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MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Message From The Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

The focus on poetry during Literary Week produced some very creative original poems from our Moorlanders, some of which were shared during our Celebration Assembly. A particular favourite I heard during the course of the week was Freddie's 'Ode to a Yorkshire Pudding' with some wonderful vocabulary used, such as irresistible and divine!

Well done to Arthur, James, Dom and Oliver who achieved some great results in the IAPS swimming heats at Newcastle. Dom, for the second year running, has made it through to the finals of the IAPS Swimming Competition, taking place at The Olympic Pool in London on Saturday June 8th, coming 13th out of 139 competitors nationally.

In an update to staffing, Angus Mather will be leaving us at the end of this year to take up the opportunity to teach in Abu Dhabi and we wish him well with this exciting adventure. As a result, we are currently advertising a class teacher role, with interviews taking place shortly. A successful appointment has been made for the role of Assessment and Enrichment Co-ordinator, and I will give you more information on this as soon as I am able.

You will soon be receiving invitations to our Speech Day, which takes place on Friday 5th July, 9.30 a.m. at St Chad's Church. Our guest speaker for this year is Mike Abraham, a very experienced Head of several schools, including being the founding Head of Yarm Prep School, and who currently works as a consultant in recruitment and mentoring.

The MIST Conference in Cambridge was a good opportunity to speak to other Head's, meet trustees, look around The Leys and St Faith's Schools and listen to some engaging speakers. Two which particularly stood out were Bradley Busch (www.innerdrive.co.uk), a psychologist who has worked with educationalists and elite athletes, who discussed the science of learning and the other was Nicola Hoyle, the Head of Engineering at St Faiths's, where the focus is very much on practical problem solving and the application of skills. Next year, this event will be taking place at Woodhouse Grove School.

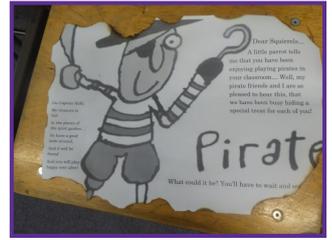
You will already have received a letter about the fundraising we are doing for the extremely worthwhile charity, Sunshine and Smiles, this is something close to my own heart as my brother has a learning disability. So, the children are already having the opportunity to throw sponges at their class teachers and . . . I am also going to give 21 of them the opportunity to throw sponges at me. This will be decided by sealed bids with the 21 highest amounts securing a soggy sponge! Please complete the form attached to the newsletter and return in a sealed envelope to the reception desk by 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 9th May!

With kind regards
Jacqueline Atkinson

 @MoorlandsHead

News from Drama

Squirrels were in for a special treat in drama this week when they realised that a pirate, Captain Kidd, had left them a note in the classroom! Captain Kidd explained how pleased he was to hear that they have been enjoying learning about pirates and had hidden each of them a special treat in the quiet garden!



Mrs Matthews



Trophies

Please can all Speech Day and Sports Day trophies be brought into school as soon as possible. Trophies must be clean, polished and engraved.

If we have any parents who have any expertise in fixing silver trophies or know someone who has, please could you speak to Mrs Grayson. Last year, our Sports Day trophy was blown off the table by a huge gust of wind and was damaged. It is in desperate need of repair!

Summer Sports

This week has seen the summer sports start up, with U11 rounders on the Green against Holy Name school. It was such a fun afternoon, with everyone getting into the swing of the game and lots of successful rounders scored.

This year however, it is not just the rounders we are trying to score ... a new challenge has been laid down for our KS2 pupils that will see them competing against each other in the 'Safe Hands' competition. This will run in training, PE lessons and fixtures and each time one of our pupils catches a person out, they will get a point. This will run in cricket too. These points will accumulate over the season with the 'Safe Hands' award being given out during colours assembly at the end of term. This has already caused much excitement in the children and will hopefully aid our fielding skills too!

You're in safe hands with... **TIGGY**

The first person to gain a point is Tiggy, who did a fantastic catch during Wednesday's game. Well done!

Mrs Grayson



Literary Week

Moorlands hosted its annual Literary Week, with a special emphasis on poetry.

The week began with a fun assembly all about poetry, in which teachers shared some of their favourite poems with the school. 'Walking My Iguana' by Brian Moses was a particular hit, as was 'Gran, Can You Rap?' by Jack Ousbey, along with some of Allan Ahlberg's best-known rhymes.

Pupils then went off to class to learn more about poetry. When the bell rang at random intervals, lessons were stopped and pupils had the chance to read aloud some of their best poems brought in from home as part of our 'Poetry Power Read'.

The week culminated in the popular Bedtime Stories event for Year 1 -3 and a whole-school book fair on Thursday, with pupils then showcasing some of their work in assembly on Friday.

