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# MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Message From The Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

'Plastic Pirates', the KS1 production, was the most enjoyable way to spend an hour at the start of the week! There was some wonderful character acting (cue fierce pirates!), songs, solos, dancing (some stars in the making here!) and this was all complemented by the most dazzling costumes and staging, which had been designed and made by the KS1 children during Activity Week.

There was also a serious message to the show in reminding us to cut our use of plastics and to take care of and respect our planet. Our Moorlanders' have very strong views on caring for our planet, so next year we will be working towards achieving an Eco-Schools Award, beginning with a pupil led environmental review and action plan.

The EYFS Celebration gave a snapshot of some of the learning that our youngest children have been busy with in recent months - including minibeasts, the planets, number work and some favourite songs - and ended with the Reception children singing 'Time of Your Life' with their Year 6 Buddies. What this occasion always highlights, is the huge amount of progress that pupils make as they move through EYFS and the close relationships which form between our oldest and youngest pupils.

I would like to say a public 'thank you' to the Moorlands' staff: the administration, kitchen and caretaking teams, all of the staff involved in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 and the sports and music departments, who ensure that your children are well cared for, happy and receive the best possible teaching and care throughout the year. They really do go 'the extra mile'!

Our thanks and best wishes go with Rupinder Bhogal, Wani Awoloto, Angus Mather and Ruth Gambles O'Leary, as they move on from Moorlands to pastures new. A very special thank you goes to Sheila Thomson, who came to Moorlands some 20 years ago - to cover a maternity absence - and she has not been allowed to leave since! We wish Sheila every health and happiness in her retirement and know that she will be a regular, return visitor.

The MSA has gone from strength-to-strength over the past three years, very ably led by Sam Kearsley who has announced that she will be stepping down from role as Chair of the MSA in the Autumn Term . Thank you to Sam for all that she has done and the strong team that have supported her, your work for school has been hugely appreciated.

Speech Day, tomorrow, is an opportunity for us to collectively celebrate the achievements of all of the pupils and to reflect on the highlights of 2018-19. For those of you returning to Moorlands in September, we will look forward to welcoming you back to all that a new school year will bring and for those of you moving on, we wish you every success and happiness as you continue on your educational journey.

It only remains for me to wish everyone an enjoyable summer break – long may the beautiful weather continue!

With kind regards

Jacqueline Atkinson

 @MoorlandsHead

### Foxes Music

Foxes have been enjoying some free time on the keyboards this week, exploring the different sounds and learning what some of the buttons do!



### KS1 Trip to Filey



### Year 3 Drama

Year 3 have been busy learning a Greek play called Athena and Arachne: How Spiders Came To Be, which they performed to Year 1 this week. Lolo provided all the props and costumes and all the children worked hard to learn their lines. The story is about what may happen if you show off too much!



### Chamber Choir Auditions!

Very well done to all 26 children who auditioned for Chamber Choir last week. The standard was very high and it was a difficult decision.

Congratulations go to the following children who have gained a place:

Yusuf, Elliot, Matty, Oliver T, Noah, Zara, Katie, Georgie, Aiyla and Lolo.

If you weren't successful this year, please try again next year.

Mrs Matthews

## EYFS Sports Day



## Foxes & Receptions Trip to St Leonard's Farm



## Camp Xplode at Moorlands This Summer!

Hi Moorlands! We are so excited to spend the summer with you! We will be setting up camp at Moorlands School on the 8<sup>th</sup> July and will be staying right up until the 23<sup>rd</sup> August!

This summer, Camp Xplode is set to be amazing for all campers aged 3- 16 years old. As well as our usual tricks of bubble football, swimming and bushcraft this summer we also have some extra special guests on camp. Joining us on camp are Northern School of Contemporary Dance, Pete's Suitcase Circus, Yorkshire Academy of Film and Television Acting and so many more! If that still isn't enough, we are also heading out to some of the UK's top attractions such as Go Ape and Alton Towers.

To book for summer visit [www.campxplode.co.uk](http://www.campxplode.co.uk) or give us a call 0113 483 0280. See you soon, Moorlands!

## Summer Concert

Huge congratulations to the all soloists, ensemble and Key Stage performers who helped make the Summer Concert so fantastic! It really was The Greatest Show!



## Rounders Fest



# KS1 Production—'Plastic Pirates'



# Year 6 Residential to Snowdonia



## Sports Round-Up 2019

As another action packed sporting year comes to a close, it is incredible to look back at the number of fixtures, festivals and meets we have attended and have done extremely well in; the number of opportunities our pupils have had to hone their skills and use them in game situations and the number of pupils who put themselves forward on a weekly basis to represent Moorlands in a variety of sports. As a small school, it is regularly mentioned how well we do in competition and this is due in large part to the teaching staff we have in the PE department, who put their all into PE lessons and clubs to get the best out of our pupils, but also in equally large part to the pupils themselves for their dedication and interest in individual and team success as well as the camaraderie that comes from being part of a team. The team photos really show how keen our pupils are with huge squads for each sport!

