

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends,

It's December!! Christmas celebration planning and arrangements are well underway and there is a feeling of excitement in the air at Moorside! Rehearsals for our productions are coming together and crafts for the Christmas Fair are being made as the season of advent is well and truly upon us.

This week, the children will be undertaking assessments for us to share their progress with you at Parent Consultations next week. Please make sure that you have booked your time to meet with your child's class teacher if you have not done so already. The booking system will close tomorrow, after this time, you will need to see your child's class teacher to book an appointment.

We enjoyed welcoming so many parents from Years 3 and 4 for a 'hands on' Showcase, to make some of the items that they have created through their Topic on 'Journeys' this term. We are looking forward to welcoming parents from Early Years to Family Thursday this week - 11.15am for Nursery and 2.45pm for Reception. We are also looking forward to welcoming parents from Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 for their Showcase events with more details to follow. The children love sharing their learning experiences and their new knowledge with you.

The Friends of Moorside School (FOMS) are busy organising the Christmas Fair alongside class teachers. The fabulous Colour Tombola is open for donations!!

The class colours are:

Nursery/Reception - chocolates

Y1 - Red

Y2 - Purple

Y3 - White

Y4 - Green

Y5 - Blue

Y6 - Gold/Silver

Children can bring in their donations to class and there will be a donation box in our main Reception. This is a very popular stall and it's always great to win a few prizes. Last year it raised £157.00!! We need to beat that, so please keep an eye out for special offers whilst shopping. Examples can be decorations, biscuits, bath/shower gels, beauty products, biscuits, sweets, gift sets, small toys etc. Basically, anything to match the colour. Please could donations be returned by Tuesday 10th December.

Raffle prizes are multiplying, thanks to the generosity of local businesses. If you would like any additional tickets for family and friends, they are available from the school office. Further information about the Christmas Fair is attached with this newsletter. Our FOMS support us with funding trips to keep costs down for everyone, such as the coach for Marrick Priory and they have purchased a book for each child as a present from school for Christmas. They are currently fundraising for us to further improve our playground/outdoor areas once our renovation and extension work is complete!

As it gets darker and colder, please ensure that your child has a named coat in school and that they are collected from school **on time** if they are in Reception, Years 1-5 and Y6 (if they are being collected). Please also ensure that they have appropriate PE kit in school at all times.

Thank you so much for your support as always.
Have a great week!

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Key Stage 1 Showcase (Years 1 and 2)

On Tuesday 17th December, from 9.05am (for approximately an hour), parents are invited into the hall to help their child/ren to make a truck; this is the final product for our DT topic on 'Vehicles'. The children will have designed their truck during DT lessons in school and practised some of the skills that they will need to make their individual trucks. Each child will be given two wooden axles and four wheels, but we ask that they bring in a box (cereal boxes are ideal) from home for the body of the truck - we do have some spare boxes for any children who don't have a box to bring. Glue, scissors and all the resources for decorating their vehicles will be available. This is a lovely opportunity for parents to work in school with the children and it will be great for them to have help with cutting tricky holes, sawing dowelling etc. We look forward to seeing you then.

Eco News

Last week, Moorside hosted a workshop with the National Trust River Skell Landscape Project, attended by children from Grewelthorpe School and a group of our River Skell School Leaders. We learnt about the damage being caused by flooding and erosion, and the impact on the Fountains Estate and the wildlife in the River Skell. Working on what we learnt, our River Skell Leaders and Mrs Taylor-Connor, will be putting together an assembly. The aim is to help raise the awareness of what we, as a school, and individually, can do to help our local environment. The National Trust would like to take ideas from the assembly to develop an education resource, which could be used to deliver 'The Under Water Uglies' project to other schools. Well done to our team of River Skell Leaders, who represented the whole school, by sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm.



Class Updates

EYFS – Children in Nursery and Reception will be concentrating on practicing our songs for the nativity next week, making some costumes and practicing our speaking in the hall! We are looking at the number 4 - how it's made up (partitioned), shapes linked to 4, and showing in different ways that we understand what '4' means.

Year 1 – This week we are doing lots of practising ready for our Christmas play next week. The children are enjoying learning all of the songs, performing dances and getting dressed up in costumes! In Maths we are learning about the value of each digit in a 2-digit number and using apparatus to make the amounts. Phonics sounds for this week are the alternative pronunciations for /a/ (acorn) and /e/ (she). Our History lessons will continue to focus on the Wright Brothers and their invention of the first aeroplane.

Year 2 – This week in Year 2 we will be recapping our learning in Literacy and Maths. We will apply our knowledge in answering problem solving questions in Maths and will complete a reading comprehension in Literacy. Our Christmas nativity is creeping closer and we have extra practices this week to ensure we are ready for the performances. Forest School will continue with Mrs Goss on Friday morning, where the children will extend their knowledge of animals in their habitats and begin to look at food chains.

Year 3 – In Year 3 this week we are completing assessments throughout the week. Alongside this, we will be learning carols for our Christmas Play. A note will be sent home today regarding costumes. The children are loving Reading Plus and Reading Eggs and this will continue to be a major part of their learning this week. In Maths, we will be continuing our topic on Subtraction, where we will be using practical equipment to solve problems as well as learning to be more efficient with written methods.

Year 4 – What a busy week it is going to be in year 4! We will be doing our assessments and rehearsals for the school play. In lessons, we will be developing our knowledge of the Ancient Greeks and democracy and in Science, we will be learning all about vibrations and how volume changes them. We will continue to read through the different Greek myths we are studying as well. In Maths, we will be subtracting numbers and solving problems. Our Word Aware words this week are: vibrations, volume, democracy.

Year 5 – In Year 5 this week we are drafting and writing our next chapter of 'Wonder' using cohesion and show, don't tell techniques. In Maths we are doing calculations looking at word problems and continuing on with our 5-minute times table challenge. As part of our weekly DT sessions with Ripon Grammar School we will be going over to them on Thursday afternoon to use some of their facilities and equipment. We will be continuing to practice for the Christmas production. Word Aware words this week are: calculations, cohesion and paragraphs.

Year 6 – We have started our week with a dance session this morning in preparation for our Christmas production, as rehearsals are now well underway. On Thursday afternoon, we will be visiting Ripon Grammar School for our next Science session, as part of the sequence of sessions we have received this half term. Staff at Ripon Grammar School are kindly sending a bus to collect us after lunch, which will return before the end of the school day. Throughout the week, we will be continuing to explore the themes, ideas and characters in our class text **Wonder**, gathering ideas to write our own chapter for the book.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.32	97.32	96.73	94.29	98.58	96.83	96.10

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.38	94.78	93.33	93.33	97.27	99.05	93.00

Diary Dates

w/c 9 th December	Parent Evenings
Wednesday 11 th December	EYFS Nativity (9.30am) and KS1 Nativity (2.30pm)
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity (9.30am) and EYFS Nativity (2.30pm)
Friday 13 th December	Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December	FOMs Christmas Fair
Monday 16 th December	KS2 Christmas Production (1.30pm)
Tuesday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Production (1.30pm)
Tuesday 17 th December	KS1 Showcase (Y1/2) – 9.05am
Wednesday 18 th December	KS2 Showcase (Y5/6) – 3.30pm
Thursday 19 th December	Carols around the Tree (2.15pm)
Thursday 19 th December	Break-up for Christmas Holidays
Friday 20 th December	Training Day