

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

After a wet and dreary week full of soggy playtimes, we are hoping for better weather ahead, so that we can enjoy our planned outdoor events and school trips....it's supposed to be Summer!

We are really pleased to be strengthening links with our community....

This week is Refugee week in school. We will be pleased to welcome John from Ripon City of Sanctuary to an assembly with our children on Wednesday, so that we can share some of our learning about refugees and those seeking asylum. His assembly last year was really inspiring and informative so we look forward to meeting him again. Ripon City of Sanctuary have arranged lots of events for Refugee Week. Please follow this link for more details: <https://ripon.cityofsanctuary.org/refugee-week>.

We had a welcome visit from Sainsbury's last week! 20 members of their staff team have volunteered to support us in developing our new library. They will also be collecting loose change to help us to buy new information books for our curriculum topics and themes, so if you are shopping in Sainsbury's and have any spare pennies, all support is greatly appreciated. We are extremely grateful to them for supporting us as part of their 150th anniversary celebrations.

How else can you help us? At Christmas, we shared a link to Easy Fundraising, who donate if you login to their site when purchasing virtually anything at all online. Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause - obviously MOORSIDE! How? Just start your online shopping first at Easyfundraising, then shop as normal. The retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you". They have 3,697 retailers to choose from! Approximately 9 members of our community support us through Easyfundraising, raising over £600.00 for our school. Please visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to find out how you can quickly and easily register.

Thank you so much to parents who have made us aware of Hopscotch's initiative, donating £1.00 to Moorside for every new pair of shoes purchased by you. If you just let them know that you are part of the Moorside team when you buy your new shoes, we would really appreciate it! It's really super that local businesses are supporting schools so that we can keep improving and updating resources!

Another initiative for children aged 10-17 in Ripon is the Lifestyle Challenge through North Yorkshire Police. This is an opportunity to get together and think of a project to help the local community and make a difference. The project could benefit your street, the community or our local environment. We have attached a poster for further information.

Finally, Mr Price is organising a Soccer Aid for UNICEF event on 4th July beginning from 2.30-4.30pm, for all members of our school community (this is timed so that the Reception children can attend after their trip). This will be followed by a Beetle Drive in the school hall from 5.30pm, organised by our Year 6 children (helped by Miss Rogan and Mrs Binks!). More information will follow, but please pop the date in your diaries, as we would love to see you there!

Have a super week everyone and please contact us if you have any questions or queries, or would like to pop in for a chat.

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Hell Wath Litter Pick

The Friends of Hell Wath loved the families and staff from Moorside being involved in their work on our lovely local nature reserve. We collected lots of litter from Hell Wath last Saturday and the volunteers also spoke to dog walkers about picking up dog poo! We even met Mrs Walker's family and her dog out for a walk. Everyone we talked to was very supportive of the litter pick and they especially liked seeing our families for Moorside getting involved. A big thank you to everyone who took part. Following our two recent litter picking events, the children have been asked to design a 'Don't Drop Litter' poster. A poster template will be sent home today. Get your thinking caps on for ideas that will encourage visitors to Hell Wath to pick up their litter!



Soccer Aid for UNICEF

On Thursday 4th July, we will be holding a Soccer Aid for UNICEF Sports afternoon at Moorside. This is to raise funds for UNICEF. Some of you might have seen the football match on Sunday and what an impact the money raised can have on children less fortunate than ourselves.

So, on Thursday 4th July, the children are invited to come to school in sports clothing, for a donation of £1.00. From 2.30pm, the children can take part in a 5-a-side football match against the staff and a Penalty shoot-out against Mr Price, Mr Greenway and possibly Mr Doey! Each penalty shot will cost 20p and the winner of the most goals will win a prize. There will be a chance to buy strawberries and cream as light refreshment too. The afternoon will finish at 4.30pm. Please keep an eye out for posters with this information on around school. We are all very excited about the event and look forward to seeing you all there!

Forest School this week

Year 1's final session will be on Wednesday and Years 4 and 6 will start their first sessions on Friday. Please ensure children have appropriate kit in school. They must have a change of old clothes, waterproof coat, waterproof trousers and wellies. On warmer, dry days they must have a sun hat and sun cream. Please provide a plastic bag for muddy clothes and wellies and ensure everything is named. If named kit becomes misplaced it is so much easier to find and return.

If anyone has any waterproof trousers or all-in-ones that their children have grown out of, Nursery would be very grateful to have them!

Year 5/6 French Reading Cafe 25.06.19

Our final Reading Cafe of the year comes with a twist: we will be serving food and drinks in our French style Cafe, using the French we have learnt this term. The children are extremely excited to practise using their French skills when serving food and drinks. This will be held in the Year 6 classroom, hosted by the children in Year 5 and 6. We hope to see lots of you there, sampling our drinks and snacks and being served by our French waiters and waitresses.

