

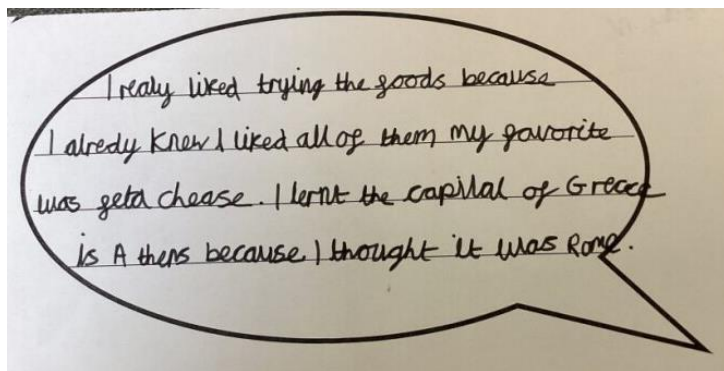
12th April 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

How wonderful it has been to welcome the children back into school this week, after a much-needed break!! We have even seen a bit of Spring sunshine in amongst the never-ending 'April showers'! All the children have settled back into their learning routines well and are enjoying launch events to introduce them to our new topics, based on our whole school theme, 'Influential People'. There is a lovely, calm and hard-working atmosphere in school! Our Curriculum Learning letters, Knowledge Mats and Homework Challenges will be shared with you via email today and updated on our website!



Flagship School



Our most exciting news that I would like to share (following our Inclusion Quality Mark review on 19th March), is that we have been recognised as a 'Flagship School' for Inclusion, and have been awarded this status after a rigorous assessment. Only around 100 UK schools have achieved IQM Flagship School status. This award recognises those unique schools who have held IQM Centre of Excellence status for at least 3 years; and played a strong leadership role in developing inclusion best practice across a network of schools. This includes high quality teaching and learning for all, as well as support for our entire community. The outcome of the day (our IQM report) can be found on the website at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Moorside-Primary-School-and-Nursery-Review-Mar-2024.pdf>

Some extracts from the report include:

'At Moorside Primary School and Nursery, every single decision is based on providing the best educational and pastoral opportunities for each child. The Headteacher and staff love their school'.

'There is such a calm atmosphere of learning around the school. Each classroom is well-organised and children easily follow the daily routines'.

'Every opportunity is taken to promote the positive and the IQM Lead expressed her pride in the development of excellent behaviour. Both she and the Headteacher emphasised how this has become possible due to the high level of support on offer in the school. Children I spoke to described different ways they receive praise and names are added to the WOW board in each classroom, resulting in 'Marvellous Me' messages home'.

'As noted by a monitoring visit on Inclusion by the Local Authority School Adviser, "nurture for the children and each other is at the heart of the school". The Headteacher is committed to driving aspiration and achievement through the school and local community, supported by a hardworking and creative team'.

'The school continues to move from strength to strength in terms of its superb inclusive practice and I am firmly of the opinion that the school fully meets the standard required by the Inclusion Quality Mark to pursue Flagship School status'.

Well done to everyone - we have a fantastic team of staff, governors, parents and children and this report and acknowledgement recognises everyone's consistent hard work! Thank you to Mrs Hunton, who is our Key Stage 2 SENCo and part of our Inclusion Team, led by Miss Ryder, for all her hard work in coordinating our IQM assessments since 2021!!

Attendance

Our overall attendance has been 95.55%, with each class as follows:



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
08.04.24	94.12%	92.21%	98.81%	92.31%	100%	94.92%	94.9%

A big well done to Year 4 with 100% this week!

Sponsored Bounce

Just before the holidays we also held our Sponsored Bounce, organised by our brilliant Friends of School! I am very pleased to share that the generous donations that we have received from all your sponsors have raised a total of **£853.70!** This is a fantastic support to our school - we are extremely grateful!

Well-being HUB!

For mental, physical, emotional and social well-being, our well-being hub is exclusively available on Tuesday mornings for our families. This is independent of school but we provide a safe and quiet area on site for you to receive free 30 minute appointments as and when you might need them. Please see our flyer for more details.

Earrings and PE days

Please could you ensure that on PE days, children do not wear earrings to school. They cannot be taped over. North Yorkshire Council Regulations and Guidelines state that jewellery of any kind (including earrings and ear studs) are removed for physical education, because of the danger of injury to the wearer and/or other pupils in the class. If you wish to have your child's ears pierced, please could you wait until the Summer break so that it doesn't affect their access to the whole curriculum.



Tattoos and nail varnish are not part of our Uniform Policy and should therefore be removed before school! Many thanks!

PE / Forest School Day Reminder

Just a reminder of the PE and Forest school days this term:

Forest School

Wednesday: Year 6

Friday: EYFS and Year 2

Please ensure that your child has wellies in school, waterproofs and is appropriately clothed with long sleeves and trousers. Many thanks!

PE Days

Rec: Wednesdays

Y1: Mondays and Fridays

Y2: Tuesdays

Y3: Wednesdays and Fridays (swimming)

Y4: Wednesdays and Fridays

Y5: Mondays and Wednesdays

Y6: Mondays

Children need to be in school PE kit please with long hair tied up and no earrings or watches.

Children should wear their normal school jumpers and school footwear on non-PE days, not their hoodies please!

I hope that this information, as well as the curriculum letters, is all helpful but if you have any questions or concerns, it is really important that you share them with us as soon as you can, so that we can act on them and help in any way that we can!

Have a brilliant weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday,

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher



Diary Dates:

Monday 6 th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday – School will be closed on this day
Monday 13 th May 2024	KS2 SATS week begins
Friday 24 th May 2024	Break-up for the half term holidays
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School re-opens after the half term holidays
W/c 3 rd June 2024	Year 4 Multiplication Check
W/c 10 th June 2024	Phonics Screening Tests
Monday 24 th June 2024	Armed Forces Day
Wednesday 3 rd July 2024	Y6 Trip to London
W/c 15 th July 2024	Young Enterprise Week
Friday 19 th July 2024	Sports Day (more details to follow)
Friday 19 th July 2024	Break-up at 3pm for the Summer holidays