

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We may be nearing the end of term but it's still full steam ahead at Moorside this week!

We celebrated the winners of the Art Competition in assembly last Monday. They were: Nursery: William Metcalfe, Reception: Max Armstrong, Year 1: Olivia Smith, Year 2: Ava Beadle, Year 3: Junior Florescu, Year 4: Martona Clark, Year 5: Emily Pickard, Year 6: Grace Bailey. Well done to them all for entering and winning!! Please do pop along to Stuff 4 Offices in town if you have the chance, and vote for our overall winner.

We then celebrated our Sponsored Bounce winners on Friday. They were: Nursery: Emily McCormack and Oliver Gill, Reception: Willow Ross & Max Armstrong, Year 1: Taylor Piggott, Saffy-Rose Chalmers & Olivia Smith, Year 2: Lucas Bainbridge, Xander Galloway-Gee & Evie Chambers, Year 3: Alex Bainbridge & Evie Bailey, Year 4: Kendra Midgley & Liam Maddy, Year 5: Jayden Gorman & Emily Pickard, Year 6: Tegan McGarvey & Brody Sear. Well done to them all for super bouncing! The Friends of Moorside have raised £592.00 this term towards our new library. This is now a total of £3089.50 along with the £250.00 raised through our sponsored read for Usbourne books. It promises to be a fabulous reading environment! Thank you so much to the FOMS for their fundraising efforts, but to you too, for supporting the events and competitions! It means that we can continue to improve our school and give our children better resources and facilities for learning.

You may already be aware that **April is Autism Awareness** month. We have had an assembly in school today to share the main difficulties facing many people with autism through the following video link:



<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=6fy7gUlp8Ms>

You may want to watch it with your child(ren) at home in case they have any questions. In classes this week, there will be opportunities for children to discuss the importance of raising awareness of the condition, at an appropriate level for their age. As an inclusive school, we want to support the children in understanding and celebrating the fact that we are all different. We all have different talents, skills and difficulties, which make us unique. Most importantly, it's OK to be different.

On Friday morning, the children in Years 3 and 4 would love to welcome their parents into our Moorside Travel Agents to sell their Ancient Egyptian holidays. They have been working really hard on their brochures. It will be an informal opportunity for them to talk about their learning and share their knowledge from their topic work with you.

On Monday 29th April, we will open as Moorside Primary School and Nursery. There has been lots of hard work going on behind the scenes to amalgamate our schools and we look forward to celebrating this with you on the 29th from 1.45pm onwards. This is not a training day.

I would like to thank our entire staff team for their hard work and dedication in helping our schools to work ever more closely together. They really do go above and beyond to support each other and our children and I am so proud of what we have achieved together this term. However, we could not do this without YOUR support as parents and we really appreciate you working with us to do our very best for the children. Have a VERY HAPPY EASTER!!

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Forest School this Week...

This week there will be no Forest School on Wednesday for the Reception children, but the exciting news is that they will be carrying on with Forest School next half term. Year 2 will be visiting Hell Wath and the River Skell again on Friday morning and Year 4 will have their final session on Friday afternoon.

Forest School next Half Term...

Forest school will begin in the 2nd week back after the Easter holidays.

Wednesday PM – Reception

Friday AM – Year 5

Friday PM – Year 3

Please ensure that children have appropriate layers of clothing for the weather that day – it can vary at this time of year. All children should have waterproof clothing and wellies. Long hair should be tied back and please pack an extra plastic bag to take muddy clothing home in.

Moorside Planning Application

The planning application to develop the new school building on the current Junior site can be viewed at:

<https://onlineplanningregister.northyorks.gov.uk/Register/PlanAppDisp.aspx?recno=10787>

The proposed floor plans can be found in the documents section. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries.

Smart Watches and Mobile Phones

Please could you reiterate to your child that if they **have** to bring a phone to school for any reason at all, that it is handed to the teacher or the main reception on entry, and can be collected at the end of the day. Phones **must not** be used throughout the day. This also applies to SMART watches, as they are a distraction from learning. Many thanks.

Good Luck Mrs Hunton....

We will be saying good luck to Mrs Hunton on Friday as she has her last teaching day in school before having a rest and welcoming baby Hunton into the world!! We look forward to her visits and wish her and the Hunton family all the very best over the next few weeks and months.

