

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

How lovely to have an extra day this weekend after a busy first week back! Thank you to everyone who attended our Amalgamation Celebration on Monday. I was extremely proud of the children for singing so beautifully and for sharing their school with members of the local community. If you missed it, we are in the Ripon Gazette (Thursday's edition). Well done Team Moorside! Thank you to Messy Buns in Ripon for donating the delicious brownies that were served as part of our 'Nurture experience' and to all the staff who worked hard over the holidays to prepare for the event.

The children had a great time on Friday, learning about the Tour de Yorkshire and then supporting the cyclists in the Women's Race. They cheered them on very enthusiastically and seemed to enjoy seeing the emergency services passing by just as much as the competitors!

Launch days have taken place for our new topic areas... The children in Years 1 and 2 had a mini beast hunt. In Years 3 and 4, they were required to use their Maths skills as they were measured up for uniforms to join Julius Caesar's army, as they begin their learning about the Roman Empire! The children in Year 5 and 6 will be discovering the types of food that Romans ate, as they have a Roman 'tasting' experience to look forward to for their launch! We wonder how many of them will enjoy the dates and olives!?!

We were informed by Stuff for Offices that we are now able to announce our overall winner of the Art Competition, as voted for by the public! Well done to Emily Pickard in Year 5, who recycled clothing to create some very 'cool' pink tartan piggies! They were very popular. Stuff for Offices very kindly donated some posh felt tips as a first prize! Well done to Emily.

Mrs Walker, who has been on maternity leave since June last year, will be back in school this Wednesday, as she prepares to return to school after May half term. We are really looking forward to welcoming her back and she will be spending lots of time with the children in Reception over the next 3 weeks, so that they get to know her again, having worked with her during their time in Nursery. We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Lodge at half term. She will be taking up a new post working for Picture News, an Educational Resource provider. Mrs Lodge has been a fabulous member of our team and we will miss her lots! We know that she will be leaving the children in Reception in safe hands with Mrs Walker and Mrs Bailey.

Forest School begins this week for Key Stage 2. Could children in Years 3 and 5 ensure that they have their kit ready on Friday morning please? We did spend lots of time hunting for waterproof trousers last term, so if you could ensure that everything is clearly named, that would be super.

I am sure that our four day week will go quickly, but if you need to pop in for a chat or make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher, Mrs Price or myself at any stage, please do get in touch.

Have a great week everyone!

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

KS1 and KS2 SATs

The following guidance was published last year for parents of children taking SATs tests. The information still applies for children in KS1:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/718925/Information_for_parents_assessment_results_at_the_end_of_key_stage_1_TEXT_ONLY.pdf

and KS2:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/720093/Information_for_parents_assessment_results_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2_WEB..pdf

The children have been well prepared with what to expect when taking the SATs tests in school. Our main aim is to support the children by keeping them calm whilst administering the tests in line with the Access Arrangements shared by the Department of Education. If you have any questions at all, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Price.

Attendance

Our aim is to ensure that our attendance is as high as possible, as the children miss so much when they are not in school. Under North Yorkshire Policy and Guidelines, I cannot grant holiday requests as authorised, unless your application meets the following criteria with evidence of your circumstances:

- Service personnel returning from active deployment.
- Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production or confirmation from the organisation/company.
- Where leave is recommended as part of a parent's or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided.
- When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis.

If you have any queries about an application for leave of absence, please do contact Mrs Price.

We appreciate that children are poorly at times, especially when they are tired at the end of term, but sometimes, when they are in school and distracted, they feel much better than when they wake up in the morning! We are always able to make a call home if necessary.

Class Updates

Nursery – We are doing more planting this week! We are waiting with baited breath to see if our beans will start to grow, and we're also going to be exploring where some other seeds come from, what they look like and how they grow. Our Reception starters will be learning about the letter 'a' and we will all be playing some listening games. Check out the video on Marvellous Me for this week's Makaton signs to practice at home.

Reception – This week in Reception we are continuing our work on pets. We are using the story 'The Pets you Get' by Adrian Reynolds to think about what pets we would choose and think about what we would enjoy doing with them. In Maths this week we are exploring counting and working out missing number problems as well as finding one more and one less of a number.

Year 1 – This week in Year 1 we are focusing on the /ie/ phoneme; looking at the different spelling choices and using them in our reading and writing. In Maths we are continuing to focus on addition and subtraction of numbers to 100. We made a great start last week and even began adding 2-digit numbers!

In Guided Reading we are all looking at non-fiction books and talking about how they differ from fiction books. In Literacy, we are starting to gather information to write our own non-fiction text about caterpillars and butterflies. During RE, we will be listening to different songs and explaining why we like particular songs. In Science, we will start to learn about different parts of our bodies and in Topic, we will be learning all about the weather in the different seasons in the UK.

Year 2 – This week Year 2 will continue to find out about bugs and their habitats. We will be continuing to use different pencil strokes to draw bugs and add a wash to our final pictures. Our Science topic is Animals, including humans. We will be looking at ways we are all different and how we can be kind to each other.

Year 3 – This week Year 3 are completing their newspaper articles about the amalgamation event including adverbs and adverbials. In Maths we are measuring and comparing lengths as well as working out the perimeter of a range of 2D shapes. We will be doing some reading activities linked to the Romans. In Topic we will be learning who Julius Caesar was and creating a timeline of his life. We will be starting Forest School on Friday linked to our Science topic of living things and their habitats.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4 our Literacy focus will be on using expanded noun phrases to create a short story about a Roman soldier. In Maths, we will be investigating different types of triangles, including measuring the interior angles. We will delve deeper into our Romans topic by researching Julius Caesar. We are looking forward to attending our second swimming session this week where the children will get to develop the skills learnt last week.

Year 5 – In Maths, we will be calculating the area of rectangles and comparing them. We will use these skills to complete some real life investigations. In Literacy, we are learning about relative clauses and how these are different to subordinate clauses. It is our first session of Forest School this Friday. This will be exciting as we can do our Science and DT learning in the outdoors. Please remember your Forest School clothing.

Year 6 – This week in Maths, we will be focusing on problem solving to consolidate our learning on fractions, measures, shape and statistics in a range of contexts. We will be looking closely at the map of the bus route we will be travelling on during our London trip, to generate questions of interest so that we can begin to research the history of some of London's most famous landmarks. Pudding Lane and the Great Fire of London will be looked at closely through film and the children will begin to write detailed descriptions of the area during that time.

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To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.17	94.91	94.69	97.39	95.73	95.32	97.04

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.23	96.50	96.52	97.92	94.17	87.27	98.85

Diary Dates

w/c 13 th May	Year 6 - SATs week
Friday 24 th May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	Back to School
Friday 21 st June	Class Photographs
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 6 - Visit to London