This term, we have focussed on cricket, athletics and rounders and, despite the rain, have managed to get out and compete. Our U11 cricketers, captained by Jamie, had a very close hardball game against Richmond House and also saw much success when playing at Harewood House. Our U9s also had a similar experience and with some exceptional bowling the wickets were down time and time again. Rounders is a particular favourite at Moorlands and the usual lunchtime games against the teachers, festivals and Rounders Fest have provided many opportunities for practising skills and tactics. We have had huge success at all levels of the game this year with many fantastic rounders scored and catches seen, but the biggest success has been with the U11s at our Rounders Fest. The team, captained by Seb, went all the way to the final where they were drawing with the reigning champions (the Year 4 Parents) at full time. At 5.5 rounders each, the result was to be decided during 'golden rounder' time. Two batters stood up bravely for their respective teams and in the final deciding bats the parents just pipped the U11s to the golden bat. Clearly the parody of Winston Churchill's 'We Shall Fight on the Beaches' speech by Seb and the call of 'This is Sparta' from Jamie worked well in preparing you all for the finals. Year 6 you have been a brilliant team, each with your own strengths, and you have worked well together, learning how to communicate with less volume and more success and I look forward to seeing you back next year as Old Moorlanders.

KS2 Sports Day was a damp affair in weather only. The usual Moorlands spirit from our every ready pupils was out in full force as they threw the discus, sprinted, aimed for records in the throw and fought hard in the long jump pit in an exhilarating U11 boys jump off. This year, each event we did provided each participant with a score that was added up to find our track and field champions. The almost 70 year old trophies were awarded to both Cothliff girls and both Alcock boys - do I see a future mixed triathlon team? There was a little confusion between heptathlon positions and track finals positions at the end of the day but I must congratulate our pupils on their mature attitude to this and the way they politely asked about the final positions. The correct medals were given out at the end of the event and congratulations to Frieda and Freddie for the U9 200m run gold medals. The new long jump shield was given out to Jamie for his fantastic final jump and thank you to the Roberts family for providing this shield. Three school records were broken in girls' discus, girls' long jump and boys' cricket ball throw (well done Cecily and Elliot) And finally it was an absolute pleasure watching as everyone tried their hardest in all events, despite the weather. This year the staff were on the look out for potential recipients of the new effort cup for sports day and were in unanimous agreement that Katie McWilliams should be the first participant of this award. 'I always try hard in sport and this is the first time its been recognised' said Katie on the day - you certainly deserve the recognition.

In amongst the residentials and fixtures were nestled our two (yes two) national finals in swimming. The first being in London at the London Aquatics Centre (home of the 2012 Olympics) were the finals of the IAPS competition in which Dominic qualified with a pb in the 50m backstroke. He finished with ANOTHER pb in 13th place and with an extremely positive attitude towards his achievements. Oh...and he did all this with a fractured wrist! The second national final we qualified for was the English School Swimming Association finals in Sheffield. Lele, George, Oliver and James did phenomenally well and their training clearly paid off as they shaved 5 seconds off their medley time and 6 seconds off their freestyle time! Incredible work which put them in 22nd nationally for the medley and 23rd nationally for freestyle. Congratulations!

## Sports Round-Up 2019

So as we look towards the end of the academic year we must say goodbye to our Year 6 sports men and women and as we do we wish them well in sport at their secondary schools. Do keep us informed of your successes, we do love to hear. We then look to welcoming Year 2 into the Games program, next year being on a Tuesday for U9 and a Friday for U11.

Thank you to the pupils for their enthusiasm, the staff for their hard work - and everyone wishes Mrs T the best of luck and good fun as she enters retirement, the parents for their support at fixtures and all the washing, and to the dinner ladies for their many, many team teas!

Enjoy the summer,

Mrs Grayson

 @moorlandssport

## KS1 Sports Day



CAMP XPLODE PRESENTS...  
COAST-TO-COAST RIVER CHALLENGE  
Hull to Liverpool - SUP and Kayak Trip



CHARITY CHALLENGE IN AID OF



**Date:** Challenge commences 8th July 2019

**Length of challenge:** Circa 10 days

**Distance:** 162 miles

**Hours of SUP/Kayak paddling:** Minimum of 8 hours per day

**Route:** We will be following the Desmond Family Canoe Trail, a project run by waterways and wellbeing charity Canal & River Trust, which spends over £1m every year removing litter from towpaths and waterways.

#### ABOUT

Nick Coulson and Josh Hemmingway - founders of Camp Xplode, the leading provider of children's multi-activity holiday camps in Yorkshire – are undertaking a unique COAST-TO-COAST RIVER CHALLENGE in aid of Water for Kids and Leeds Children's Charity.

Nick and Josh will **travel unsupported** and – when not paddling – will **wild camp** for the duration of the trip. They will be following the Desmond Family Canoe Trail, which consists of the Leeds Liverpool Canal, and the Aire and Calder Navigation.

The Camp Xplode team will live document Nick and Josh's journey every step (paddle?!) of the way! Supporters will be able to follow their exact location as they traverse the 162 mile route and live daily updates will be provided via the Camp Xplode socials. Nick and Josh will also be providing **instructional 'how to's / hints / tips and advice** on **Stand Up Paddling, Kayaking** and **Wild Camping / Bushcraft SKills** along the way.

