

15th October 2021

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We have had a week full of team work at Moorside.

Due to quite a number of poorly children, staff and parents; we have all been pulling together to ensure that we are doing everything possible to keep the children safe and support them in their learning. Well done Team Moorside!

The children in the Early Years have been working together to practice their Harvest assembly which will be ready to share on Tuesday morning! They have also been harvesting the vegetables that they have grown in the outdoor area, before chopping them up to make a delicious pumpkin soup!

In Key Stage 1, the children have enjoyed a Forest school session together today, where they have been working together to explore our grounds for signs of Autumn...

In Years 3 and 4, the children have been sharing their research and knowledge to help them to write fact files about Greece, and in Upper Key Stage 2, Year 5 have been sharing some of their knowledge that they acquired on their school trip last week with Year 6 in their joint science lessons on evolution, inheritance and adaptation.



I want to say a huge thank you to you as parents for supporting us by seeking PCR tests for whole year groups on advice from public health, as well as for those who we have identified as close contacts. I do realise that some children have not displayed the 'regular' Covid symptoms, but we have been concerned by the differing symptoms that we have seen when children have then tested positive. I am pleased to say that by closing the Year 6 cohort for 3 days of remote learning, and encouraging regular testing to identify children who are asymptomatic (and therefore spreading the virus), the number of new confirmed cases has reduced dramatically. We still need to remain vigilant, and we require / encourage you to seek a PCR test if your child is already ill (not a Lateral Flow Test which is for when you have no symptoms at all). I really do appreciate your support and understanding with this and apologise for any inconvenience that it may cause. Our priority is to keep our staff and children safe at all times.

Attendance

Our attendance has obviously been affected by the recent Covid cases but also sickness and cold bugs. Our whole school attendance this week has been 87.08% with the Reception class in the lead with 97.54%. We place high importance on attendance, as we don't want the children to miss out on their learning, but in the current situation, we really don't want children to be upset about missing out on rewards for being in school every day! We do not count Covid absence or medical appointments in our end of term attendance awards.

We will provide remote learning for children who need to isolate for 10 days, but there are always learning tasks on Reading Eggs/Plus, Times Table Rockstars and Purple Mash activities that they can do online, if they are off school for a shorter period of time.

We have just one week left in school until half term - I can't believe how quickly the past half term has flashed by! I wish you all a relaxing weekend with lots of rest.... Please do keep us updated of any positive LFT or PCR tests via the admin email. We will respond as soon as we can.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,
Mrs Rowett

Diary Dates:

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

Tuesday 19 th October	Harvest Assembly for EYFS Parents only – 9.10am
Friday 22 nd October	Break-up for half term
Tuesday 2 nd November	School Re-Opens after the half term holidays