

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Message From The Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

Children's Mental Health Week has brought focus to an extremely important aspect of well-being, for both the adults and pupils at Moorlands. A whole range of activities have taken place including: a school walk down into The Hollies; the opportunity to have a day wearing whatever makes us feel comfortable; talking about personal objects and experiences which make us feel good; the challenges of being online and even in their swimming lesson, Year 5 were lying back in the pool, relaxing, listening to the sound of the water and feeling the benefits of a period of calm, quiet reflection.

In a complete antithesis, the Year 6 pupils who took entrance examinations for independent senior school have been, along with their families, anxiously awaiting the results. These pupils should all be extremely proud of their achievements, as we are of them, and it is always lovely to receive feedback from other schools such as *'this was one of the nicest groups of children that we have ever come across'* and *'the Moorlands' pupils are a credit to the staff team.'*

There have been some notable individual successes. Cecily has been offered an Academic Scholarship to Harrogate Ladies' College. Dominic has been awarded a Sports Exhibition to Ashville College. In the GSaL examinations, George was offered a Music Scholarship and Verity was in the top five girls - top ten pupils overall - and has been offered a place as a Foundation Scholar. At Woodhouse Grove, Cecily has been offered a Headmaster's Award, Jacob an Academic Scholarship and Verity, a Headmaster's Award and Music Scholarship

We hope that you all have the whole school Open Afternoon in your diaries for next Friday, 15th February. This will begin with an assembly at 2.00 p.m., when Foxes to Year 6 will showcase some of the learning that they have been engaged in over the past few weeks.

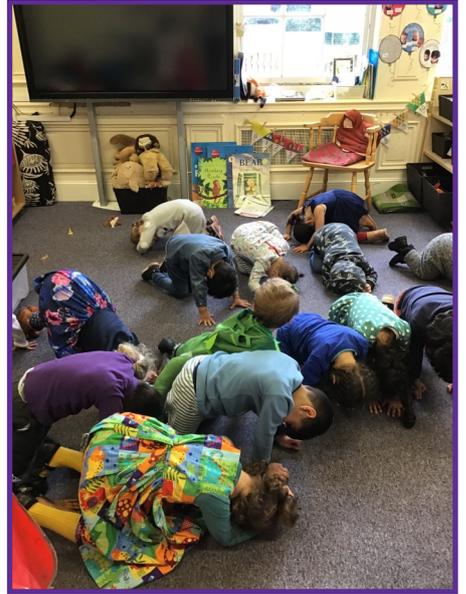
You will then have the opportunity to go with your child to their classroom and we would also love you to take this opportunity to look around the rest of the Moorlands' at some of the other rooms and displays. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are planning to attend, so that we can arrange sufficient seating and refreshments.

With kind regards

Jacqueline Atkinson

 @MoorlandsHead

Reception and Foxes Practising Their Yoga Moves



KS1 Art Therapy for Mental Health Week



## Recycling Recount

On Monday morning Year 3 and 4 went to the Leeds Recycling and Energy Recovery Centre. I felt excited to go to there because we had learned about recycling, but I wanted to see how it actually worked. The weather was cloudy and sunny. On the minibus I was sat next to Henry and Mr Mather was driving.



As we arrived, we walked round the building to the entrance. The building was outstanding and on one side, there were over 100,000 plants on the wall!

Firstly, we watched a video about all the machines and discussed recycling and pollution. We then made pledges. Mine was to help my mum and dad to recycle more. We then put our pledges on the wall outside.



Next, we went to the control room. In there, there were lots of buttons and cameras showing all the machines. It all looked very complicated! There was a man called Harry that was controlling a huge claw that picks up rubbish and puts it in the furnace. The furnace burned the waste at 850 degrees Celsius! I got to have a go at controlling the giant claw because it was my birthday. It was so cool! I managed to pick up 5.6 tonnes of rubbish!

Finally, we played a recycling game. We were given a bean bag with an object on and had to throw it in the correct bin. The options were: compost, garden waste, general waste, glass recycling and paper recycling. There was also the option to donate it to a charity shop.

The trip was fantastic. I learnt that recycling is very important and my favourite part was when I controlled the huge claw.

By Oliver T

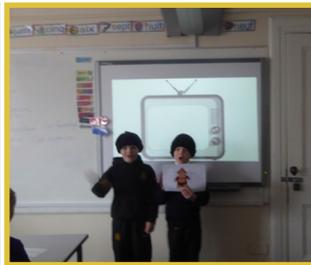
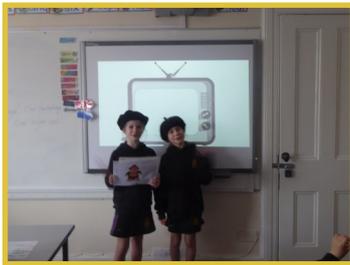


### Year 3 Meditating



### Year 4 French

This week in French, Year 4 have been making TV adverts to sell toys. They have used their language skills to give products names, prices and opinions in French. Their favourite toy name was 'a doll' – une poupée!



