

4th February 2022

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We have been very busy telling stories this week! The children have written a school story with each class following on from the last.... They have had fun sharing new stories and telling their own, using a story sack with random objects. They have great imaginations and have been using lots of descriptive language! The children have also really enjoyed learning about different stories and beliefs from other cultures, through their lessons about Chinese New Year and associated celebrations. The dancing dragon in Reception is extremely impressive! Our learning has



enabled us to bring the wider world into our classrooms and develop mutual respect and understanding of other religions and cultures.

Next week it is **SAFETY WEEK** at Moorside. We are looking forward to welcoming visitors on Tuesday, when Lauren Doherty from **Road Safety Talks** will be sharing road traffic awareness with Key Stage 2 and we have the Fire Service to visit on Thursday afternoon to talk to us all about **fire safety**! It is **SAFER INTERNET** day on Tuesday...the theme is 'All Fun and Games?' with a focus on exploring respectful relationships online.

Please have a look at the advice for parents in the link below, with top tips and information to keep updated on the new risks and measures that you can take to support your child online. I cannot stress the importance of this to you enough, as the online world is ever-changing and evolving and we want to ensure that you feel fully informed of how this can affect children's access.



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

Healthy Schools Design Competition



North Yorkshire County Caterers are running a design competition for a new mascot! We had Herbie the carrot to visit at the beginning of term but he definitely needs some friends to promote school meals and healthy eating. All the details for how to enter the competition are at <https://www.nyes.info/Article/94341>. Good luck and have fun being creative!

Attendance

We have had very mixed attendance again this week. Covid cases have thankfully been decreasing and we have been really pleased to welcome children and staff who have been isolating back into school. The overall whole-school attendance has been 92.6%. The class with the highest attendance this week has been Year 3! Well done and fingers-crossed for even better attendance and punctuality for everyone next week.

Drop off and Pick up

Just a polite reminder that pick-up times are 3.15pm for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 and 3.20pm for Years 3-6. Children/teenagers who are 16 and over are able to collect siblings, but otherwise, Secondary school children should only be on the playground if they are with a parent. It is a busy time of day and we want to ensure that everyone is

handed over to parents safely! Teachers and Teaching Assistants attend meetings or run after school clubs so if you are late, your child may need to go to Buddies until you arrive, and there is a charge for our wrap around care provision. Many thanks for your help with this.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you 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 7 th February 2022	Safety week
Tuesday 8 th February 2022	Safer Internet Day
March 2022	Month of Reading Madness
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	Barley Hall Visit Y3&4