

28th January 2022

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

The first snowdrops have been spotted in the school grounds so we feel that Spring is on its way! The children have been enjoying their 'hands on learning' about plants in their Science lessons as well as at Forest School! Years 3 and 4 have grouped and classified animals and plants by their characteristics. They have grouped plants into evergreen and deciduous, flowering and non-flowering and have looked at ferns and mosses which reproduce by their spores.



Year 1 will be looking at the bulbs they planted over time- tulips and daffodils. They are going to be learning about parts of plants and the important jobs they need to do to keep the plant healthy. On the subject of Science, our pupils in Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed a production today called 'Abbie Ayre & the Shed of Science', based on educating them about the climate and the effect that air pollution is having on the Ozone Layer. They have written a song to share their knowledge with others and will be doing some further work, including traffic surveys to take action!

Helmets

Due to some reported near-misses over the past two weeks, could we please remind everyone that children should not be riding a bike or a scooter on the playgrounds at all. If children are cycling or scootering to school, they should be wearing a helmet to keep them safe.

Lead Lane Parking

We have been contacted by local residents who have shared their concerns about parking on junctions and on kerbs at pick up and drop off times. There are often news reports of individuals being hurt on the way to and from school in road traffic accidents. We do not want this to happen to any of our parents or pupils so please be considerate when driving and parking in the vicinity of the school gates.

Well Done

We are always proud of our children's achievements outside school and the contributions that they make within our wider community. Well done to Harry, Poppy and Madeline (Y6) for their fantastic performances in the Ripon Charity Pantomime this week. If you have tickets to see it this weekend, you are in for a treat. Also, a huge well done to Xander (Y5), who sang his first solo (beautifully) as part of the Ripon Cathedral Choir at Evensong. What talented children we have! Please do share your child's achievements outside of school with us - we enjoy celebrating them with them.

National Storytelling Week

We love listening to stories at Moorside - the children enjoyed hearing the story of the Gingerbread Man in assembly, told by a professional storyteller, who really engaged them with his actions and repetition! You can re-watch this at home at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=8p9Fw1CsYxA>

Next week is National Storytelling week! We are looking forward to some additional activities in school throughout the week to share stories.... even more than usual! Do you have a favourite story or author from when you were at school? Who read you the story? Please share them with the children - we are sure they'd love to hear them! It is also Chinese New Year on Monday! Some of the children will be hearing myths about the animals that represent the zodiac signs and preparing and tasting some Chinese food using chopsticks!



Attendance

We continue to work in bubbles in school to prevent the transmission of Covid but have unfortunately had some more cases this week. Thank you for your patience and support in testing children to help us to identify those who need to isolate. If you are ever unsure, it's best to be on the safe side and carry out an LFT if your child has no symptoms or book a PCR test if they have symptoms. Our attendance continues to be lower than normal at **89%**. The class who have had the highest attendance this week has been **Year 1** with **98%**! Well done to them. We hope that everyone who is poorly feels better soon!

If you have any questions about your child's learning or well-being in school or need to share anything with us that would help us to support them further, please do let us know.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and we looking forward to seeing everyone next week.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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

Monday 31 st January 2022	Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents at 3.30pm
Monday 7 th February 2022	Safety week
Tuesday 8 th February 2022	Safer Internet Day
March 2022	Month of Reading Madness