

23rd February 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What an action-packed week we have had back at school! If you've been following us on Facebook, you'll have seen that as well as visits to Ripon Library, we have been travelling back in time, with the arrival of a Viking in our school hall to tell Years 3 and 4 about their era, and a visit to the Victorian Workhouse for Years 1 and 2. The children in Years 5 and 6 were also launched into their topic about 'Our World, Working Together' (to reduce Climate Change) in their experience day workshop.

Katy from the Ripon Museum Trust contacted us to say, ***'please pass on what a lovely group they (Year 1 and 2) were and how impressed we were with their behaviour, engagement in the sessions and excitement at the activities.'***

We are always proud when our children's brilliant learning behaviour and manners are recognised, as they always represent our school showing Moorside PRIDE when they are out in the community together! Well done everyone and thank you to our staff team, who make these fantastic opportunities happen.



Month of Reading Madness

Our Month of Reading Madness got off to a great start with an assembly on Monday, library visits on Tuesday and our first 'I Spy you Reading' photos! Thank you so much to those of you who have sent them to us already! Next week we have our Reading Raffle and please keep sending your photos from home too!!



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!



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.**



You will notice that **WORLD BOOK DAY** is creeping up on us on **Thursday 7th March!** We will also have a special World Book Day themed lunch on this day (see the menu at the end of the Newsletter). Please let the school office know if your child normally has a packed lunch but they would like the World Book Day lunch instead (this is only if your child is in EYFS or KS1 as KS2 children choose their lunch each day).

If your child does not like dressing up, they do not have to.....they can just bring their favourite book from home. I have also found some easy dress up options online to save parents from buying/making costumes. Some examples are:

Book characters that wear normal clothes

1. Harry – [Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow](#)

Normal clothes + bucket + toy dinosaurs

2. Charlie Bucket – [Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl](#)

Normal clothes + golden ticket + chocolate bar

3. Sophie – [Sophie's Adventures by Dick King-Smith](#)

Normal clothes + wellies + (toy) snail

Book characters that wear pyjamas

4. Tom – [Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce](#)

Blue and white striped PJs

5. Sophie – [The BFG by Roald Dahl](#)

Pink nightie + jar (of dreams)

6. 'Boy' – [The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg](#)

Yellow PJs + blue dressing gown

7. Grandmother – [Little Red Riding Hood](#)

Nightie + wolf ears/mask

8. Ben – [Penguin by Polly Dunbar](#)

Green PJs with white dots

9. Wendy – [Peter Pan by J M Barrie](#)

Light blue nightie (in the film)



I Spy you Reading.....Charlotte in Year 2:

Science Week 2024

Science Week is a national celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This year we will be celebrating British Science Week between 11th and 18th March.

If you do have a career involving some aspect of Science, would you be willing to offer us a short session for an assembly or class talk about any aspect of your job? We have found that in the past, experiences like these bring Science alive for the children, even more than school-based lessons. It also covers the diversity of Science in the 3 disciplines of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. If you would be able to volunteer or like more information, please email the school office - admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Y6 Parents - SATS club

We would like to welcome our Year 6 parents to a SATS club on Tuesday 12th March at 3.20pm. Come and join your children to have a go at some of the activities and get acquainted with the papers that the children are having a go at in school, so that you can support them at home too. All welcome!

Reception and Key Stage 1 Dance Competition

On Tuesday 5th March, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are taking part in a dance competition at Outwood Academy. For the event, your child will need to wear black /dark clothes (with some sparkle if they have anything). Year 2 would also like to adorn themselves with tinsel so we would welcome any donations of gold or red tinsel left over from Christmas. Many thanks!

Early Years Open Morning TOMORROW

We look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to visit our Nursery for their child who will be 3 either by April 2024, September 2024 or even January 2025! Also... Reception new starters for September 2024. 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' is our theme for this Saturday (TOMORROW). Please spread the word and bring your friends to share our nurturing provision. Come and play and enjoy refreshments with your little ones.... Anytime from 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!







Attendance

Our attendance this week has been 93.93%. This is quite low compared to last half term!! Hopefully children will be feeling better from sickness bugs and coughs and temperatures to be back in school next week. Well done to Year 2 with 96.31%.



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
19.02.24	87.1%	94.26%	96.31%	95.49%	94.97%	91.67%	96.02%

Is my Child too ill for School?

There is a really helpful NHS guide to help you to decide whether your child is too ill for school at:
[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Plea for NO Sweets in School

We have had a couple of incidences when children have brought sweets or chewing gum into school in book bags/coat pockets and these have been shared with other children. Please can you ensure that your child's coat pockets/book bags do not include these items. Many thanks!



Mother's Day Afternoon Tea



We will be holding our Afternoon Tea for Mother's Day on Friday 8th March. Children in the EYFS and KS1 will be able to attend the first sitting with their grown ups from 1.30pm until 2.15pm and then Key Stage 2 parents will be able to attend from 2.30pm-3.15pm. Please see further information on the poster below.

Please note: If you have children in Early Years or KS1 you will be attending the first sitting at 1.30pm (if you also have a child in KS2 they can join you at this time). KS2 children and their grown-ups **only** at the second sitting at 2.30pm!

The price is £2.00 per adult and £2.00 per child (if one adult is attending with one child, the cost will be £4.00 etc). **Places need to be booked and paid for, in advance, via ParentPay by 4th March 2024.** Please put how many places you would like to book in the quantity box and also the names of the adults and children you are booking places for in the 'notes' box. The total amount payable will be adjusted at the end in the payment section. **NO bookings will be taken after 4th March 2024.**

As always, if we can help or support your child or family in any way, please do contact us at school as soon as you can.

Have a great weekend ahead - fingers crossed for some spring sunshine! We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

19 th February – 19 th March 2024	Moorside's Month of Reading Madness!
Saturday 24 th February 2024	Early Years Open Morning (10.00am – 12.00pm)
Tuesday 5 th March 2024	Reception and Key Stage 1 Dance Competition
W/c 4 th March 2024	Holy Week theme
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day & World Book Day Lunch
Friday 8 th March 2024	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea from 1.30pm
W/c Monday 11th 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



Moorside's World Book Day 2024

Captain Marvel's Marvellous Munch Menu



Peter Parker's Perfect Pizza strips

(Margarita pizza)

Carb Woman's crispy claws

(potato snacks)

Hawkeye's Ham or End Game Egg Sandwiches

The Hulk's Green Vegetable sticks

Iron Man's sweet and savoury skewers

(Yellow cheese and red apple)

Thor's Hammer Sausage Rolls

Captain America's Shield Cookies





Moorside Mothers' Day AFTERNOON TEA

We would like to celebrate our Moorside Mums and
Grandmas at our
Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea on

Friday 8th March 2024 at 1.30-2.15pm

(first sitting) and 2.30-3.15pm (second sitting)

Menu



Tea and Coffee

(squash for children)



Selection of scones and cakes

£2 per person

Please book your places via Parent Pay and email
admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk if you have any
dietary requirements ***NO LATER THAN 4.3.24**