Class Updates

Nursery – Nursery are thinking about lots of things this week! We have found lots of mini-beasts in our garden, we are starting to think about packing up our toys, AND it's Refugee week - we'll be exhausted by Friday! Our new sound is 'm', so please bring something for the sound bag.

Reception – This week for Refugee week we are going to be looking at the story of 'Paddington Bear'. We are going to be thinking about how Paddington would have felt being left at the station all on his own. We are then going to help the Brown family to look after Paddington telling them all the things the little lost bear will need. Also this week we are going to be carrying on our seaside theme looking at the story 'The

Snail and the Whale', thinking about rhyming words and how a story is structured. In Maths we are looking at doubling and halving and following positional instructions to help us build Duplo models.

Year 1 – In Year 1 this week we are completing some activities to focus on Refugee week - thinking about how the children would feel if they had to leave their homes. In Maths we are re-visiting measuring objectives including time, weight, length and capacity. Please talk to your children at home about these areas - perhaps when you are baking with them - and always encourage them to look at the clocks at home (analogue and digital). In ICT we are completing their story animations so that we can share them with everyone in class. During topic, we will be learning about Charles Darwin and his voyage to the Galapagos Islands! We are also getting excited for our trip to Eureka on Thursday, please don't forget that we will be arriving back at school around 3.30pm.

Year 2 – In Phonics this week we are looking at the 'n' sound spelt 'kn' and 'gn'. We will also be reminded about the suffixes 'er', 'est' and 'ing,' thinking about the rules we have to follow when adding suffixes and how it changes the word. It's Refugee week this week and Year 2 will look at Ali's story from Afghanistan, linking it to our RE and PHSCE, identifying how we care for others and how we can show we care. In Maths we are carrying on with measures and this week we are investigating litres and millilitres, as we create our own potions. On Wednesday we are making some animal habitats to link to our Science topic. If you have any shoe boxes or large cereal boxes please could you bring them in to help us? We are super excited to be going on our school trip to Eureka on Thursday, where we will be exploring different scientific galleries.

Year 3 – Year 3 are problem solving and reasoning using fractions this week to show off our understanding of fractions. We have enjoyed using pizza and cake as real life examples of fractions so far. In Literacy we are using apostrophes for possession to continue and complete the story of the Iron Man. We have really enjoyed reading this book and I cannot wait to hear how all the children are going to finish it off. We will also be writing a persuasive letter to the Environmental Agency about why we need to keep the wildlife area and its benefits to the school and the environment. We will be doing some work on Malala and linking it to Refugee week, some of the children will be sharing their work in assembly next week.

Year 4 – This week in Literacy, Year 4 will be looking at editing and redrafting our gladiator stories. The children will be typing them up and creating illustrations to improve their short stories. In Maths, the children will be introduced to line graphs in the context of time. They will use their knowledge of scales to read a time graph accurately and create their own graphs to represent continuous data. On Friday, the children will be starting off their final Forest Schools lessons of the year. The children will be applying what they have learnt about living things and their habitats in to real life scenarios using the wildlife found on the school site.

Year 5 - In Year 5 this week, we will be using our Maths skills to work out missing co-ordinates on a grid as well as using line graphs to extract information. This will also involve the children answering questions about different types of graph. In Literacy, we will be continuing with our excellent Roman adventure, preparing to write our very own Roman adventure. As Forest Schools has finished, the children will have PE on Friday's instead. Thank you.

Year 6 – This week, we will be rehearsing for our production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. The children in Year 6 have done an amazing job so far learning their lines, which has really helped during rehearsals. As it is Refugee week this week, we will be continuing to look at fairness and equality in RE, creating our own refugee charity and designing a web page for it. We have our first Forest Schools session for this term on Friday afternoon. Children... please remember to bring your Forest Schools kit with you on Friday.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.32	95.52	96.25	97.18	96.08	94.73	97.05

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.56	96.00	97.60	99.58	88.64	93.75	92.22

Diary Dates

w/c 17 th June	Refugee week
Thursday 20 th June	Eureka visit – Year 1 & 2
Friday 21 st June	Class Photographs
Monday 24 th June	Year 6 London Parent information meeting 3.20pm
Tuesday 25 th July	Final Reading Café 3.20pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Visit to London – Year 6
Thursday 27 th June	Transition meeting for new Reception parents
Thursday 27 th June	Year 1 & 2 Showcase - 2pm
Friday 28 th June	Crucial Crew – Year 6
w/c 1 st July	Art Week Bikeability for Year 6 (group 1)
2 nd & 3 rd July	Bikeability - Year 6 (group 1)
w/c 8 th July	Parent Consultations and Reports
8 th & 9 th July	Bikeability - Year 6 (group 2)
Wednesday 10 th July	Staff Training Day
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 Beetle Drive 6.30pm
15 th & 16 th July	KS2 Production – 1.30pm
Wednesday 17 th July	Sports Day - Reception, Year 1 & 2 am - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 pm
Friday 19 th July	Leavers Assembly 2.00pm School closes for Summer Holidays at 3.00pm