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MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Message From The Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

Thank you to the MSA for organising and manning the disco last Friday and also to the staff who stayed to help. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves . . . limbo-ing, congo-ing and playing musical statues as well as just dancing and singing along to familiar songs!

The focus of Wednesday's KS1 and KS2 English Meeting for parents was comprehension skills and VIPERS and this was led by Mrs Doherty, our Head of English. VIPERS - **V**ocabulary, **I**nfERENCE, **P**rediction, **E**xplanation, **R**etrieval and **S**equence/Summarise - are prompts which support pupils with their reading comprehension, encouraging and giving them the skills to go beyond the mechanics of simply decoding words and considering the deeper meaning of a text and the vocabulary used.

These are core skills and Mrs Doherty emphasised the point that pupils should be reading for 10-15 minutes each evening, across a range of texts and genres and that we are never too old (Year 6!) for a bedtime story. I know that the parents who attended the evening found it extremely useful.

Mrs Grayson has been very busy organising an inter-school's cross country event. This has proved to be extremely popular and we are looking forward to welcoming nine schools and over 160 U9 and U11 pupils to our Moorlands' cross-country course, through The Hollies, on Monday evening.

This will be taking place between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m., so if you are planning to attend or need to collect your child during this time, please be aware that the school site will be very busy and that you may have to park on The Foxhills. The local residents are aware of the event, but please do park considerately in order to avoid unnecessary complaints from our neighbours.

The KS1 and KS2 Parents' Evenings are taking place on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March, information was sent out earlier in the week and, if you haven't already, please return the reply slip as soon as possible (copies are attached to the newsletter). As on previous occasions, KS1 parents will be allocated a specific ten-minute time slot and KS2 parents a 30-minute band of time during which to arrive. These details will be confirmed during the course of next week.

Improvement work is continuing around the school site and you may notice that the flood-lighting on the playground has been updated with brighter LED lights and a light has also been added to illuminate the pedestrian entrance from the school car park.

With kind regards

Jacqueline Atkinson

 @MoorlandsHead

Decorating Pancakes

Foxes enjoyed decorating pancakes on Tuesday. The best part though, was definitely eating them!



Year 4 & 5 Visit to Leeds University

'If you have a voice, you have a choice!' This was the powerful message we learnt from 'Rox, Paper, Scissors' the democracy play that Year 4 and 5 went to watch on Monday.

The play was performed at Leeds University and it was set in a school during school president election time. During the play, the school vending machine was vandalised by students causing the Head Teacher to ban sugar and all sugary items from school. The vending machine had been purchased by the student council through their fundraising and now, as a result of the ban, Rox and 'The Scissors' were selling sweets and chocolates behind the Head's back.

The whole play only consisted of three characters; 'Rox' – the bully, The Scissors – the cool dude and Paper – the mature, caring and yet surprisingly unpopular girl with lots of ideas for her manifesto. As a result of the sweets getting banned and social media, there was a vote of no confidence in Paper, (the current student president). Therefore, the three characters were against each other in the race to be voted as school president.

After listening to the election speeches, we got to vote for who we thought would be the best candidate. Unfortunately, Rox was using his usual bully-boy tactics, throwing his weight around and bribing the voters to vote for him. The Scissors was trying to persuade voters by promising more sweets and more sugar that his mum was going to provide! Paper however promised safety in school, a sensible amount of sugar (because she knew the consequences of too much sugar through her mum's illness) and also explained her ideas fully to the electorate.

We won't know the votes until all the performances have ended because the ballot box won't be opened until then. The result will then be sent to us. Surprisingly, the majority of Year 4 and 5 voted for The Scissors! When asked if they would vote for a daft and funny candidate when they were older, they all said 'No!'

This was a great way for us to learn about democracy and the rule of law and we look forward to our follow-up workshop in the summer term.

By Year 5

Kate Pankhurst Visit

On the 6th March, Kate Pankhurst paid us a visit to talk about her new book called 'Fantastically Great Women Who Worked Wonders'. She started off by telling us how she started as an illustrator and then became an author. Kate also talked about why she wrote the book and explained to us what a suffragette was and did.

An interesting fact that we found out during the talk was that Kate was a distant relative to the famous suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst. Kate told us about how she got all her ideas, she explained that when she was struggling to come up with ideas, she would take her dalmatian for a walk and it would give her a chance to look at different scenery and to come up with ideas for drawings and a story line.



The first activity we did was that one person would go up to the front and dress up as a famous female worker and the rest of us would have to guess what job that intrepid person had. The three people who we had to guess were: Junko Tabei, Maria Sibylla Merian and Annette Kellerman.



Our final activity was drawing. Kate taught us how to draw her cartoon version of Junko Tabei (one of the famous female people in Kate's new book). We were all given some paper and a pen and we followed her instructions to create the adventurous character. Some of the class even coloured their pictures in when they got back to their classroom. Some people were called down to receive their signed copy of Kate's new book.

