

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends,

What a busy half term we have had! The children in Key Stage 1 led a fantastic Harvest Festival for us on Wednesday morning - it was super to share their learning across the curriculum. Thank you so much to everyone who joined us.

We also held a 'Curriculum Launch' event on Wednesday to share our intent for our children at Moorside, as well as opportunities to take part in different lessons to experience teaching and learning for yourselves. If you could not attend, we will hold a similar event again next term. I have attached our Curriculum Intent for you to read with this Newsletter.

Mr Moss worked with each class in Key Stage 2 last week and reported that he had had his 'best week yet' with our children. This was because of their determination to succeed.

Our classrooms are a safe base for children and we have a clear Behaviour Policy on our website which clearly defines how we enforce positive behaviour for learning. We have noticed an increase in the use of bad language on the playground from some individuals, and this will not be tolerated. The language has not only been used by children, but parents and carers who are dropping off and picking up too. We have a Visitor's On-Site Behaviour Policy, which cites that....'swearing, shouting and threatening words or gestures are unacceptable'. Children copy adults, so we would appreciate it if everybody could model the behaviour that we expect from all children on our playground at all times. We will also attach the policy for your information.

It's our Halloween disco tomorrow evening! This will take place in the school hall at 4.15pm until 5.45pm for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (with parents) and 6.00pm until 7.15pm for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Children will not be allowed to walk home without an adult at the end of the discos as it will be dark so please arrange for your child to be collected.

Thank you so much to the Friends of School for organising the Halloween disco. Our discos are always lots of fun and help us to further enhance our children's learning opportunities and experiences. They have recently donated funds towards some lovely new resources and furniture for our new classrooms.

A big 'well done' again to Zach Armstrong as he collected his Ripon in Bloom trophy for 'Young Gardener of the Year'. Well done Zach – keep up the good work!



We have had a swap around of the Forest Schools sessions for this week and added an extra session for Year 2 on the final Friday of term. So... Wednesday morning will be Forest Schools for Year 3 (NOT Reception) and Wednesday afternoon Year 2, Friday morning, Forest Schools for Reception (NOT Year 3) and Friday afternoon Forest Schools for Years 1 and 2. Please make sure your children have their kit which must include a change of old warm clothes, spare socks, waterproofs, wellies, hat and gloves and a plastic bag for muddy clothes. It is getting a little cooler each week!!

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 6th November. I will send a short newsletter out to update you on our progress in moving into one school building on Monday 4th November.

I hope that you all have a wonderful half term break with your families.

Best wishes,
Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Class Updates

EYFS - The children in the EYFS are thinking about Halloween this week! We will also be assessing the children to see how many things they have learnt so far this term. We are introducing 1 more and 1 less - looking at groups of objects and seeing what happens when we add one more or take one away. Forest Schools is on Friday morning this week, so don't forget to wrap up warm!

Year 1 - The children enjoy playing games as part of their Maths lessons and we have been learning new games each week; this week we will be playing 'Number Bonds to 10 Pairs' and 'Grab and Go'. We are also continuing to focus on subtraction in Maths using the key words 'increase' and 'decrease'. In Geography we are comparing our school day with that of a child in Kenya. In Literacy we are making Gruffalos and then writing instructions for other children to follow. Our Word Aware words are: similar and different.

Year 2 – In Phonics this week we are continuing to look at the suffixes 'ful' and 'ly'. We will also recap the suffixes covered so far this term. In Literacy we will be planning an apology letter from Tuffy in our story 'Diary of a Killer Cat' to his family. We will look at including statements from last week and try to use some of our suffixes in our letters. In Maths we will continue the missing number problems in bar models and use this to explore our number bonds to 20, identifying patterns and connections with bonds to 10. We are excited to be finishing off our Geography topic on Kenya as we will be tasting various Kenyan fruits! Yummy! The children will have Forest Schools on Wednesday and Friday afternoon, so please remember to bring your outdoor clothes. Our Word Aware words this week will be: statements, add, take away and total.

Year 3 – This week in Year 3, we are completing our stories using our Magic Sticks that we created in Forest Schools. We will then write these up and put in our storybook so that other children can read them. In Maths, we are solving addition problems using our already known knowledge. It is our last Forest Schools session this Friday.

Year 4 – This week in year 4, we will be writing our narrative about the rescue of Aouda from Around the World in 80 Days ensuring we use expanded noun phrases. In Maths we will be completing our learning about Roman Numerals and moving onto addition. During Science we will be learning all about shadows and how they are formed and in RE we will be developing our knowledge about wedding ceremonies in different religions. Our Word Aware words this week are: total, ceremonies and opaque.

Year 5 - This week in Year 5 we will be looking at reasoning and problem solving when rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10 000 and 100 000. We will be editing and improving our letter to Durham University and writing it in neat ready to send. We are having a Science day and completing a bird beak experiment as well as looking at how offspring are similar and different to their parents. Our Word Aware words this week are: digit, evolution and city.

Year 6 – Today we have started off the week with a Science day, learning all about how living things change over time and can adapt to their environments in order to survive; we have enjoyed conducting a bird beak experiment to prove this theory. We will be completing our letters to Mike at Durham University to thank him for our recent visit. They will be edited, improved and redrafted this week too, ready to send before half term. In Maths, we will be developing our calculation skills and applying these skills by estimating and calculating the cost for our Year 6 leavers' hoodies. This week's Word Aware words: formation, calculate, multiply and adapt.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.58	97.50	96.04	93.24	98.97	96.61	96.06

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.67	97.83	98.33	99.17	100.00	97.14	93.67

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22 nd October	Halloween Disco: Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 (with parents) – 4.15pm – 5.45pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 6.00pm – 7.15pm
Friday 25 th October	Break-up for Half Term
Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th November	Training Days
Tuesday 12 th November	Railway Museum visit – Years 1 & 2
Tuesday 12 th November	Royal Armouries visit – Years 3 & 4
25 th – 27 th November	East Barnby Residential – Year 6
Friday 29 th November	Individual School Photographs
Friday 20 th December	Training Day