14th February 2025

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have got through probably the coldest half term of the year with the dark mornings and evenings… there are lots of signs that Spring is on the way! However, it is a bit of a chilly start to the holidays – I keep hearing rumours of more snow! This week has been as busy as ever with lots of learning about SAFETY in school.

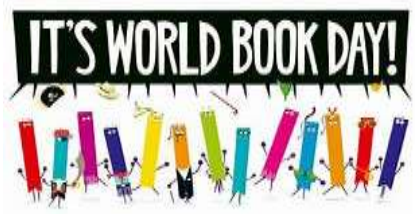
We had our Safer Internet Day assembly with Mr Price for the whole school on Tuesday and also a visit from Lauren Doherty BEM from Road Safety Talks to share her story and important messages about road safety with Key Stage 2. They have written her some lovely thank you letters that we hope she will enjoy reading.

Reception have been busy creating their own POP Art this week, inspired by the artist Andy Warhol. They looked closely at his repeated images of famous people where the colours change on different parts of the portrait and then used coloured pencils to colour their own portraits with different combinations of colour on each picture.

Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from author Sean Perkins on Wednesday. He brought along his new book from the 'Oscar and Ben series' which he read aloud to the children, bringing the story to life with Oscar and Ben puppets - who were very mischievous! The children also had fun singing songs to Sean's guitar, adding a further layer to his storytelling. They laughed out loud at his jokes too. Sean enjoys his time at Moorside so much that this was Sean's second visit! We are hoping he will visit us again soon with his next new book release. Thank you to everyone who bought one of his Oscar and Ben books.

We have lots more reading events coming up during our **Month of Reading Madness** in March. This year's theme is 'Let's TALK about reading!' Please see further details on our flyer at the end of this letter. Reception would like to invite their parents to their 'Come and Read with Me' session on **Tuesday 4th March at 2.40pm**. We love sharing stories at Moorside!

World Book Day 6th March 2025



World Book Day brings stories to life and ignites the imagination of our young readers! On Thursday 6th March, we invite everyone to come to school dressed as their favourite book character - from Harry Potter to Matilda to the Gruffalo! The children can bring in the story they have chosen their character from too! Sharing stories and characters fosters a sense of community and excitement. We can't wait to hear about the wonderful books that inspire our children. It is always a great opportunity to promote and celebrate a love of reading at Moorside!

Key Stage 1 Dance Competition
Our children in Key Stage 1 will be taking part in a dance competition on Wednesday 12th March. Everyone will need black or navy joggers or leggings, a white t-shirt and their Moorside sports hoodie. They will also need to wear their trainers and bring a water bottle and their coat. The Friends of Moorside are very kindly funding the bus to this fantastic event at Outwood Secondary School. Thank you to Sporting Influence for all their organisation.

Forest School Spring 2
Forest school after half term will be for the following classes:
Wednesdays – Year 5
Fridays – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 4
The weather is still cold so please ensure that your child is well equipped for the forecast and have their wellies and waterproofs in school with them!

Golf Half Term Fun!
Don't forget…..there are free golf sessions available for pupils who are aged 9-11 during half term. Please see the flyer below! The Y6 children had a great time during their golf workshops in school and we were so impressed by their concentration!

Attendance
Our attendance in school this week has been 95.91% with Year 2 being the winning class with 98.89%.

w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
06/01/25	98.79%	100%	95.74%	99.45%	100%	94.44%	97.84%
13/01/25	96.23%	100%	98.33%	100%	98.52%	98.07%	98.65%
20/01/25	84.02%	95.04%	98.57%	96.15%	84.19%	100%	100%
27/01/25	90.14%	90.26%	94.44%	99.57%	98.89%	98.55%	90.67%
03/02/25	94.91%	97.39%	90.56%	98.72%	98.15%	99.52%	95.62%
10/02/25	95.83%	97.81%	98.89%	96.6%	93.41%	96.77%	92.69%

Lots of classes in the **GREEN** again with over 96% this week. I am really impressed by everyone's efforts to be in school – even with antibiotics and Calpol! We hope that everyone feels rested and recovered after a week off.

The first Monday back after the holidays is a school day as usual **NOT AN INSET DAY** so we are looking forward to seeing you on the 24th February.

I hope that you all have a wonderful half term break!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Monday 24th February 2025	Return to School after Half Term Holidays
w/c 3rd March 2025	Month of Reading Madness
Tuesday 4th March 2025	Reception Class 'Come and Read with Me' at 2.40pm
Thursday 6th March 2025	World Book Day
w/c 7th March 2025	Science Week
Tuesday 11th March 2025	Reading Cafe
Wednesday 12th March 2025	KS1 Dance Competition
Thursday 27th March 2025 at 1.45pm	Showcase for Years 1 and 2
Friday 28th March 2025 at 9.15am	Showcase for Years 3 and 4
Friday 28th March 2025	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea – further information to follow
Friday 4th April 2025	Break-up for Easter Holidays at **3pm**
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Children return to School

World Book Day Menu

6th March 2025

MR MEN MUNCH

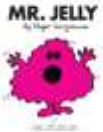
Little Miss Splendid's splendid fish fingers

Mr Skinny's skinny fries

Little Miss Curious's ketchup

Mr Bump's baked beans

Little Miss Sunshine's sunny sweetcorn



Mr Jelly's Jelly and ice-cream