

9th February 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We seem to have had all the seasons over the past 7 days.... Blue skies and sunshine and the feeling of Spring and Arctic conditions yesterday, when we had a dose of the 'white stuff'! We had some disappointed children when they found that it was a bit too slushy for snowballs and snowmen! Let's hope that things brighten up again for half term week!

Tuesday was our Carbon Footprint Reduction Day, organised by Year 6, who have been working on this project with Mrs Goss. They shared their aim with the rest of the school during two assemblies, and collected data to demonstrate the difference between our efforts to walk, bike or scoot to school on a Carbon Footprint Reduction Day, compared to other days of the week! Unfortunately, the rain meant that some people needed to travel by car but the Year 6's found that the year group who managed to reduce their carbon footprint the most on Tuesday was **Year 3** (by **17%**), closely followed by **Reception** (**15%**) THANK YOU to everyone who managed to find alternative ways to get to school to help the environment!



Safer Internet Day



Tuesday this week was also Safer Internet Day.... Our children have spent time in PHSCE and Computing lessons learning about this year's theme: 'Inspiring Change?' 'Making a Difference', 'Managing Influence' and 'Navigating Change' online. Please do follow the links to some GREAT age-appropriate films for you to watch at home with your child at:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/sid-films-2024>

Years 1 and 2 - Key Stage 1

Years 3 - 6 - Key Stage 2

And there is a QUIZ for 7-11 year olds at:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/quiz-for-7-11-year-olds>.



It's imperative that we work together to keep our children safe online and support them to understand why there are age restrictions on some sites / games. The children enjoyed sharing their learning in our assembly this morning.

As soon as we get back to school, we will be launching our Month of Reading Madness, which will be running from 19th February until 19th March. The flyer below provides lots of exciting information about the planned events to promote a 'love of reading'. As part of this, we will be taking every year group to Ripon Library, to learn about their facilities/resources and enjoy the lovely reading spaces that they have there. Reception and Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 will be visiting on Tuesday 20th February, and will need their library cards with them. If your child does not have one, you can apply for a library card during half term, or contact the school office if you need a form.

Years 3 and 4 have their Viking Day on 20th February, so will visit at a later date next half term.



I Spy You Reading Competition

Our I Spy You Reading Competition is back by popular demand! You are once-again challenged to read in the most strangest places! We are always surprised by your imagination and cannot wait to discover this year's weird and wonderful reading spaces! Please send your photographic evidence to admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk

The most imaginative will win a prize! 😊



Library Visits



During the Month of Reading Madness, every child in school will be taken to visit our local library. Whilst there, the children will take part in a range of fun-filled activities led by the fantastic team at Ripon library. The children will also have the chance to borrow some books from the library to take home. Don't worry if you haven't yet got a library card, we will be sending forms home so that children can sign up for one!

WIN!

Reading Raffle

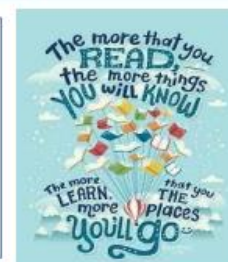
Complete a 7 day reading bingo challenge to enter into the Reading Raffle for the opportunity to win a prize!

Bingo cards will be handed out on Monday 26th February to be handed in the following Monday. Winners will be picked and announced in Monday's assembly.

A Month of Reading Madness!

"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book." – J.K Rowling

On Monday 19th February 2024, Moorside Primary School and Nursery is launching its 11th annual Reading Extravaganza!



Select a Story

During the afternoon of the 14th March, the school will pause for a story!

All staff members will choose their favourite story to read...

Every child in school will select which story they would most like to listen to...

Children will then enjoy listening to their selected story!

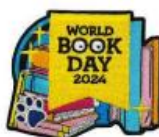
A moment to get lost in a story! 😊



World Book Day!

Thursday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day in style by dressing as our favourite book characters. We will also be enjoying a fun-filled day of book-related activities to celebrate our LOVE of reading!