### Walk and Talk in The Hollies



This week at Moorlands, the focus has very much been on the mental health and well-being of our pupils. The week has seen focused assemblies and a range of activities across the classes. Each year group has focused upon something different and then shared their experiences in today's assembly.

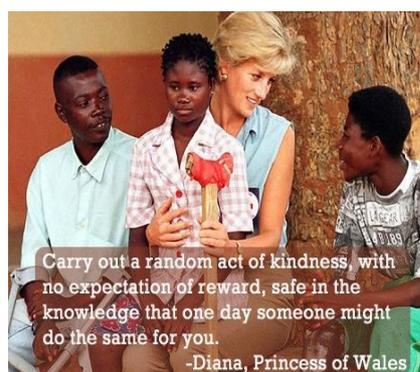
Early Years have been trying some yoga poses as a means to relax their bodies and minds. In Year 1 and Year 2 there has been art therapy whilst Year 2 have also been considering acts of kindness and the impact this has upon us. Year 3 have been meditating whilst Year 4 have completed their sleep diaries and had some animated discussions on the pros and cons of online gaming vs other means of relaxation. Year 5 have focused on the positive impact sport has on our minds and bodies and Year 6 have discussed worries, how they make us feel and also shared ideas about how we deal with worries: putting worries on paper and then burning them, going outside for fresh air to run and scream, finding somewhere where you can sing at the top of your voice, or simply telling someone!

The whole school has danced to the Shake Break song and a highlight of the week was the Walk and Talk – time spent outside in the fresh air, rambling together through the Hollies, looking for signs of impending spring and simply being happy to be together.

All children enjoyed coming to school in their 'feel good and relax' clothes and the pupils shared their ideas on how they relax in today's show and tell sessions, whilst raising money for the children's mental health charity, Place2be.

All Moorlanders will have taken something different away from this week which they can embed into their future lives: a new form of relaxation, an understanding that worries change, become bigger and smaller and eventually disappear, that anxieties are different for everyone and hopefully a realisation that at no point do they need to feel alone. There is always someone, a friend, a teacher or a family member who will listen, give help or a simple hug; a little kindness goes a very long way.

Mrs Wheelhouse



## Children's Mental Health Week



## U11 Mixed Hockey vs Gateways at Adel Astro (A)

On Wednesday 30th January, Moorlands' travelled to Adel Hockey Club for a match against Gateways.

We were split into two teams, one on the right side and us on the other. Soon after the game begun, James passed the ball to me and then I ran up. The opposition tackled the ball off us and straight after with a great tackle by Verity, we got the ball straight back. Verity passed to Zach, then Zach passed to Jacob, Jacob passed to James, and with a fine shot, James scored. Right after we got the ball, Seb passed to myself, I passed to Anaiya, Anaiya passed to James, and with an excellent shot, he scored his 2nd goal.

The opposition drew with us and in the last minute, James got the ball from a great pass by Talitha. James then dribbled the ball to victory. The final scores were 3-2 to Moorlands. Man of the match was James for excellent skills.

By Jujhar

## News From The MSA



The team got together this week to kick off planning for all our upcoming events – more of this to follow soon.

**Our next event is the KS1/KS2 school disco on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 4.15 to 6pm.** The cost is £3 and includes a light sandwich tea.

Tickets will be on sale on Monday from Miss Rivers at school reception. Please book by 5pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February and provide any dietary requirements.

### **Joining the MSA**

New members are always welcome to join our team. If you are interested or just want to see what we are about, please speak to Sam or any of the MSA team. It's great fun and we now have nearly 30 members from across the year groups – all of whom get involved as much or as little as suits them.

### **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
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Bun sale - Year 2 to bake/buy

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

**Have a great weekend!**

**The MSA**

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## Dates For Your Diary

### February

Sat 9th	9am-12pm U9 & U10 Football Tournament at GSaL
Tues 12th	Safer Internet Day
Weds 13th	WGS Year 7 Taster Day Reception Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thurs 14th	Reports Issued
Fri 15th	2pm-4pm Whole School Open Afternoon, Assembly at 2pm in the Gym 4pm—Break Up for Half Term (Late Class Available)

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

Mon 25th	School Returns 8.30am 4.15pm U9-U11 Swimming vs Gateways (H)
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	4.15pm—6pm MSA Disco
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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 11th February

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