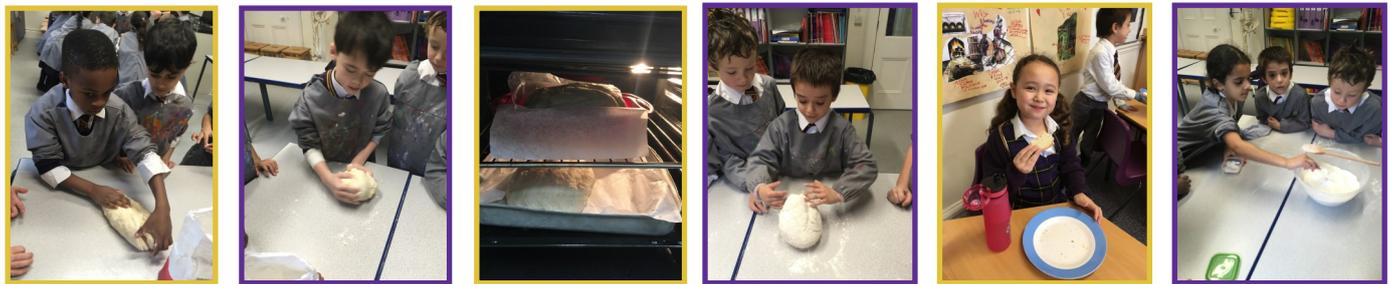


We all enjoyed the authors visit and enjoyed listening to how she gets her ideas about these 'Fantastically Great Women'.

By Talitha, Oliver and Anaiya

Year 2 Baking

Year 2 have had great fun this week baking bread linked to their topic, The Great Fire of London. First they wrote out instructions explaining how to do it using 'bossy' verbs and time connectives. We weighed out the ingredients and added them all together. There were certainly some pro kneaders! After we baked the bread, we ate it with butter and jam. It certainly was delicious!



Cross Country



Dates For Your Diary

March

Mon 11th	4pm—Moorlands to Host U9-U11 Cross Country Event
Weds 13th	House Assembly 2.15pm U10/11 Football vs Belmont Grosvenor (A) U9 Netball & Football vs Fulneck (H) TBC U11 Netball vs Fulneck (H) TBC
Thurs 14th	EYFS Parents' Evening
Fri 15th	9.30am Moorlands Committee Meeting 3.30pm Celebration Assembly
Sat 16th	2pm— School Choir to Harrogate Festival, Harrogate High School
Mon 18th	Year 5 & Trip to Saltaire 4.15pm-6pm KS1 & KS2 Parents' Evening
Tues 19th	4pm—6.15pm KS1 & KS2 Parents' Evening
Weds 20th	U11 Football Festival (H) 3.45pm U11 Netball vs Richmond House (H)
Thurs 21st	pm House Netball/Football 4.30pm Year 6 vs Parents Netball
Fri 22nd	3.30pm Celebration Assembly

The full school calendar is available on the website www.moorlands-school.co.uk

Lost Property

Erin in Year 2 has lost her black coat, size 9-10. The coat is labelled on the tag. If found please return to the Year 2 classroom.

Lunch Menu For Week Commencing 11th March

Days	Option 1	Option 2	Side Dish	Desserts
Monday	Chicken Korma Curry	Potato & Mushroom Korma Curry	Pilau Rice, Sweetcorn & Naan Bread	Apple & Blackberry Pie with Ice Cream
Tuesday	Lamb Hotpot	Vegetable Hot Pot	New Potatoes & Green Beans	Millionaire Shortbread
Wednesday	Cottage Pie	Quorn & Potato Pie	Savoury Cabbage & Carrot Batons	Jam Doughnuts
Thursday	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Cheese, Spring Onion & Potato Pasty	Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Broccoli	Iced Sponge
Friday	Fish Goujons	Vegetable Goujons	Chips & Baked Beans	Assorted Desserts

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



Moorlands' School
KS1 Parents' Evenings

Child: _____ Class: _____

I would like an appointment within the following time slot to see Mrs Gambles O'Leary / Miss Hill
(please delete as appropriate)

Monday 18th March, 2019 or

Tuesday 19th March, 2019

Between:

4.15 – 4.45 p.m.

4.45 – 5.15 p.m.

5.15 – 5.45 p.m.

5.45 – 6.15 p.m.

* I would also like to meet with Mrs Haslem YES / NO (Please delete as appropriate)

Signed: _____

Please sign and return this form to Mrs Lunn by Friday 8th March, 2019



Moorlands' School
KS2 Parents' Evenings

Child: _____ Class: _____

I will be arriving to see my child's class teacher **Mrs Doherty and Mrs Parton/Mrs Grayson/Mrs Wheelhouse/Mr Mather** (*please delete as appropriate*) on:

Monday 18th March, 2019 or

Tuesday 19th March, 2019

Between:

<input type="checkbox"/> 4.15 – 4.45 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.45 – 5.15 p.m.
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