Welcome to Moorside Mrs Chamberlain

This morning, we welcomed Mrs Chamberlain to the Moorside team. She has worked with us in the past through Starbeck EMS, so you may recognise her face. We are really pleased to have her working with us as a Teaching Assistant based in the Junior building.

Class Updates

Nursery – Nursery are thinking about Easter! We will be baking and having a look at eggs - we might get to decorate some if we are really good! We will have a think about the traditions of Easter - what do different families do? Our number is 10 this week (at last!) - after Easter, we will have a 'sound of the week' bag instead.

Reception – This week in Reception we will be exploring 'eggs'. We will be cracking a real egg, learning the names of the different parts of an egg and exploring which animals lay eggs. We will also be learning about the Easter story. In Maths this week we will continue our work on sharing (using eggs). We will look at how we can share a number of objects by 2, 3 or 4.

Year 1 – This week in Year 1 we have achieved our Golden Time by filling our jar full of marbles! To earn marbles we have been working collaboratively and showing all aspects of PRIDE. On Monday afternoon we are going to have a lovey afternoon cooking and having some free time inside and outside the classroom. Well done Year 1! In Maths, we are finishing our work on fractions and length. Our focus sounds in phonics this week are /ir/ and /oa/. During RE we will be finding out about Good Friday and Easter Sunday and why they are so important to Christians. During Science, we will be studying how the tree we have observed over time has changed during the early weeks of Spring. In topic, we will develop our sketching skills using different art pencils to help. We look forward seeing you all at the parent meeting on Wednesday 10th April to explain what will happen during the Year 1 phonics screening test in June. The meeting will take place in the Year 1 classroom straight after school 3.15-3.45pm.

Year 2 – This week in Literacy will be looking at 'The Sharman's Apprentice' and identifying the speech in text. We will try some speech marks of our own and see how we can use it to improve our writing. Can you find any speech marks in your reading book at home too? As we are coming to the end of our topic on the Amazon Rainforest and our Science topic on plants, we will use our knowledge to invent our own rainforest plant. We will write a description of why our plant will be suitable for the conditions in the rainforest. In Maths we are looking at problem solving based on addition and subtraction. We will go back over addition and subtraction, picking out the key vocabulary in a worded problem and identifying what it is telling us to do. Mrs Bailey has some exciting data work to do with us. We will be collecting our own class data and identifying how to put this into a graph. Using our knowledge of addition and subtraction we will be able to answer questions such as 'how many more?' and 'how many less?'

Year 3 – Year 3 are looking forward to finishing their Egypt brochures and sharing them with parents this week. We are completing our poems on Egyptian Gods using similes and powerful verbs. We are looking at mummification in Topic and learning about what the Egyptians did with the dead. In Maths we are looking at regular and irregular shapes and moving onto perimeter.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4 we are finishing off our Ancient Egypt topic. We have really enjoyed learning about the Ancient Egyptians and will be creating a brochure to showcase some of the work we have done. This will be available for parents to come into school and view on Friday. In Maths we will be looking at using protractors to accurately measure and draw angles.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5, we are converting metric to imperial measures. This can be very tricky! In Topic, we will be learning how important Egyptian farmers were and are to this present day. The children will also be making information booklets about the River Nile and how this is important to how the Egyptians lived their daily lives. In Science, we will be focusing on how solar energy can be used in today's modern world.

Year 6 – This week in Year 6 our Literacy focus will be on grammar. We will be looking at different tenses and how to use them effectively. In Science, we will be writing up our conclusions from our heart rate investigations. In Maths this week, we will be looking at measure and solving problems using the skills we have gained.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.98	94.76	94.60	97.30	95.92	95.83	96.88

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.00	98.00	87.08	97.50	95.42	91.82	99.23

Diary Dates

Wednesday 10 th April	Year 1 Phonics Test information meeting at 3.15pm-3.45pm
Friday 12 th April	Year 3 & 4 Showcase – 9.00am
Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays – 3.00pm finish
Monday 29 th April	Back to school - Summer Term
Monday 29 th April	Amalgamation Celebration – from 1.45pm
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday