

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Message From The Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

The Whole School Open Afternoon was a great way to end this first half of the Spring Term. It was lovely to take a glimpse into some of the learning that has taken place; from Foxes with their yoga, right up to Year 6 and their impressive vaulting skills! I hope that many of you also took the opportunity to visit other areas of the school, which may not be quite so familiar to you.

There are several key events coming up in the next half of the term, so please put the dates in your diaries:

- Thurs 14th March - EYFS Parents' Evening
- Mon 18th and Tues 19th March - KS1 and KS2 Parents' Evenings
- Weds 3rd April - a.m. The Foxhill Run, annual cross country event for the whole school
- Weds 3rd April - 7.00 p.m. KS2 performance of Olivia

Well done to Freddie and Max, who have made it through to the next round of the Leeds' Schools Cross Country, against some very stiff competition, with over 80 competitors in their respective races.

I had a most enjoyable day on Wednesday, when I went with Reception to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park! We saw polar bears, lions, leopards, giraffes, wallabies, meerkats and . . . a few brave souls were able to hold the giant land snails and stroke the hissing cockroaches! Reception were a pleasure to be with and the minibus on the way home was markedly quieter as pupils (and staff!) were exhausted by the fresh air, exercise and excitement!



Thank you to all of the Moorlands' staff who, as always, have gone above and beyond over the last few weeks to ensure that our pupils receive the best care and teaching. I know that they are ready for a well-earned break, and hope that all of our Moorlanders have a restful and enjoyable half term and return, refreshed and ready for the second half of this academic year. I will be heading to the Lake District for a few days!

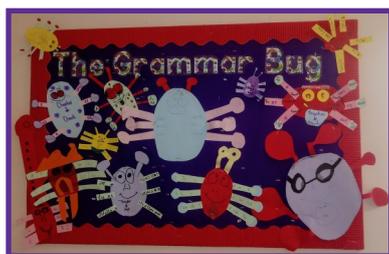
With kind regards

Jacqueline Atkinson

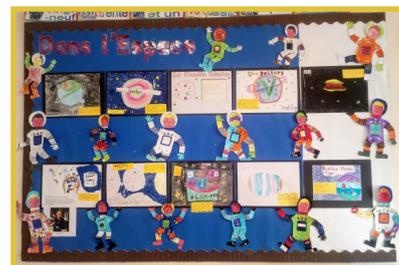


@MoorlandsHead

## French



This half-term, Year 5 have created and described their own planet in French. Year 3 have been learning about the body and creating astronauts to help them to remember the names of the body parts. Year 3 are now going to imagine what the aliens look like on Year 5's new planets and will use their new vocabulary to describe them. Meanwhile, Year 6 have caught the love bug for French grammar and have created some new critters, which are helping them to conjugate regular ER verbs.



In Key Stage 1, Years 1 and 2 have been busily learning the names of some animals in French and created their own pet shop this week, where they asked for and sold pets.



After the half-term holiday, all year groups will be encouraged to speak more French spontaneously. Madame McIntyre will have Dojo tokens with her around school, which will be awarded to pupils who hold a conversation – no matter how brief - with her in French. They could take place at break time, lunchtime, in the corridors or after school. There will be six tokens to be won each day, which are worth either one or two Dojos. Bon courage!

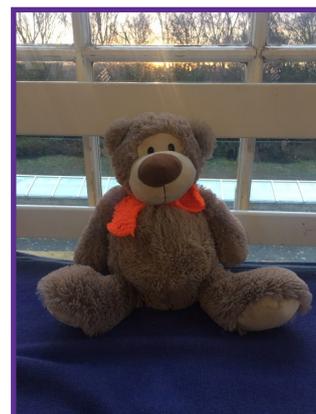


## Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday, we had our 'Safer Internet Day'. This year, the day focussed on consent and permission. Our local PCSOs also came in to speak to the children about cyberbullying and the importance of staying safe on the internet.

You may have seen a post uploaded by our Facebook page, showing a picture of the House teddy bear. We are seeing how far and how quickly an image can be spread on the internet. The classes are competing with guesses on how many times the picture will be shared on Facebook by the end of the half term holiday. Within 24 hours of the image being posted, it had been shared 150 times and seen by over 5,000 people from all over the world! This shows just how quickly things can spread online and we must think carefully before we post.



Mr Mather

## Year 4 Science

As part of their Science topic on Classification, Year 4 studied the work of macro photographer, Levon Biss.

Levon created images of magnified insects using a micro-sculpture technique. His best photographs were part of an exhibition at the Natural History Museum in Oxford.



Each photograph took 2 – 3 weeks to create, using around 10,000 images slowly built up in layers. They included unusual insects such as the Iridescent Bark Mantis and the Pleasing Fungus Beetle.

Year 4 then tried their hand at creating their own close-up insect portrait, using sketching pencils and a scaling method.

## Year 5 Drama

Year 5 have been busy acting out an extract from the first scene of Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book'. They worked in two groups and both added percussion to their work as Akela, Bagheera, Raksha and Tabaqui took their places on Council Rock.

Mrs Matthews



## Swimming Fixture—Postponed

The Swimming Fixture against Gateways on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February has been postponed by Gateways and we are hoping to rearrange it for later in the term.

## Foxhill Run Trophies

Please could all Foxhill Run trophies be returned to school, ensuring that they are inscribed and polished.

## Swimming Gala vs Highfield Prep

Monday 4th February 2019

At our second swimming gala of the year, we competed against Highfield school. Moorlands set off with a strong start in the Year 6 six fly race and first and second place was won by Dominic and Arthur.

