

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A bit of a soggy week last week, but it didn't dampen our mood at Moorside! We had an absolutely fantastic celebration of languages on Friday, when the children shared their learning about different cultures and words that they had learnt from different countries. One of the most powerful parts of having theme days and weeks, is when the children have the confidence to share their learning with other year groups across the school too.

We are arranging a curriculum sharing event on Wednesday 16th October from 3.30-5pm, so that you can experience our foundation subjects for yourselves! Under the new Ofsted framework, we have reflected on and reviewed what we teach the children each year, to ensure that the knowledge and skills that they are acquiring is progressive in every subject area. We are especially focusing on Reading (including Phonics), Oracy (speaking and listening) and PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) across the curriculum. These key elements of communication are vital, so that children are equipped to share their knowledge and understanding with others, as well as supporting them in structuring their own written work. This is echoed through every lesson that we teach. We hope that as many of you can attend as possible.

Tomorrow (Tuesday 2nd October) is our Reading Cafe from 3.15pm onwards in the school hall. Please collect your child and we will have refreshments at the ready as well as a range of books and activities linked to reading for all year groups.

We have been teaching children about safety in school, particularly safety in using the internet. Please see the image below, to inform you about the legal ages for children to be accessing social media. Some children are being pressurised by others in school to have social media accounts. We encourage children NOT to have an Instagram or Facebook account until the legal age of 13, in line with legislation, as it does not support their friendships and relationships with others and is certainly not safe. We are dealing with an increasing number of issues that occur online outside school; these have a detrimental effect on the children's emotional well-being and therefore have a negative impact on their behaviour and learning.

Finally, if you do not have the Marvellous Me APP and require a login so that we can share the great things that your child(ren) are achieving in school, please see Mrs Pawley in the school office who would be happy to help you.

Have a super week everyone!

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please join us this Friday, 4th October for our Macmillan coffee morning. We hope to raise lots of funds to support people with cancer and their families. See you in the school hall just after drop off. Any cake donations would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month. Across the school, we will be learning about and celebrating famous people and leaders from different cultures who have positively influenced our country and our world.

Class Updates

EYFS – Nursery and Reception are exploring the Billy Goats Gruff and shapes this week. Our important words are ‘river’, ‘bridge’ and ‘above’. We will be thinking about and writing what we think the characters say. In Maths, we will be consolidating our knowledge of 2D shapes and the key vocabulary ‘corner’, ‘side’ and the shape names.

Year 1 - This week, as part of Black History Month, we are learning about Rosa Parks and thinking about how we should treat everyone fairly. In Maths we are revisiting place value and finding different ways of representing numbers. 'How to be a good friend', is our PSHCE focus and we will be using our learning from Forest Schools to help us draw and write about different habitats in Science.

Year 2 – In Literacy we are continuing with our stories based on the book 'Journey'. We will be using the pictures to create lots of adjectives and then using these to make our stories really interesting. In Maths we are investigating patterns on the 100 square and using our place value knowledge to find missing numbers. Our Topic work is all about comparing the houses we have in Ripon with those in Kenya and spotting lots of differences.

Year 3 – This week in Year 3, we will be creating poems about Phileas Fogg's trip across the ocean using our senses and the fantastic adjectives we have gathered over the last few weeks. In Maths, we are moving onto addition. We will be using practical equipment to help us show our understanding of how we achieved our answer. In Science, we are looking at how light and dark are created and which animals are nocturnal.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4, we are going to be completing our non-chronological reports all about Egypt. We will also start to look more at the geography of Egypt. In Maths, we will be continuing to place numbers on number lines and explaining how we know if answers are right or wrong. We will also start learning about Martin Luther King as part of our Black History Month topic. Finally, in Science we will be finding out about the dark and nocturnal animals.

Year 5 - We are very excited about our trip to Durham University tomorrow to explore the Botanic Gardens. We will be learning a lot about how plants have adapted to survive in extreme environments. In Literacy we have started off by editing and improving our balanced arguments about the UCI, the children have really thought about both sides of the argument and how different people will be affected. In Maths we are continuing with our place value knowledge and moving towards problem solving and reasoning.

Year 6 – This week, lots of our learning will centre around our visit to the Botanical Gardens at Durham University, which takes place tomorrow. This afternoon, we have looked at some of the scientific vocabulary we will be exposed to during tomorrow's trip so that we are super prepared for the experience. After the trip, we will be using our writing skills to write a letter to Durham University to thank them for the trip and to share what we have learnt. In Maths, we will be perfecting our rounding skills and proving how rounding works using a range of pictorial representations.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.82	96.41	97.53	94.44	99.24	96.56	95.83

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.23	89.17	98.33	90.83	100.00	99.05	97.33

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1 st October	Year 5/6 visit to Durham
Tuesday 1 st October	'Starbooks' Reading Café
Wednesday 9 th October	The Great Big Book Hullabaloo – Year 3
Wednesday 16 th October	KS1 Harvest Assembly - 9.15am
Wednesday 16 th October	Curriculum Sharing Event 3.30pm-5.00pm
Tuesday 22 nd October	Halloween Disco
Friday 25 th October	Break-up for Half Term
Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th November	Training Days
Friday 20 th December	Training Day