

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

A bit of sunshine has meant that we have been learning outside as much as possible this week! The children in Years 5 and 6 visited Hell Wath, to carry out some Geography fieldwork on the rivers in Ripon. They used their map reading skills to locate various physical features and made some super field sketches. Years 3 and 4 pretended that they were in the African sun to make their Egyptian pastries as part of their History and cookery work in DT. How lovely to be able to be out in the fresh air all together.



### Keeping Children Safe Online



There is an everchanging picture of the risks that children are exposed to on the internet, whether it is through social media, games or other apps. We have had regular discussions and carried out activities with the children about Internet Safety half termly, and more frequently to respond to specific concerns or incidents, however, we are well aware that children find it hard to apply this to a real-life context when there is peer pressure and curiosity around access to sites that are above their restricted age range. Our children need supervision on the internet at home, to support them in making the right choices to keep safe online. We know that as parents and carers it is hard to keep up with some of the updated risks on the internet, but there is a brilliant website called 'Net Aware' provided by the NSPCC and O2, which is updated regularly to keep you informed. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>. Our staff regularly support children who are upset or concerned in school because of their activities online and some of the issues that they have been exposed to as a result. We cannot limit their access whilst they are at home, but we will continue to teach them how to use the internet safely in school.

### Comic Relief

Our children have had lots of fun racing each other in our 'red nose and spoon' races today. Thank you so much for your donations to this fundraising event for Comic Relief. As well as having fun, we have raised a total of £ 160.00 altogether. Well done Team Moorside!

### World Book Day

Our World Book Day dress up is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, **NOT** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> as we initially advertised, as we think that Forest School and PE in costumes may result in very muddy book characters!! Our themed World Book Day lunch will be on the Thursday too.

### High 5 Readers

Our High 5 Reader rewards will be counted up again next week for this term! Any children who did not receive their prize at the end of term in December, due to the unforeseen lockdown, have not been forgotten! They will have their own treat next week too. Please could parents of children in Key Stage 2 send their reading records into school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March for counting.

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance last week was 94.75% and this week it has been 95.27%.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
W/c 8.3.21	99.48%	95%	96.3%	95%	98.33%	94.17%	85%
This week	97.66%	94.95%	96.72%	93.47%	96.76%	90.87%	94.04%

Please contact the office to provide a reason for your child's absence, either by telephone or email.

## Month of Reading Madness

Our children have focused on favourite authors this week. Next week for our final week of our Month of Reading Madness, it's our annual poetry performance event. Each class will be learning and performing a poem but we would love to hear any poems learnt at home too to share with their classes next Friday.

## School Lunches (North Yorkshire County Caterers)

The Summer term menu is going to be the same as our current menu. Therefore, there will be no new menus sent out to Reception and Key Stage 1 children. However, please do let us know if you would like to make any amendments to your child's current choices.

## Healthy Packed Lunches

We have noticed that there are some packed lunches coming into school that include a lot of added sugar. Our children then 'crash' in the afternoons after a 'sugar rush' and therefore feel quite lethargic. We continue to work towards our Healthy School Award and promote a balanced diet within our curriculum so we request that chocolate and sweets are not included in packed lunch boxes. There are some 'sugar swaps' on the Change 4 Life website at: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>.



## Buddies

Just a reminder that there will be no Buddies After School Club on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March as we break-up for the Easter holidays (Breakfast Club will run as normal). However, school will not close any earlier than our current staggered end times on this day.

And finally....

Some sporting opportunities in our local community are beginning to resume as lockdown is gradually lifting. Ripon City Panthers are recruiting if you have an U11 player who would love to get involved!



**Ripon City Panthers Junior Football**  
**U11 Players Needed**  
**(Year 6 from September 2021)**

- The Under 11s Coaching Team are looking for new and experienced players to join our football team.
- The club is very friendly with its main aim in developing players in line with the FA Grassroots 4 Corner Model: Technical, Psychological, Physical and Social.
- FA Licensed Coaches (including goalkeeper).
- Matchdays on Sundays in the Harrogate & District League.

To register interest, please contact Natasha on:  
**07854 382623**



Have a super weekend everyone! Please don't forget that we are just a phone call or email away if you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning or well-being. Anything that you feel might be important to share with school will only enable us to support our children together.

Best wishes,  
**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher