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MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Message From The Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

The final week of the Spring Term has proved to be as varied and busy as every week is at Moorlands. Thank you to all of the friends and family who came to support the annual Foxhill Run, there was a great atmosphere with pupils from across the school encouraging each other and . . . we were finished in record time, suggesting that all of the recent training must have paid off! Sharman were this year's victors and were presented with the beautiful Foxhill Rose Bowl, continuing a tradition started in 1968.

The KS2 play, Olivia, was thoroughly enjoyable, with 'nods' to Oliver, My Fair Lady, Gilbert and Sullivan and guest appearances from George Bernard Shaw, Ebenezer Scrooge, Sherlock Holmes, Doctor Watson and Eliza Doolittle amongst others! Year 5 and 6 rose admirably to the task of learning and confidently delivering so many words and singing solos, Year 4 tackled the challenge of learning to waltz and Year 3 were suitably downtrodden orphans!

As with any event in school, it is down to the commitment and expertise of the Moorlands' staff and the end of a term is always an appropriate time to say a public 'thank you' to them for all that they do and acknowledge how they so often go 'above and beyond' what is expected of them.

In an update to staffing, Mrs Thomson, who has been a stalwart member of staff at Moorlands School for some 20 years, has made the difficult decision to retire at the end of this academic year. We will be very sad to see her go and this means that I will shortly be advertising to appoint a well-qualified games coach for September.

We will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents on Tuesday 30th April, between 9.00 a.m. and midday. If you know anyone who might be interested, particularly in a nursery or Reception place, then please let them know. Further details are available on the school website.

The Easter Service brought a very busy and productive term to a suitable close and I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful Easter break, whatever you may be doing.

Thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards

Jacqueline Atkinson

 @MoorlandsHead

News from Drama

Reception having been enjoying their topic on 'Space', and in drama have worked in groups to create different space-themed shapes. Can you spot the following – star, rocket, Jupiter, Saturn, astronaut and an alien!



Spring Music Exams

Congratulations and best of luck to the following children who have either taken, or are due to take, their music exam this term.

Erin	Piano Prep Test	Oliver S	Guitar, Grade 1
George D	Piano Prep Test	Arthur	Drums, Grade 1
Frieda	Piano, Grade 1	Lola	Voice, Prep Test
Ishaan	Guitar, Initial	Eilidh	Flute, Grade 1
Jacob K	Guitar, Initial	Verity	Oboe, Grade 4

Tudor Houses

What a week we have had in Year 1! To round off our topic, 'The Great Fire of London', we have been busy creating our own Tudor houses using cereal boxes, paper, card, lolly sticks, straws and, of course, our imagination! The children worked with great initiative, suggesting alternative materials to use and amending their designs as they went along. Some even included the fire spreading through the doors and windows! A super end to a brilliant topic, Year 1.



Foxhill & Cubhill Run 2019



Sports Round Up



Every term at Moorlands seems to be a busy sporting one but this one has been an EXTREMELY busy one! We have competed in netball matches, hockey festivals, football tournaments, swimming galas and cross country running meets – not to mention the Foxhill and Cubhill runs! Competing at all levels, from friendlies through inter-house events to city and regional qualifies, it really has been an exciting time to be a Moorlander.

‘The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday’ – Novak Djokovic.

I am always amazed by the amount of energy our pupils have and how they apply themselves to any sporting activity on offer. This was demonstrated especially well during the Foxhill and Cubhill runs this year when everyone from Foxes to Year 6 tried their hardest to improve upon their personal best from last year. Listening to our young people saying *‘I’m so much better than last year!’* and *‘That was actually really good fun!’* always brings a smile to my face. Aisha, from Year 1, said *‘I love the Foxhill Run,’* and long may this continue Aisha. The photos from the event say it all! Well done to the whole school.

‘He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life’ – Muhammad Ali.

PE lessons are where the skills of sport are learnt – balance, coordination, teamwork, communication, throwing, kicking, positioning – and these are then applied into game situations. Our pupils get to try a wide range of sporting activities to see which they enjoy but also to try new things that they may not normally be brave enough to put themselves forwards for. Whether this be holding a lacrosse stick for the first time, trying their hand at skipping, and persevering with the skill, or standing in the hockey goal, padded up with a ball coming straight towards them whilst asking themselves ‘Why did I



volunteer for this?’, 99.9% of the time, after their first attempt, our pupils will go back for more! This was definitely the case in Year 4 this term when learning dance. Dance comes under the banner of PE and I know Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed learning to waltz for this year’s production, so much so that they asked to do more dancing and ended up learning Scottish Country Dance too!

‘Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn’ – Robert Kiyosaki.