Here's a round-up of the week:

- Reception created a short poem about Minibeasts. The children painted a minibeast and then used a verb to describe how it moves.
- Year 1 explored 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth. They recited the first verse of the poem and performed it with actions which they hope will bring the poem to life! They also painted daffodil pictures.
- Year 2 were most enthused by the Hippocrump by James Reeves and went onto write their own poems about 'prefabulous' animals.
- Year 3 have been looking at performance poetry with a focus on humour. They read and compared poems with free verse, nonsense poetry, rhyme and rhythm, and performed 'Cool Cat' by Mike Jubb.
- Year 4 have been writing their own 'insult' poems and odes to various foods including Yorkshire puddings, steak and breaded prawns!
- Year 5 have been studying 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. This is a narrative poem written in 1906 and comes under the genre of romance and tragedy. Highwaymen were dangerous people but are romanticised within this poem. Year 5 used freeze frames to depict the key events.
- Year 6 focused on the work of Walter de la Mare. We started by analysing his most famous poem 'The Listeners' and then went on to look at 'Silver' and 'The Magnifying Glass'. As a class, we were intrigued by his idea of creating wonder through looking at objects close up. We went on to write our own stanzas, based on this concept.

Mrs Doherty



News from the MSA



News from the MSA

We had a fantastic night last Friday as teams of parents from across the school battled to win this year's MSA Quiz Night. With their knowledge of all things historic



detectives, London and bunnies(!), Team Quizerables won the trophy for the second year running. This year, we shook the format up with some rock 'n' roll bingo - testing our knowledge of music past and present (though ably assisted by Shazam for most!) and giving a platform for some would-be Britneys in the room to share their singing skills. Thanks go to Scott from the Myrtle Tavern who hosted the evening.

Summer Fair – Saturday 22nd June, 12-2.30pm

We are now fully into planning for the Summer Fair and we need your help:

- **Please sign up** to help for an hour if you can (set up, stall manning, take down) – sign-up sheets are on the MSA noticeboard by the main entrance - or just let one of the team know.
- **Raffle prizes** - If you, or someone you know, would be willing to donate a raffle prize we'd be most grateful – the raffle contributes a large amount of money to our fundraising so please see what you can do.

Join us! Save the date and invite your family and friends!

Easy fundraising

Details for signing up have gone out again on email this week. This initiative has helped raise nearly £6,000 over the past few years so please keep using it – every contribution helps!

Join the MSA team - we are now close to 30 members across the school and as we approach the Summer Fair - one of our most fun events of the year - it's a great time to get involved and meet other parents.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend!

The MSA

Dates for your diary:

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

Saturday 22 June: Summer Fair

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

Contact: samanthakearsley@gmail.com/07903 301066



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Dates For Your Diary

May

Mon 6th	Bank Holiday
Weds 8th	2.15pm U9 Cricket vs Belmont Grosvenor (A) U11 Rounders/Cricket vs Brackenfield (tbc)
Fri 10th	8.45 am Year 6 Camp Meeting with Andy Swann 3pm Sunshine & Smiles Sponsored '21' Events
Mon 13th	Year 2 Residential to Kingswood Year 6 Bikeability Training
Tues 14th	Year 2 Return From Kingswood Year 6 Bikeability Training
Weds 15th	Year 4 Residential to Boggle Hole U11 Rounders Tournament vs Gateways (A) U8 Mini Rounders Tournament vs Holy Name (H)
Thurs 16th	Year 4 at Boggle Hole
Fri 17th	Year 4 Return From Boggle Hole

Half Term - Saturday 25th May - Sunday 2nd June

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

Lunch Menu For Week Commencing 6th May

Days	Option 1	Option 2	Side Dish	Desserts
Tuesday	Roast Turkey & Stuffing	Quorn Roll	Creamed Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Sliced Carrots	Arctic Roll
Wednesday	Minced Beef Pie	Tomato & Mozzarella Tart	New Potatoes & Broccoli	Flapjack
Thursday	Mexican Chicken	Mexican Bean Chilli	Vegetable Rice & Tortillas	Chocolate Fudge Cake
Friday	Fish Goujons	Vegetable Burger	Chips & Baked Beans	Assorted Desserts

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



Sunshine & Smiles
Leeds Down Syndrome Network

Fundraising for Sunshine and Smiles

Sealed Bid to throw a sponge at the Headteacher!

I bid £ _____

for my child _____ to throw a
sponge at Miss Atkinson. I understand that the 21 highest
bids will win.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please return in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope to the
reception desk before 5.00p.m. on Thursday 9th May.