# MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What better way to report on this week's Jubilee events and festivities than by sharing one of our Year 6's newspaper reports...



## **MOORSIDE NEWS**



### PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION!

On 24th May 2022, the staff had planned a spectacular event for the families and children of Moorside Primary School and Nursery.

Throughout the day, there were fun-filled activities; these included the staff and children welcoming the Queen to Moorside. Also, families arrived for the afternoon party! The staff had been preparing for this day for the last few days.



"It was an honour to welcome Her Majesty the Queen to Moorside to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. I felt so proud of the children when they sang the National Anthem and the whole celebration was a fantastic community event. A wonderful day that I am sure we will all remember." Mrs Rowett (the headteacher) commented proudly.

In the morning, there were groups of children across the school taking part in a carousel of history-related tasks, including 1950s dancing, royal family tree activities, sports that had evolved through time and a music quiz.

In the hall, a whole school assembly was held to watch the coronation of the Queen in 1953. The children and staff then met the Queen. When she arrived, the children and staff waved their flags. They also sang the National Anthem with their angelic singing voices; the teachers knew this would be a mesmerising moment for the history of Moorside.

Once the queen had left, there was hobby horse racing on the field, a tombola and bowling, as well as a disco.

It was a truly fantastic day and a monumental mile stone for Moorisde.

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We are extremely grateful to the Rotary Club for gifting us 200 special, wooden pennies to commemorate the Jubilee. The pennies have been made by a team of very talented workers at <u>Jennyruth Workshops</u> and have been gifted to every pupil. A huge thank you to them.

We had a week of Jubilee-related Forest school activities as well! The children found natural resources to create land art Union Jack flags, 'The Queen', crowns and corgis....

#### **Forest School and PE**

Forest school will be on a **Wednesday** next half term for Years 3, 4 and 6 and on **Fridays** for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

PE will be on the following days

Reception - Tuesday

Y1 - Tuesday

Y2 - Thursday

Y3 - Friday

Y4 - Friday

Y5 - Tuesday (Swimming on a Friday from 17.6.22, please see separate letter)

Y6 - Tuesday



Please ensure that pupils are in PE kit - trainers, blue or black shorts, leggings or joggers, white t-shirt or polo and Moorside hoodie. They will need a sun hat and sun cream applied in hot weather. Please also ensure that your child has a named water bottle at school at all times if they are in Years 1-6.

#### **Attendance**

Our attendance has been slightly better this week at 93.9%.

Well done to the winning class, Y4, with the highest attendance at 97.44%. We hope that a week's break will help children who are poorly to fully recover.

#### **Reading Cafe**

Our Summer Reading Cafe will be for all year groups on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. This will be from 3.20pm onwards. As a school we are unable to hold our Reading Cafes on alternative evenings due to other clubs and meetings so if you cannot attend and would like to visit our library to borrow some books with your child(ren), you are always welcome.

#### Safeguarding - Speak out, stay safe assemblies

We are fortunate to be able to deliver an assembly as part of the NSPCC 'Speak out, stay safe' programme for Key Stages 1 and 2 on Wednesday 8th June.

Speak out Stay safe is an online Safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old.

There are pre-recorded assemblies that are suitable for the particular year groups and feature Ant and Dec! There is a video with more details about the programme that you can watch here:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?time\_continue=10&v=jolOr4E-9PQ&feature=emb\_logo

NSPCC Sparing of the Stay

The initial assembly will be followed by a Workshop for Years 5 and 6 only on Tuesday 14th June. The workshops will be delivered by NSPCC representatives. We are grateful to them for visiting school to support us in educating all our children about the importance of speaking out about any safeguarding concerns. A letter for parents in Years 5 and 6 will be sent out to parents.

We have had a couple of reports of Moorside children who are playing outside at the parks near the new Leisure Centre without being accompanied by an adult. We teach our children about 'Stranger Danger', but they are vulnerable as they are exposed to risk-taking behaviour by older children who may influence their actions now or in the future. I hope that everyone stays safe over the half term break and return to school feeling well rested to enjoy the second half of the Summer term.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Jubilee event on Tuesday and to those who helped on stalls and with organisation. This was a celebration rather than a fundraising event, however, our Friends of School did make a profit of roughly £380. Your support is very much appreciated.

Have a lovely half term everyone and an enjoyable weekend celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next week. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 7th June.** 

Best wishes, Mrs Rowett **Headteacher** 

#### **Diary Dates:**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School Closed for Staff Training
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School Re-Opens after the Half Term Holidays
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Speak out, Stay safe Assembly
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	NSPCC Workshop
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2022	Reading Cafe
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	September 2022 New Reception Starters Parents Meeting (4.30pm)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	September 2022 New Nursery Starters Parents Meeting (9.30am)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y6 Leaver's Trip to London