A huge part of learning through sport is learning to win and how to lose. It is always wonderful to win when you know you’ve had a really good game and all your training has come together at the right time. It is also a really important life lesson when you lose and, as an individual or in a team situation, you learn from that experience and accept that you did your best at the time. These sorts of experiences are happening on a weekly basis and are giving our pupils a really good grounding in how to win and lose graciously.

Sports Round Up...Continued

'If you are afraid to fail, you will never do the things you are capable of doing' – John Wooden.



Putting ourselves forward this year for the Leeds Schools Cross Country meet and the English Schools Swimming Association Primary Championships was a first for Moorlands and one that could have been shied away from, but why should we do that? I'm glad we didn't! Max and Freddie did fantastically well in the cross country and made it through to the third round of the competition where they

represented Leeds in the West Yorkshire finals. The competition was fierce and the boys really held their own, finishing in the middle of the pack. Well done boys!

George, James, Lele and Oliver were the team that entered the small schools competition for the ESSA qualifying round to see who the top 3 teams from the North East would make it through to the National Finals at Ponds Forge in June. Our team qualified 3rd in the freestyle relay and 2nd in the mixed stroke relay. The early morning training will continue after the Easter holidays as we prepare for the finals in June. We are still waiting to hear whether our team who entered the IAPS swimming competition have made it through to the finals or not this year, but whatever happens they have worked extremely hard (as ever) and we are very proud of them.

The football and netball seasons may have finished but we look forward now to long, balmy summers on the Green playing rounders and cricket and also to the athletics season when the javelins come and out and the long jump pit is uncovered.

I must finish by saying lots of thank yous...to Harry and Millie for returning to be our hares this year, to the parents who played netball against the Year 6 pupils – you may have won, but they were happily running around the following day and I heard a few groans from you! – and to the staff team, without whom none of the above would have been possible this term.



Look out for the Rounders Fest 2019 sign-up sheets coming soon and have a lovely Easter.

Mrs Grayson

 @moorlandssport

'Olivia!'

'Olivia!' was performed by KS2 and was a big hit! We only had 8 weeks preparation time, but we still managed to pull the show together at the last minute. With one week to go, the stage was up and the props were at the ready, it was all coming together!

Our dress rehearsal on Monday was a success in front of Early Years and KS1 with many laughs from the content audience. Nervous but excited, we met in the art room ready for the matinee performance. This was the first time performing in front of parents.

The next evening was the big performance, over 90 people attended and adrenalin had taken over! Heading to the benches, everyone had a grin smeared on their faces because it was about to begin. The story finished at scene eight with a finale and bows, we were applauded generously!

KS2 Production of 'Olivia!'



News from the MSA



A very happy Easter from the MSA team!

See you at Quiz Night - 7.30pm, Friday 26th April in the school dining hall.

The MSA

Dates for your diary:

Friday 26 April: Quiz Night

Monday 29 April: Bun sale - Year 1 to bake/buy

Monday 20 May: Bun sale - Reception to bake/buy

Saturday 22 June: Summer Fair

Monday 1 July: Bun sale - Foxes/Squirrels to bake/buy

Next MSA team meeting: Thursday 25th April, 4-5pm at school

Have a great weekend!

The MSA

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A Visit From The Easter Bunny!



Dates For Your Diary

April

Easter Holidays—4pm Friday 5th April— 8.30am Wednesday 24th April

Weds 24th	Summer Term Begins Late Class Starts
Thurs 25th	Clubs Begin
Fri 26th	7.15pm MSA 'Rock n' Roll' Bingo Night
Mon 29th	Literary Week MSA Bun Sale—Year 1
Tues 30th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents

May

Weds 1st	am. Group Photos—Tempest 1.30pm U10 & U11 Rounders vs Adel & Holy Name (H)
Thurs 2nd	KS1 Bedtime Story & Book Fair

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

Late Class Tea—Summer Term

If you are using the Late Class Tea on an occasional basis, please inform the front desk by email/ telephone or in person by 10.00 a.m. **at the latest** on the day in question. info@moorlands-school.co.uk

For EYFS pupils, please book Late Class Tea with the EYFS staff.

If your child (Y1-6) will be regularly staying to tea on the same evenings each week during the summer term, please complete a Late Class Tea form and return to the office at the beginning of the term. A copy is available in the communication section of the website.

Late Class Contact: 07810 045706

Lunch Menu For Week Commencing 22nd April

Days	Option 1	Option 2	Side Dish	Desserts
Wednesday	Beef Steak Pie	Vegetable Pie	New Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots	Cheese & Biscuits
Thursday	Seasoned Breaded Chicken	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Green Beans & Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Cherry Crumble with Cream
Friday	Pork Sausage	Quorn Sausage	Chips & Garden Peas	Assorted Desserts

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