#### OUR AIMS:

- To raise awareness about sewage in our rivers
- Raise the profile of watersports
- To encourage children and young people to become more active
- To demonstrate the practical skills of Bushcraft and Wild Camping in a real-life environment
- Raise money for our chosen charities: Water For Kids and Leeds Children's Charity

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Could you provide Sponsorship by passing on the information to your parents?

#### GET IN CONTACT

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## RAISING MONEY FOR



## Water for Kids

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So... on July 12, myself (Nick) and Mr Hemmingway will embark on an epic 162-mile journey to raise funds for inspirational charity, Water for Kids.

Over the following ten days - or less, tail-wind and stamina permitting - Josh and I will paddleboard our way across the rivers and canals connecting Hull in the UK's East to Liverpool in the West.

Yes, you read that correctly. PADDLEBOARD! That being, standing up, on a board like one you might surf on, using a paddle to drive you forward through the water.

Sounds a little crazy, right?

And yet, when you think there are still young people in our world without access to regular, clean water, we're pretty sure which one sounds the crazier. And it's not the paddleboarding.

It's all in aid of the amazing Water for Kids charity who have transformed the lives of 390,000 people.

Whether it's a pound, five, twenty or more, your contribution towards a great cause that's helping young children around the world live a better life through having better health. In fact, before you make yours today, go and stick the kettle on for a cuppa. Think how easy it is to turn on the tap for your clean water, then hop online and donate.

I am honoured you have taken the time to read this and thank you for all for your support and awkward smiles at the gym!

Warmest Regards

Nick Coulson and Josh Hemmingway



### HELPFUL LINKS

Please follow our journey

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/campxplodecharity>

Justgiving: <http://bit.ly/2KpdrJn>

## News From The MSA—2018/19 Round-Up



The MSA team has had what can only be described as a hectic but fantastic year! We've had the usual bun sales, school disco, quiz night (this year with a rock n roll bingo twist), uniform sales, Easter Bunny visit and two very successful school fairs. Most importantly we've raised a tremendous amount of money, had tonnes of fun, and made some new friends in the process.

Some of the money we've raised has been invested this year in the fantastic new playground, a piano, books and a lot of ice cream for various school events!

### Summer Fair 2019



Thank you to everyone who made it to the Summer Fair – the sun came out and with your help we took just short of **£4,100** – on a par with the 2018 summer fair (our then highest takings to-date). It was wonderful to see so many families from across the school – past, present and some new families who will be joining in September.

Thank you to everyone who helped (and that was an awful lot of you this year!) from your prize donations to manning stalls, to joining us for all the fun on the day. And to everyone who answered our early morning call-out for “all hands on deck”, brought the coffees, built gazebos, fixed electrics through to tidying up at the end. We have a wonderful family community here at Moorlands.



Hopefully you will all have noticed (and used!) the recycling station at the fair. The MSA decided this year to try and be more sustainable in our activities, particularly around the fairs and reducing our use of plastic and waste. This was the first of our initiatives and next year we will be introducing the role of Sustainability Officer onto the MSA Committee to help us in this area. The role will be appointed at the AGM in September.

### Some thank yous...

A huge amount of work goes into our events and fundraising from so many people – not only the MSA team but family, friends, children, school staff and teachers. Everyone pulls together to make all of this happen and it's always done with a smile – no matter the request. To all those people – you know who you are – **a very very big thank you!**

### A big welcome...

We now have a team of 30 and unbelievably we're still growing... welcome to our new 2018/19 team members – Aisha, Anika, Howard, Meghana, Natalie, Nikie, Parisa – an awesome first year from you all!

### ...and a goodbye

We sadly say goodbye this year to Rosie (for the second, and final time!) and to Eve. Thank you for all your help over the years and wishing you all the best for the future.

## News From The MSA—2018/19 Round-Up



### ...a message from the Chair

*As some of you will know, I have decided to step down as Chair of the MSA at the AGM in September. It's been an awesome three years (one co-chairing with the fabulous Jas Kaur – our current co-treasurer) and we've smashed every goal we set ourselves in 2016 and more. We've increased our income significantly, funded some great things, but one of the most important things personally has been seeing the team grow and come together. We've more than doubled in size and now have a strong early years' contingent. We have a truly fantastic, inclusive MSA team – a team I'm proud to be a part of and so, so proud of what we've achieved. I'll be staying on the team (my 8<sup>th</sup> year) to help drive our activities forward and I can't wait to see where we take it over the coming years.*

**Sam Cothliff**

### Join us...!

Do consider joining us next year. There is no huge commitment – just as little or as much time as you can provide. Our team members provide all sorts of help from admin and organising to baking and face painting! Any help is appreciated, and we have a lot of fun! Our AGM will be held in September – date to be confirmed – so do come along and meet us.

Thank you once again to everyone for your help, support and enthusiasm for all things MSA this year. Have a super summer break!

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