

14th May 2021

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We have had a very busy week in school, learning about Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr and healthy eating. The children in our Early Years are all learning about the hungry caterpillar and are enjoying observing our real caterpillars as they grow and change, as part of their learning about living things. They have also been talking about the healthy foods that the hungry caterpillar should eat. Across the school, our children have been baking healthy biscuits to celebrate Eid al-Fitr and/or making decorations as part of their RE learning.



In Key Stage 2, we were delighted to have 2 workshops with Mr Stocks, who introduced us to his amazing owls, birds, snakes and spiders, again as part of the children's science learning about Living things, their habitats and life cycles.

It has been World Mental Health week this week with the theme 'Connect with Nature'. We do prioritise well-being in school through a wide range of strategies, including through our weekly Forest school sessions. Some of the other resources that we use are on our well-being curriculum page on the school website at <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/well-being-at-home/>

We are of course always here if you need a chat if you are concerned about your child's emotional well-being, and will always do our best to support you and your child. There are many other agencies who might be able to support you outside of school too. Compass Buzz have put them all together with contact numbers to share with our community.

Bag 2 School

It was our best Bag 2 School haul yet this week. We received 30p per kilo, raising a total of £66.90. Well done and thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted items! Thank you to our FOMS for organising the fundraiser!

It is National walk to school week next week! The children will be gathering data in Maths and presenting it in different ways, to show how many people walk to school. We are looking forward to an assembly (on Zoom) led by our Year 5 and 6 school council representatives, to promote that walking has a positive impact on our physical and mental well-being. We also have our 'Inventors Lunch' on **Thursday** 20th May (**not** on Friday- apologies for the typo last week!). The pizzas and cookies have now been invented in every classroom. Please let us know if your child would like to join in if they usually have a packed lunch!



Monday 17th May marks the next step in the gradual lifting of the National lockdown. Whilst there has been an update to the guidance for schools, there are no significant changes yet for primary schools. As per our advice and direction from the Local Authority, we will continue to follow the same protocols to manage risks with strict health and safety measures remaining in place for parents, staff and children as our current practice. This will be reviewed again before 21st June. Thank you for your support in following our current risk assessment to keep our school community safe. We will keep you updated.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance has dipped a bit to **94.64** %. We do understand that there have been a number of cold and sickness bugs going around, but if you can ensure that your child is in school if they possibly can be, it will support them to keep up with their learning. The winners of the extra playtime with 100% attendance are the children in Year 3!

| | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| w/c 26.04.21 | 91.38% | 97.98% | 94.71% | 96.98% | 96.14% | 96.31% | 95.32% |
| Last week | 92.54% | 92.9% | 98.86% | 98.05% | 96.89% | 98.81% | 97.81% |
| This week | 93.57% | 98% | 92.11% | 100% | 93.95% | 95.93% | 92.59% |

Reading Eggs and Reading Plus

It would really benefit all our children if they continue to use Reading Eggs and Reading Plus at home, as part of their weekly reading/homework. At least twice per week would make all the difference to their reading progress! If you need support with accessing devices for them to do this and/or need reminding of passwords, please do not hesitate to email the school admin team, and we will help you.

I hope that the sunshine returns at some stage over the weekend and that all our children and their families have a well-deserved rest, ready for a new week!

Best wishes,
Mrs Rowett
 Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Please see our Summer Theme Day Plan at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/enrichment/>

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| w/c 17 th May 2021 | National Walk to School Week |
| Thursday 20 th May 2021 | Inventor Lunch linked to our Curriculum theme |
| w/c 24 th May 2021 | Art Week |
| Friday 28 th May 2021 | Break-up for half term holidays |
| Tuesday 8 th June 2021 | School re-opens for the 2 nd half of the Summer term |