

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

The children had a fabulous time last week. We were so lucky to have two Gospel Choir singers in school, to teach the children some songs. This linked with our work on Black History. As an added bonus, it turned out that one of the singers was in the winning Pitch Battle choir – being an avid fan, this totally made my week. If you've not seen the photos or listened to the recording on Facebook, there is a link on our new website to the Facebook page.

This brings me on to our new website. I hope some of you managed to have a quick squiggle at it over the weekend. We've had some lovely feedback already. There are a couple of areas that need more development than others – it is a work in progress, and will need updating regularly too. If there is something missing that you would like us to add please do let us know.

Talking to teachers – please can I remind everyone that we need the teachers in classrooms at the beginning of the day. Class assistants are available for all classes if you need to leave a message, although there are always members of staff on the playgrounds for you to talk to. If you are talking to a teacher when they should be in class, it means that the children are missing out on teaching time.

Academy update: The news is.....there is no news. I knew the process would take a while, but even I'm surprised with the time it is taking for a decision. Needless to say –the schools are going from strength to strength and your children are receiving a great education at Moorside.

FOMs: Thank you to our wonderful team of parents who are getting stuck into fundraising and social events. We really do appreciate the support and time you give to school. If there are any other parents who would like to help out please let us know and we will put you in touch with the committee.

Governors: We currently have some parent vacancies at both schools and will be advertising these after half term. If you think this is something you might be interested in, why not have a look on our website. There is lots of information about the role and how the boards are organised.

This is the final newsletter for this half term. I really hope everyone has a wonderful break and gets up to something relaxing, something fun and something adventurous.

Mrs White

School Council

The School Councillors will be organising a wear something spotty non-uniform day for Children in Need on 17th November 2017. We will also be holding a cake stall and a drawing Pudsey competition on the 17th as well. More details to follow...

Cross Country

On Thursday afternoon, children from Years 3-6 went to the cluster Cross Country competition at Holy Trinity Junior School. We had a fantastic time and the children performed brilliantly. We had two winners:

Zak Renton won the Year 4 boys race and Georgia Groundwater won the Year 6 girls race. Amazing performances from these two.

Throughout the afternoon, the children encouraged and supported each other. They congratulated each other if they had won or not. A huge team Moorside effort. The staff and I would like to thank the parents who came to watch. It is very much appreciated and the children loved having you there.

Harvest

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our Harvest festival on Wednesday 18th October. The KS1 assembly will be in the Infant hall at 9.15am and the KS2 in the Junior hall at 10.00am. We would REALLY really appreciate any donations of tins on Wednesday, to send to our local food bank. We will also be selling 'soup bags' for £2.50 and donating any funds to the Red Cross. Look forward to seeing you there.

Forest School and Eco School

We have had a great half-term learning outdoors. The children have planned how we can improve our grounds and have been busy creating maps and writing action plans to change some of our ways, so that we are more environmentally friendly. Many dens have been built, habitats explored, frogs discovered and the campfire has been burning almost daily. We have been out come rain or shine! We would like to thank parents who have provided their children with a set of waterproofs and wellies so that they can take part. We aim to achieve the Green Flag award for the Junior school by the end of the academic year.

Have a look at the website to see how our work impacts on the environment: <http://www.eco-schools.org.uk/howitworks/the-awards/green-flag-award/>

After half-term the following Year groups will be learning outdoors:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forest Schools	Year 2		Year 6	Reception	
Eco Schools					Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4

Please ensure your child has outdoor clothing on these days in order to take part in the sessions. It is getting colder so warm and waterproof clothing is essential.

Abacus

WOW! A HUGE well done to Year 6...92% of the class used Abacus to improve their mental maths skills and agility last week. 55% of the children across both schools have accessed our online homework....let's see whether everyone can have a go over half term next week as we will be counting up the points again on 30.10.17!!

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
w/c 18.09.17	34%	20%	21%	67%	32%	16%
w/c 25.09.17	48%	58%	54%	80%	50%	East Barnby
w/c 02.10.17	17%	42%	64%	60%	36%	64%
w/c 09.10.17	75%	41%	50%	48%	70%	92%

Class Updates

Nursery – The Nursery children have been busy doing all sorts! Making cars, playing with babies, thinking about our pets (with a very special little furry visitor!), creating a drive-through McDonalds and practicing our new baking recipe.

Reception – In Reception the children have become very interested in magnets. This week we will be exploring magnets, looking at real life objects that use magnets and find out how they work. In Maths we are continuing our work on exploring the concept of a number for e.g. looking at what the number looks like, how we write it, what it looks like in objects, where it comes on a number line etc.

Year 1 – In Year 1 children will be using concrete resources to explore addition. They will use number sentences to help them build and understand fact families. This will help them understand addition can be done in any order. They will use resources to break numbers into parts exploring how many different ways a number can be partitioned. This will help them to learn numbers which bond together to make other numbers. We are also looking forward to making bird feeders which we have designed to help the bird as the seasons change.

Year 2 – In English we are writing a report about a South American animal. In Maths we are continuing our work on subtraction. We will also be building the bird feeders that we have designed.

Year 3 – In Maths this week, Year 3 will be continuing with column subtraction and using this to solve problems. We are very excited to be making bird feeders at Forest School on Monday afternoon. This leads to Tuesday where we will be using everything we have learnt in our SPAG lessons to produce a set of instructions on how to use the bird feeder. We are looking forward to producing some special poems for Harvest Festival.

Year 4 – Year 4 are completing their subtraction work this week, solving problems and investigations along the way. We are preparing for our Harvest Festival on Wednesday. In our topic work, the children are focussing on the Amazon River, finding out facts and information.

Year 5/6 – In Science we will be describing the habitats that we have observed on our visits to the river and the coast. Literacy is focused on writing narratives using expanded noun phrases and varying clause structures. Our Maths focus will be addition and using Roman Numerals in Year 5 and factors, multiples and prime numbers in Year 6. In RE, we will be writing letters to persuade people to donate to Christian Aid.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.56	90.71	95.56	95.69	97.78	96.10	94.69

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.03	93.84	98.69	97.50	96.13	94.07	92.92

Diary Dates

Tues 17 th October	Individual Photographs
Wed 18 th October	Harvest Assembly – Infants 9.15am, Juniors 10.00am
Fri 20 th October	Half term
Mon 30 th October	Return to school
Tues 31 st Oct	Halloween Disco – Nursery/Infants 4.45-6.00pm & Juniors 6.15-7.30pm
Fri 17 th November	Children in Need