Backstroke was next and Lele took 1st place for the Year 5s whilst George, Year 4, and Oliver, Year 6, both did well, placing 2nd.

Our breaststroke event was strong (especially Lele's stand out swim) and gave us a few more points towards our win.

The freestyle event was a real highlight and really boosted us up the scoreboard. We secured 1st place in every race and also managed two 2nd places. Well done to all Moorlands' Freestylers!

The Year 5 medley and Year 6 freestyle teams both convincingly won their races. A special congratulations must go to all the Year 4s who swam up a year and smashed it!

The final score was ridiculously close—Highfield 102 point and Moorlands 104 points!

Well done to the whole team for their great effort and thank you to Mrs Grayson for coaching us.

## Yorkshire Wildlife Park



## News From The MSA



### Dates for your diary:

- Friday 1st March: School disco - 4.15pm – 6pm (Years 1-6)
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Bun sale - Year 3 to bake/buy
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Uniform sale
- Friday 29th March: Easter Bunny
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Bun sale - Year 2 to bake/buy
- Friday 26th April: Quiz Night
- Saturday 22nd June: Summer Fair

Next MSA team meeting: w/c 25th February – day tbc

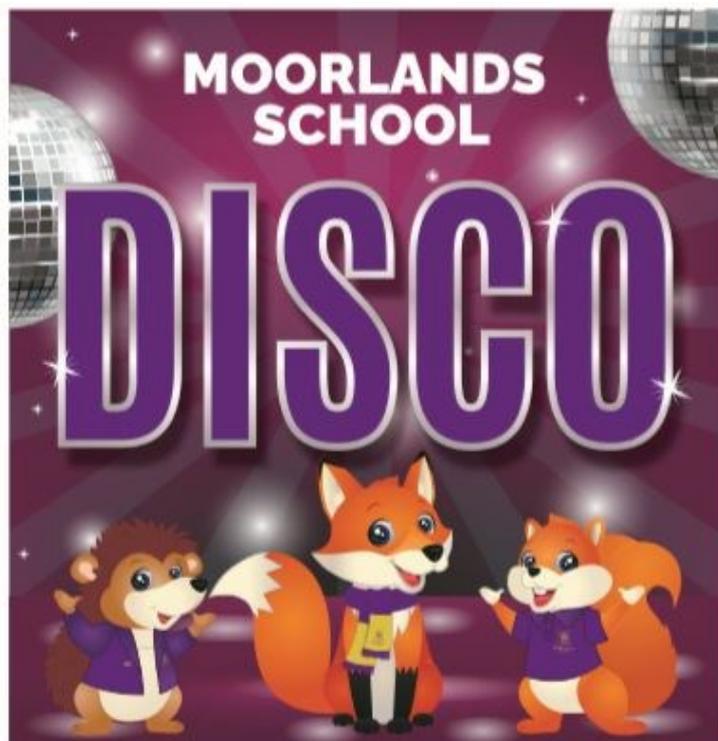
Have a great weekend!

The MSA

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**FRIDAY 1st MARCH**

**4.00pm to 6.00pm**

**TICKETS ONLY £3**

(sandwich tea included)



**Tickets available from Miss Rivers**

Please sign up by 5pm on Tuesday 26th February

## Dates For Your Diary

### February

Half Term - 4pm Fri 15th February— Sun 24th February 2019

Mon 25th                      School Returns 8.30am

Weds 27th                    2pm U9-U11 Football vs Moorfield (H)  
                                          U11 Football Tournament at Gateways (A)

Thurs 28th                    Parents Information Evening for Residentials  
                                          Year 3    4pm-4.15pm  
                                          Year 4    4.15pm-4.30pm  
                                          Year 5    4.30pm-4.45pm  
                                          Year 2    4.45pm-5pm

### March

Fri 1st                            3.30pm Celebration Assembly  
                                          4.15pm—6pm MSA Disco

Sat 2nd                            Cross Country at Richmond House

Mon 4th                            10.30am Bun Sale-Year 3 to Bake  
                                          4.15pm U9-U11 Swimming vs Bronte at WGS (A)

Tues 5th                            U9 Football & Netball vs Lady Lane (tbc)

Weds 6th                            9.30am-10.30am Author Visit—Kate Pankhurst  
                                          2pm Mixed U11 Hockey vs Moorfield (A)  
                                          5pm-6pm English Meeting for KS1 & KS2 Parents

The full school calendar is available on the website [www.moorlands-school.co.uk](http://www.moorlands-school.co.uk)

### Lunch Menu For Week Commencing 25th February

Days	Option 1	Option 2	Side Dish	Desserts
Monday	Beef Stew	Vegetable Stew	Yorkshire Pudding, New Potatoes & Green Beans	Strawberry Mousse
Tuesday	Sweet Chilli Chicken	Sweet Chilli Vegetables	Boiled Rice, Sweetcorn & Prawn Crackers	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce
Wednesday	Sausage Pie	Quorn Pie	Potato Wedges, Garden Peas & Gravy	Chocolate Crispy
Thursday	Seasoned Breaded Chicken	Ratatouille	Pasta in Tomato & Basil Sauce with Broccoli	Vanilla Slices
Friday	Jacket Potato		Cheese, Baked Beans & Tuna	Assorted Desserts

*Available every day - fresh salad bar, brown bread, fruit, jacket potatoes and a selection of fresh sandwiches.*