

8th October 2021

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

Despite the fact that we have unfortunately had a number of Covid cases in school over the past week, we have had lots of positives too, which are sometimes difficult to find when times are hard!

Our Nursery and Reception children had such a wonderful day on Wednesday, being superheroes and learning all about real superheroes and the important jobs that they do to keep everyone safe. A huge thank you to PC Dan, Emma Cattley, Mr Carr and Mr Chalmers, for telling us all about what they do in the Police, Ambulance Service, the Army and the Fire Service respectively. We especially loved the opportunity to explore the fire engine. What brilliant children.



On Monday, our Y1 and Y2 children welcomed some friends from Kenya (who now live in the UK), who told them all about what it is like to live in Kenya and how this differs to life in Ripon. They have written some fabulous thank you letters to show their appreciation.

Years 3 and 4 have really impressed Mrs Goss this week with their progress in Forest school. They have drawn some amazing birds-eye maps of the school grounds and are working brilliantly as a team!



Some of our Year 5 children stepped up in the absence of our Year 6 children and represented Moorside brilliantly at the School of Sanctuary service in Ripon Cathedral. Thank you so much to Ava and Kolby for being brave enough to talk about what it means to us to be a School of Sanctuary and Moorside being a welcoming place. Year 5 have enjoyed their trip to the Botanical Gardens in Durham today, as part of their learning about Evolution and have of course been brilliant ambassadors for our school.

Our Year 6 children have been learning online for some of this week to keep everyone safe in school. Miss Rogan has been really impressed by how quickly they have adapted and has enjoyed Zooming them. We look forward to having them back as soon as possible.

We are delighted to share that Hannington Homes have gifted us a fabulous 'Buddy Bench' for children to sit on when they need a friend at breaktime. Our play leaders will be able to offer them some help to join in together and have a chat if they are feeling lonely.



Our new School Council were given their badges in assembly last week. We are really pleased to say that our newly elected children went through a rigorous election process and have convinced their classes that they are the best people for the job when sharing their views at meetings.

They are:

Y1-Lottie and Oliver

Y2-Thembi and Nikita

Y3-Edward and Katelyn

Y4-Poppy and Max

Y5-Kolby and Ava

Y6-Benedict and Charley..... We know that they will all do a brilliant job!

Attendance

Attendance this week has obviously been lower due to Covid cases in school at 87.13%. The class with the highest attendance is Year 5 with 96.33% Well done to them!

Halloween Disco

Due to the number of Covid cases currently within school, we have taken the decision to cancel the Halloween Disco. However, we hope to arrange another disco before Christmas.

We hope that our children who are not in school feel better over the weekend. If your child has a positive lateral flow test or a PCR test over the weekend, please send an email to admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk so that we can track cases. Pupils with symptoms must access a PCR test, however, as a precautionary measure, you may want to carry out more regular lateral flow testing.

Thank you as always for all your support and understanding this week...as always if you have any questions or concerns about your child's education or health and well-being, please do contact us at school.

Best wishes,
Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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

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| Wednesday 13 th October | High 5 Reader (Summer term winners) trip to the Library & Hot Chocolate |
| Tuesday 19 th October | Harvest Assembly for EYFS Parents only – 9.10am |
| Wednesday 20 th October | Halloween Disco - CANCELLED |
| Friday 22 nd October | Break-up for half term |
| Tuesday 2 nd November | School Re-Opens after the half term holidays |