we will be exploring fractions in more depth and investigating the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be exploring the use of formal language in preparation for some formal persuasive letter writing next week. Children in Year 6 **must** practise their times tables at home as much as possible as we will be taking part in regular times tables challenges in class to improve our instant recall.

## Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.47	94.20	94.59	97.12	95.95	96.32	96.84

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.76	95.00	97.50	94.58	97.08	97.27	95.77

## Diary Dates

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 & 2 SATs Information 3.15pm and 4.30pm respectively
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – full uniform and crazy hair!
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Art Competition entry deadline
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Showcase – 2.15pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Reading Cafe
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Harlow Carr visit – KS1
w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	FOMS Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Litter Picking event – 2.45pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays – 3.00pm finish
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school - Summer Term