

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are already at the end of another half term - it has been a short but very busy one. I have been extremely proud of the resilience and determination shown by our children in Year 2 and Year 6 when completing their SATs over the last couple of weeks. They should be incredibly proud of themselves for doing their very best!

There have been a couple of developments as part of our amalgamation... our school website is under construction and I hope that our new homepage will be live, if not by the end of the week, then on 3rd June. I hope that this will make it easy to navigate to find key information, in particular, updated details about our curriculum.

As we are now one school, the Governors have elected a new Chair. Mary Kelly has stepped down, but we are pleased that she is still a School Governor. On behalf of the staff and children, I would like to thank her for all her hard work as our Chair of Governors over the past 3 years. We welcome Chris Lea (our previous Vice Chair) to the role.

We are making rapid progress towards finalising arrangements for renovating our new library and with the help from FOMS fundraising, we hope to get the project underway soon. However, every little helps and we would really appreciate it if you could help us by entering your details into a prize draw for national book tokens:

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=schools-prize-fb-teens-reading&utm_campaign=20190508_schoolsprize19

I hope you found the Facebook updates on strategies that we use in school to support mental health helpful last week. I have put them all in a separate page of this newsletter for those of you who do not access the Facebook page. It is National Nurture week this week. The Six Principals of Nurture that we focus on in school are:

1. Children's learning is understood developmentally
2. The classroom offers a safe base
3. The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing
4. Language is a vital means of communication
5. All behaviour is communication
6. The importance of transition in children's lives.

The theme this week is 'Safe at School'. Our Monday assembly will explore some of the things that make the children feel safe and give them the opportunity to discuss what would help them to feel even safer! In line with this theme, could I politely remind parents and carers not to use the drive or staff car park to drop off and collect children, as the safety of our children is paramount and moving vehicles during these times are dangerous with no separate pathway down the drive. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Have a super week and a lovely half term everyone,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Introducing our New Chair of Governors: Chris Lea

After serving as a Co-opted Governor for approximately eighteen months I was delighted to be asked to take over as Chair of Governors following the amalgamation of the Junior and Infant schools.

Moorside has experienced significant change recently, not least the appointment of a new Headteacher and the merger of the two schools. The next significant change will be the provision of new classrooms and renovation of existing buildings at the Junior site in the Summer, which will provide first class facilities for pupils and staff.

I believe that this is a challenging but exciting time for Moorside. The Governing Board will be working hard to support the Headteacher and Staff to deliver their vision for the school and to ensure all pupils receive the education and support they deserve to provide a secure foundation for life.

Moorside is very much a Community school, well supported by parents and families, as evidenced by the excellent support shown at the recent merger celebrations. I look forward to being an active member of this community and meeting you at future school events.

Chris Lea

Chair of Governors

Half Term Cake Bake

We would like to end the half term with a cake bake and ice pops sale after school on Wednesday 22nd May. This will be on the playground from 3.10pm. Any cake donations would be gratefully received. Please give them to Mrs Dunn in the school office. Many thanks.

Stray FM are coming back to Moorside!

We are looking forward to welcoming Tom Hardy from Stray FM to Moorside again on Thursday with their 10K SMILES FRAME! You may have seen/heard this advertised on their website or the radio. If you would like the chance to have a photo with your child(ren) in the frame for a chance to win 10K, you can do this at home time. We will assume that children who do not have photo consent will not be taking part unless you contact us to allow them to do so.

Class Updates

Nursery – Nursery are being busy bees this week! We've noticed lots of bees in our garden; so this week, we'll find out more about them. We'll be tasting honey, spotting and painting flowers, counting bees and watching our real bees very carefully. Our sound is 'i' - a tricky one to find at home, but please have a go, the sound bag awaits!

Reception – In Reception this week we are making up our own class zoo animal story. We will be drawing our own story maps and retelling our own stories ready to write them. In Maths this week we are concentrating on our mental addition and subtraction skills and will be playing lots of games to practise them.

Year 1 – The children have almost finished their information booklets about caterpillars and butterflies so we will be completing them this week. The children are very proud of their booklets so once they are finished, they will be available for parents to read at the next Reading Cafe. In Maths we are continuing to focus on subtraction and finding missing numbers in calculations. In RE, we will be learning all about the parable of 'The Good Samaritan'. During Science, we are going to become 'Senses Detectives' to help Ella find her missing teddy! In Topic, we are going to be identifying the human features of Ripon and thinking about whether a butterfly would rather live in Ripon or Hell Wath.

Year 2 – In Maths we will be continuing with the subtraction work we started last week. We will use dienes to help us with exchanging and draw out our questions using bar models and the part, part, whole model. We will also recap some shape work, looking at 2D and 3D shapes, remembering names and identifying their properties. In Literacy we will begin work on subordinating conjunctions (when, if, that, because). We will use these conjunctions in our RE when we think about reasons why we should care for our Mothers. Our Literacy and Science will be mixed together this week as we continue to look at animals in their habitats. This week we are investigating what different pets need to survive and we will write a non-chronological report that could be used in a pet shop to inform people about how to look after animals. We are also continuing to watch our caterpillars change. It's getting very exciting now as chrysalis have started to form! In Geography, Mrs Burke will show us lots of aerial photographs as we pretend to be birds flying overhead. We will try and identify what landmarks we can see as well as using our senses to help identify where we could be.

Year 3 – In Year 3 this week we are looking at identifying possessive pronouns in Literacy and using them in our SPAGERCISE sessions. We will be editing and improving our character description of 'The Iron Man' making sure we have included a range of similes, adverbial phrases and determiners. In Guided Reading we will be reading more of 'The Iron Man' and doing activities to show our understanding of the text. In Science we are looking at classification keys following on from our work in Forest Schools on Friday. In Maths we are doing measurement which will involve solving problems and reasoning.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4 we will be beginning our work on statistics and interpreting data in Maths. The children will be looking at creating our own short stories about Roman gladiators in Literacy, the children will be challenged to include expanded noun phrases in their writing to improve their description. In Science, we will be looking at the similarities and differences between different species. We also have swimming to look forward to on Wednesday.

Year 5 – In Year 5 this week, we will be focusing on predicting what happens next in our exciting Roman text 'The Roman Quests: Escape from Rome'. Will Juba escape the Roman soldiers? In Maths, the children will be solving problems regarding Volume and then converting units of time. In Science, we will be linking our Forest Schools experience into our Life Cycle work, comparing different animals and insects. Forest Schools in as normal on Friday morning.

Year 6 – In Year 6, the children will be researching Roman Britain and beginning to design their catapults as part of their DT project. They will also be getting acquainted with their end of year production, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.97	94.95	94.85	97.45	95.92	95.13	97.21

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.23	96.00	99.17	98.33	98.26	90.63	100.00

Diary Dates

Friday 24 th May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	Back to School
Thursday 20 th June	Eureka visit – KS1
Friday 21 st June	Class Photographs
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 6 - Visit to London
Thursday 27 th June	Transition meeting for new Reception parents
w/c 1 st July	Art Week
w/c 8 th July	Parent Consultations and Reports
15 th & 16 th July	KS2 Production
Wednesday 17 th July	Sports Day - Reception, Years 1 & Y2 am - Years 3, 4, 5, 6 pm
Friday 19 th July	Leavers Assembly 2.00pm School closes for Summer Holidays at 3.00pm