

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that everyone had a lovely weekend celebrating Mother's Day. The children certainly put lots of care and effort into their cards last week. KS1 enjoyed a brilliant trip to Harlow Carr on Friday. They were really lucky with the weather and created some fabulous works of land art, searched for signs of Spring, different trees and went bird watching. A super way to harness all their Science knowledge and understanding about plants this term.

Mr Moss is back at Moorside this week!! He will be spending the whole week with KS2, who began their clay sculpture work and artist study on Henry Moore with him during our Autumn Art week.... these will be fired in the kiln and painted on Thursday. Each class will spend a day this week with Mr Moss, experimenting with mark making, print making, colour, texture and pattern.... we look forward to sharing their outcomes with you, we are sure they will be amazing as always.

We are doing our litter pick on Thursday at 2.45pm, as part of the Keeping Britain Tidy initiative! Letters went out about this last week, so if you can return your reply slips ASAP, we will ensure that we have enough hot chocolate at the end!

Parent consultations begin this week... you will be able to share your child's progress with their teachers and look at their books.... we also have Forest School books to view, so please do take the opportunity to arrange an appointment and come into school if you haven't signed up already.

The Amalgamation Celebration is on 29th April, beginning at 2.00pm. Please see the invitation attached. All our families are welcome, there is a free BBQ, disco and drinks. We will also have C&M Ices on site selling ice creams and the FOMS are kindly arranging some Moorside Primary School and Nursery water bottles and stationery to sell.... We have recently confirmed that we will have a special visit from Stray FM! Please do come and join us and hear your children singing. This is for our current families and members of the school community.

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Big Battery Hunt

As part of our commitment to recycling and caring for our environment, Moorside, together with schools across the country, are joining the Big Battery Hunt! We are supplying your child with a collection box, so they can start collecting. Please bring the box back into school when they are full, so we can add them to our BIG container. We are entering a competition which closes on 3rd June. Happy hunting!

FOMS Sponsored Bounce

Don't forget it's the Sponsored Bounce tomorrow so we hope the children come to school with their jumping feet on! There will be prizes for the children from each class who bounce the most in a minute! If anyone is available to help us count bounces throughout the day then please let us know. Thank you.

Class Updates

Nursery – Nursery this week are learning about The Three Little Pigs! We have been doing lots of building in the sandpit, so we'll try and build some houses of our own. We will also find out what number we live at and print some houses. Our number of the week is 9 - contributions for the number bag welcome! It's Family Friday this week - all welcome at 11.15am in Nursery.

Reception – This week in Reception we are going on a walk around the school grounds to look for signs of Spring. We will be taking photographs of what we see and using them to help us write about what we see in Spring. We are also going to look carefully at the different parts of a flower and name each part. In Maths this week we are looking at halving and sharing numbers by 2.

Year 1 – This week we will be writing a recount of our trip to Harlow Carr Gardens - what a wonderful day we had! In Maths, we are focusing on finding quarters of shapes and amounts. We will also be starting to look at length and how to use a ruler. Mrs Rowett was very impressed when she came to watch our SPAGERCISE lesson last week, and we are continuing to focus on identifying adjectives and nouns during our sessions this week. During RE, the children will be starting to learn about the story of Easter, in particular Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. During Science, we will be looking at the first signs of Spring in the school grounds and in Topic we will be writing letters to the axe-man from 'The Great Kapok Tree', asking him not to cut down trees in the rainforest.

Year 2 – We had a fabulous trip to Harlow Carr on Friday, but unfortunately Mrs Rowett couldn't make it. So this week we are going to write a recount of our trip for her. If we can make it exciting with lots of adjectives and adverbs she might book Harlow Carr for another class to visit! We are also planning on creating leaflets to advertise what a wonderful place it is. In Maths Mrs Bailey is going to do some exciting work with us on odd and even numbers and we will also be carrying on with our time work. We will be sequencing and comparing time as well as using stop watches to time how long it will take us to complete certain activities. We will then compare our results with each other. In Science we are comparing plants in the UK to plants in the Amazon Rainforest. We will investigate how plants have adapted themselves to survive in a different climate to ours.

Year 3 – Year 3 are focusing on verbs this week during SPAGERCISE and Literacy. We will be gathering content about Egyptian Gods in Topic and then writing poems about them. We will be making sure the verbs we pick are powerful and thinking about the effect our verb choice has on the reader. In Maths we are looking at angles in a shape and perimeter as well as months in a year and days in a month. We are looking forward to doing Art with Mr Moss, and showing off what we have made.

Year 4 – This week in Maths Year 4 will be continuing with our new geometry topic, the children will be looking at different angles as well as using a protractor to measure them accurately. In Literacy we will be looking at writing diary entries from the perspective of Howard Carter around the time of uncovering Tutankhamun's tomb. In Science we will be gaining an understanding of how a complete circuit may still be affected by broken parts or flat batteries. We will also be looking forward to our Art day with Mr Moss on Friday.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5, we will be focusing on relative clauses in Literacy. We will investigate what these are as well as applying them in our written work. In Maths, our focus is on measures and converting these. This includes feet and inches. We are going 'old school' in Year 5 this week! In Topic, we are investigating how people built the pyramids and how the Nile plays a huge part of the culture in Egypt.

Year 6 – This week in Year 6, we will be exploring a range of sentence structures used for different effects. We will also be focusing on how different sentences are punctuated. In Maths, we will be looking in depth at the relationship between decimals, fractions and percentages, as well as continuing to explore shape. Our daily times tables and mental maths practice is having a really positive impact on the learning in class at the moment as Year 6 are determined to improve their mental arithmetic skills. In Science, we will be completing our investigation looking at heart rate and how it is affected.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.89	94.63	94.90	97.29	95.94	95.99	96.78

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.08	86.50	96.67	98.33	93.75	93.94	99.62

Diary Dates

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 29th April	Back to school - Summer Term