

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue: 25

25th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was officially the first day of spring last week.... school is looking lovely with new flowers popping up everywhere. Thank you to all the staff and children, who have been involved in making our grounds look so beautiful.

Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 TAG rugby teams, who came third in last week's cluster competition against other Ripon schools. We were so impressed by their enthusiasm and team work, as well as their never-ending energy to sustain their play! Well done!

There are lots of opportunities for you to come into school to share your children's learning this term over the next 3 weeks... Tomorrow at 2.30pm, we would love to welcome our parents of children in Years 1 and 2 to watch their dance showcase. Sam Rich, who runs 'School's Out', has been working hard to deliver high quality PE lessons with our KS1 children, and the outcome is simply fabulous.... the children would love to perform to as many family members who can make it! We then have our Reading Cafes in both the Infant and Junior Schools from home time onwards on Tuesday. Again... we warmly welcome you to have a cuppa and share a book or a reading activity with your child(ren).

Parent consultation meetings begin next week. If you still have any problems in booking these through the website, please contact Mrs Pawley, who has spent hours setting up our new system. There have been a few technical glitches along the way, but we seem to have ironed most of them out now!

We had a really positive visit from our School Improvement Adviser, Karen Butler, and an adviser for SEND, Jo Collett on Thursday. They carried out learning walks in the Infant and Junior schools, to look at both schools as one, to ensure consistency and progress. Some of their observations and feedback was:

- Pupils are demonstrating sustained engagement and problem solving skills across EYFS.
- Consistent approaches are now more evident across the school in displays and environments and also in approaches to behaviour management and teaching and learning.
- The verbal feedback provided by teachers was effective in addressing misconceptions and moving learning on.
- Adults are matching work to meet the needs of pupils and are ensuring that supportive scaffolding structures are in place.
- Teachers are providing those greater depth opportunities.
- The SEND adviser looked at documents for each pupil with SEN and reports that records are detailed, provision matches the records and tracking is effective.
- The inclusion of children with SEND was seen throughout the school.

We look forward to welcoming you into school over the next couple of weeks, so that you can discuss your child's progress and well-being with our staff and see some of the super learning that they have been doing over the past term.

Have a brilliant week everyone!

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Little Litter Picking Heroes....

Don't forget.... it's our litter picking event on Thursday 4th March. We will send out a consent form, so that we know how many people to expect.

The FOMS Sponsored Bounce is back!

The children enjoyed it so much last year that we're doing it again! Each child will have one minute to do as many bounces as possible. You can sponsor them per bounce or any fixed amount, to support the cost of our new school library. The bounce will take place on Tuesday 2nd April during school hours, so if you are available to help count bounces please let us know.

There's still time to enter our art competition to coincide with the Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean campaign and have your art displayed in Stuff4Offices. Entry is £1.00 and this will need to be handed in with the artwork by Wednesday.

Forest Schools this week

As Year 2 are having their exciting trip to Harlow Carr Gardens on Friday, they will have Forest Schools on Wednesday afternoon and Reception will have Forest Schools on Friday morning instead.

Class Updates

Nursery – Nursery will be thinking about our Mothers this week! We will be talking about all the ways that our Mothers care for us, and making some special cards. Our number of the week is 8 - we already have things in our number bag to look at! We will also be reading Beauty and the Beast and talking about the characters in the story.

Reception – This week we are taking the children's interest of frogs to learn some frog facts and learn the story of The Frog Prince. We will be making up our own frog stories, retell them to the class and have a go at writing them. In Maths this week we are learning what the word 'double' means and are learning how to find out our own double facts.

Year 1 – We have a very busy week this week! Tuesday at 2.15pm is the Year 1 and Year 2 dance showcase and Friday is our school trip to Harlow Carr! In Maths we are continuing to focus on finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts and in Literacy we are writing character descriptions. In guided reading sessions we are focusing on answering comprehension questions. During topic, we will be looking at how Ripon and the Amazon Rainforest have changed over time and writing about these changes. In RE we will be looking at the importance of Mothering Sunday and why it is celebrated by Christians.

Year 2 – In Literacy we are reading the 'Shaman's Apprentice' and will be writing our own diary entries to put on display. In Maths we are continuing to work with time to the nearest 5 minutes. On Tuesday, we will be performing our dance showcase for parents in the afternoon. We do hope you can join us at 2.15pm so we can show the amazing dances we have been practicing each week with Mrs Rich. We also can't wait for our trip to Harlow Carr on Friday!

Year 3 – In Year 3 this week we are writing some poetry about Ancient Egypt. We will be learning about what the Ancient Egyptians invented and seeing what is still used today, we will be making a poster to advertise the invention. In Maths we are looking at calendars in time as well as 3D shapes. In Science we are looking at how a switch can impact a circuit and making sure we are able to create complete circuits.

Year 4 – In Literacy we will be writing instructions on how to make/play the noughts and crosses games the children made in Forest School last week. We will be delving even deeper in to our 'Ancient Egypt' topic, comparing and contrasting the Nile to a local river. In Science we will be experimenting with materials that conduct electricity and looking at the impact switches can have on electrical circuits.

Year 5 – In Topic, we will be continuing our project on Egypt. The class will be investigating if we can build a pyramid from a pyramid! In Science, we will be investigating Scientists linked to our topic of electricity. Reminder - it is our Reading Cafe on Tuesday after school, we look forward to seeing you then.

Year 6 – In Science lessons this week, we will be exploring circuits through a range of practical activities to discover variables that can impact a circuit and how it works. We will also be planning investigations to test our theories. In Maths, we will be building on our understanding of ratio to solve problems involving scale factors and diving fractions by whole numbers. We are looking forward to welcoming you all into our classroom on Tuesday for the Reading Cafe - we hope to see lots of you there!

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.88	94.55	94.83	97.25	96.03	96.08	96.67

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.72	97.00	96.67	97.50	96.67	91.52	94.62

Diary Dates

Tuesday 26 th March	KS1 Showcase – 2.15pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Reading Café – Infants 3.15pm & Juniors 3.20pm
Friday 29 th March	Harlow Carr visit – KS1
w/c 1 st April	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 2 nd April	FOMS Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 4 th April	Litter Picking event – 2.45pm
Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays – 3.00pm finish
Monday 29 th April	Back to school - Summer Term