Poetry Performances

Class Performances To round off the month of Reading Madness – the children in each class will work together as a class team to learn a poem 'off-by-heart.' Each class will perform their poem during an assembly on **Monday 18th March.**



Attendance

As you can see from the table below, attendance this week has been much lower at 92.39%. We hope that poorly people get better very soon. Well done to Year 4 who are still **in the green** at 96.48%!



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
08.01.24	97.62%	97.52%	100%	98.47%	99.35%	99.5%	98.82%
15.01.24	94.44%	98.07%	96.76%	90.51%	98.48%	97.7%	99.12%
22.01.24	84.05%	96.62%	99.54%	96.05%	96.98%	99.23%	96.43%
29.01.24	90.48%	96.32%	97.63%	93.91%	93.63%	91.63%	95.43%
05.02.24	86.3%	89.9%	94.5%	87.3%	96.48%	93.51%	94.29%

Forest School and PE

Next half term, Year 5 will have Forest School on a Wednesday afternoon, Early Years on a Friday morning and Year 4 on a Friday afternoon.

The PE and Forest School days for these year groups are:

Reception: Wednesday

Year 1: Tuesday and Friday

Year 2: Tuesday and Friday

Year 3: Wednesday

Year 4: Wednesday-PE Friday- Forest School

Year 5: Monday-PE Wednesday- Forest School

Year 6: Monday and Wednesday

Early Years Open Morning

We are looking forward to welcoming perspective new parents and children to our 'Tiger Who Came to Tea' Open Morning on Saturday 24th February....10am-12pm!



Moorside Primary School and Nursery

EARLY YEARS OPEN MORNING

Saturday 24th February 2024 10am – 12pm

*Is your child 3 or above in September 2024
or January 2025?*

*Have you applied for your child to start
RECEPTION in September 2024 but they're
not in our NURSERY?*

*Join us for a **PLAY**, some **REFRESHMENTS**
& meet our **TEAM**! We'd **LOVE** to share our
FANTASTIC
EARLY YEARS provision with you!*





Please share this date with your friends and families who may be interested!

Farewell Mrs Binks

We are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Binks, who is leaving Moorside today. Thank you for your unwavering kindness and dedication to our staff and children. You will be missed, but we wish you lots of luck for the future.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break next week. Please remember that if there are any changes at home that might affect your child's learning or well-being, we might be able to support so please do get in touch. We are here to help!

I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 19th February but until then, stay safe Team Moorside!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher



Diary Dates:

Friday 9 th February 2024	Break-up for half term holidays
Monday 19 th February 2024	Return to School after the half term holidays
Tuesday 20 th February 2024	Year 3 & Year 4 Viking Workshop
Tuesday 20 th February 2024	Reception, Y1,2,5 and 6 to visit Ripon Library
Wednesday 21 st February 2024	Year 1 & Year 2 visit to Ripon Workhouse Museum
Saturday 24 th February 2024	Early Years Open Morning
Tuesday 5 th March 2024	Reception and Key Stage 1 Dance Event (further details to follow)
19 th February – 19 th March 2024	Moorside's Month of Reading Madness!
W/c 4 th March 2024	Holy Week theme
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March 2024	Science Week Launch
Tuesday 12 th March 2024	Y6 SATS Parent Meeting (as part of SATS club) at 3.20pm-4pm.
W/c 18 th March 2024	KS2 Art Week
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Break-up for Easter Holidays
Monday 8 th April 2024	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 th April 2024	Return to School after the Easter holidays



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Portrait Pancakes!

A family-friendly face-making activity using
pancakes, fruit and chocolate.

Tuesday 13th February 2024

10.30am - 12.00 noon, South Transept



You do not need to book to attend, just come along and join in.

Refreshments will be served.

**At 11.00am come and see the Cathedral Clergy run in a pancake
race outside the front of the Cathedral.**

Donations welcome.

For more information contact Yvonne Jefferies, yvonnejefferies@riponcathedral.org.uk