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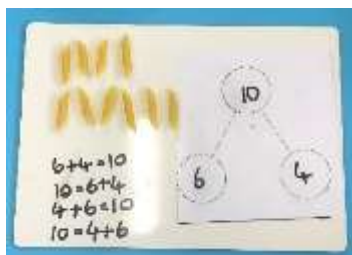
MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

I hope you all had a fantastic half term! We have had a great first week back....

Our children in Years One and Two enjoyed a visit to Fountains Abbey, where they learnt about Henry VIII as part of their History topic about famous people in the past. Thank you to Miss Ryder and Mrs Burland for organising such a super trip - the children have also enjoyed writing about their exciting day out. Thank you to Mrs Atha, Mrs Pickard and Mrs Turnbull for helping us too!



Maths at Moorside

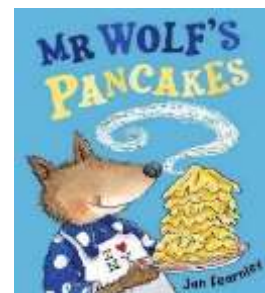
Thank you Mrs Burland for organising our Maths event on Wednesday afternoon! We were amazed by the turnout of parents and grandparents and really appreciated the positive feedback! Due to the popularity, we will arrange some more Maths sessions for parents for specific key stages in the Summer term! We will keep you posted.... We did share a resource for parents and children, signposting to different Maths APPs/websites, which we will also share with this Newsletter.

Month of Reading Madness

The month of March is our annual Month of Reading Madness! This is launched on 1st March with lots of reading activities to take part in both at home and at school! Our flyer full of information is attached and we will send a paper copy home for you too! The children love the 'drop everything and read' activity in school and we can't wait to receive 'I spy you reading photos' and obviously the fun of getting dressed up for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. We will be having our themed 'Mad Hatter's Lunch' on World Book Day too - please have a look at the menu at the end of this letter for more details and email admin to book a lunch for your child if they usually have a packed lunch!

At Moorside, our curriculum is based on learning through stories and carefully selected texts, to support children's vocabulary development, and enable us to deliver our Literacy lessons through a 'talk for writing approach'. You might want to read these books together with your children to help them with their fluency and provide an opportunity for them to retell the story!

Nursery have begun the half term with 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (with lots of learning about measuring taller/short/longer) whilst Reception have been reading 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' (super link to pancake day!). In Year 1, the children have been reading the poetry book, 'The Wind Blew', and Year 2 have just started 'The Magic Faraway Tree' by Enid Blyton. Year 3 are learning about Ancient Egypt, and are reading 'The Egyptian Cinderella' whilst Year 4 continue with Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Years 5 and 6 are reading 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe'!



Holi Charity Fund-raising Run



Our School Council have organised a colour run for Holi, the Hindu festival of colours, which is being celebrated on 8th March this year. The children will be running approximately one mile, whilst being showered with paint and (a bit of) water for a fantastic cause. We are supporting an important member of our school community by raising money together for Action Duchenne (instead of Comic Relief this year), who are carrying out vital research and providing essential support for Duchenne families. Please share this link with your friends and family so that we can really make a difference! <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/moorside25>

World Book Day-2nd March!

Our World Book Day dress up is next Thursday 2nd March! Children are welcome to come to school as a character from a story on that day, but this is not compulsory. It would also be lovely for them to bring their favourite book to school on that day too! The World Book Day website has some great ideas:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/celebrate-world-book-day/>

Teacher Strikes

The NEU teaching union has voted to strike again on 28th February. Our school will be open on this day for all pupils.

Attendance

Our attendance this week has been 95.26%. We are always aiming for AT LEAST 96% so we are nearly there this week! Well done to Reception too with the highest class attendance this week. We are so impressed! Keep it up!



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
20.02.23	98.83%	94.26%	91.19%	95.98%	96.3%	97.22%	96.67%

Uniform

Please note that children should be in school uniform on days when they do not have PE or Forest School. Our Uniform Policy is on our website. Make-up and coloured hair are prohibited in school and children should not wear jewellery. They can wear stud earrings - unless they are doing PE. We also request that girls' skirts (A-line or pleated) are at least knee length. If they are shorter, we request that they wear a pair of shorts underneath; girls are also allowed to wear trousers if they prefer. Mini-skirts are not acceptable. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Staffing

We welcomed Mrs Plummer back to school from maternity leave at the end of last half term. She will be in Nursery and Reception for a day and a half each week. We know that she will enjoy being part of our Early Years Team! We are pleased that Miss Lee, who initially joined us to cover Mrs Plummer's maternity leave, will be staying with us and will continue to teach Year 4. Mrs Bailey will also be teaching the Year 4 class for one morning and one afternoon each week. Both teachers know the class well, and work closely together to ensure that the children continue to be well supported.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, please do get in touch with us if you have any questions or queries about your child's learning or if you would like more information about what they are doing in school. Our staff are always pleased to help. Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone next week.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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)
Wednesday 8 th March 2023	Charity Holi Colour Run
w/c 10 th March 2023	Science Week
Wednesday 15 th March 2023	Reading Café at 3.15pm
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

