

13th January 2023

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What a great first FULL week back at school! The children have launched into their new topics for this term.... Some very authentic cave paintings from Y5 who are learning about The Stone Age to the Iron Age and Years 3 and 4 should all be able to tell you about where Ghana is, fair trading and most importantly, how they harvest cocoa to make chocolate! The children enjoyed our assembly on Monday, introducing our theme, Diversity. I hope that you received the learning letters and knowledge mats sent home on Monday. They are on our website at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/curriculum-plans/>

I have also shared our theme days and weeks on our school website at:
<https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/enrichment/>

Year 6 have had a fabulous week at Marrick Priory. They have shown tremendous resilience in some fairly extreme weather conditions and had a go at everything! It has been a pleasure to take them away for the week and there have been some fantastic memories made. Thank you to Mr Price, Mrs Jemmett and Miss Padbury-Hunt for looking after them all and keeping us updated with great photos!!



Reading

It is National Storytelling week from 30th January onwards. We will be having this half term's Reading Cafe on 1st February.

We are really pleased to share that all classes will be visiting Ripon Library during National Story Telling week which we know they will really enjoy! We are so lucky to have a fantastic library in our city!

Attendance

Attendance this week has been 92.88%! Sickness bugs seem to be about, especially in Lower Key Stage 2! I hope that children feel better over the weekend.... Our class attendance is as follows:



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
02.01.23	94.06%	100%	96%	97.14%	100%	94.17%	89.29%
09.01.23	88.95%	90.43%	96.89%	87.89%	98.35%	95.39%	98.21%

Internet Safety

With internet safety week around the corner I wanted to highlight the importance of talking to children regularly about being safe online. It just reminds them that they can be open and honest with you about the content that they are accessing. This NSPCC link is a helpful guide for parents about how to approach this with some useful top tips:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

There is also more specific information about the rating of games from Action for Children at:

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/online-safety-wellbeing/video-game-age-restrictions/>

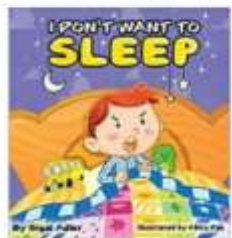


Lateness

A number of children have been late to school since arriving back after Christmas. Learning begins as soon as children enter the classroom at 8.50am so please ensure that they are on time for a smooth and settled start to the day.

Well-being

Sleep support



<https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/well-being-at-home/>

Just a reminder that on our website we have activities that you can use at home to support:

Sleep

Transition

Resilience

Bereavement

If you would like to work through any of the booklets with your child and need them to be printed, please ask at the office.

We have had a few mentions about sleep in particular so if you would like some further support, please get in touch with us at school.

I think we are in for a windy and rainy weekend! Please stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

With very best wishes.

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

w/c 30 th January 2023	National Storytelling Week
Wednesday 1 st February 2023	Reading Café from 3.20pm
8 th February 2023	Internet Safety Day
Friday 10 th February 2023	Break-up for Half Term Holidays
<u>Monday</u> 20 th February 2023	Return to School after the Half Term Holidays
March 2023	Month of Reading Madness (more details to follow)
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day (come to school dressed as your favourite book character)
w/c 10 th March 2023	Science Week
w/c 20 th March 2023	Art Week (KS2)
w/c 27 th March 2023	RE Week

w/c 27 th March 2023	Parents Evenings (more details to follow)
Friday 31 st March 2023	Break-up at 3pm for Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April 2023	Training Day
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Return to School after the Easter Holidays