

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Message From The Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands,

I think that anyone who joined us for the Celebration Assembly on Monday would agree that the Year 6 Brit Pop bands this year - 'The Lightning Bolts' and 'The Future' - were particularly good. It was amazing to think that in just a few weeks, they had written lyrics, composed tunes and in some cases - Laaibah on the bass guitar and Jujhar on the piano - learnt a new instrument! Fantastic work, Year 6.

Thank you to everyone who supported the MSA Christmas Fair last Saturday, as always it was a wonderful community event and lovely to see so many past and present families there. It couldn't happen without a great deal of 'behind the scenes' organisation and planning so thank you to Nicola, Aisha and the MSA team for all of their hard work.

Every week, I spend a most enjoyable two hours with Year 5 + 6 and Mr Hemingway doing bushcraft in The Hollies. I always learn something new, but what it highlights is the sheer variety of activity that our pupils experience. Over the past few weeks, we have been learning how to use cutting tools and these skills were all brought together when saws, knives and axes were employed to make a tent peg, complete with notch, and no fingers were lost in the process!

As mentioned at the start of the year, assessment and reporting is a targeted area for development at Moorlands over the coming months. As part of this, parents in Years 1-6 should have received an email from Mr Marshall yesterday, giving the opportunity to feedback to us how well-informed you feel in regard to your child's academic and social progress.

Paper copies of the questionnaire are available from Miss Rivers, or please use the link <https://forms.gle/ckGbj4geLVUz4pRY9> - feedback needs to be with us by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

We were disappointed on Thursday to hear that K Zie, the mental health ambassador who was supposed to be visiting, was unwell. This is unfortunately the second time that this event has been cancelled by the organisers, so we are now planning alternative activities for later in the year.

Please note that there will be no Newsletter next Friday, but there will be one on the last day of term, 18<sup>th</sup> December, which will feature a sports round-up of the term and photos from our various Christmas events!

I look forward to seeing many of you at nativities, concerts and carol singing over the next few days!

With kind regards

Jacqueline Atkinson

 @MoorlandsHead

## Celebration Assembly & Year 6 Brit Pop Monday 2nd December 2019

Brit Pop music came about in the 90s and was made famous by bands such as Blur, Pulp and Oasis. They sang about issues that were topical at the time – the government and unemployment etc. Year 6 have formed their own bands in music and written their own songs from scratch which they performed in a very special Brit Pop assembly on Monday. They wrote about subjects which are really important to them, growing up.



### A Reminder from Key Stage One

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our Nativity on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Please join us for mince pies and tea and coffee in the Gating Hall following the performance. If costumes are not already in school, please can these be brought in no later than Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December in a named bag. Thank you!

### Mathletics November Numeracy Challenge



Well done to everyone who took part in the Mathletics November Numeracy Challenge! Congratulations to Year 5 who earned the highest overall amount of points within school. However, well done to everyone as our small school came 69th out of a total of 530 schools across Europe, the Middle East and Africa - this is absolutely fantastic and I am so proud of you all! Miss Hill

### Rudding Park



Choir had a fantastic time singing at Rudding Park this week. The ladies who were listening were treated to a variety of pieces including 'All I Want for Christmas is You', 'Silent Night', 'Frosty' and 'Candle in the Window' to name a few. There was also some superb solo singing from Max, Lolo, Liam, Oliver T and Frieda.



# KS1 Christmas Activities



## Celebration Assembly & Year 6 Brit Pop

This Christmas in Year 4, the children are not receiving an individual present from Mrs Wheelhouse, this year the class as a whole will be receiving an animal – sponsorship of an endangered animal through the World Wildlife Fund. The children have researched which animals are available for adoption and on Tuesday, the children presented a persuasive argument explaining which animal they believed should be adopted and why. The animals chosen were the snow leopard, panda, Amur leopard and jaguar. Presentations included video links, posters, speeches, soft toys, pictures, photographs, a cake and even a tik tok video!! After hearing the presentations, the class voted and the Year 4 animal will be the Amur leopard. We are now looking forward to receiving a WWF magazine, a 3x a year information pack about the Amur leopard, stickers and our own cuddly toy version which will live in the Year 4 classroom.

In the new year, we will look forward to learning more about our sponsored animal and how we can help it.

### Mrs Wheelhouse

#### ADOPT A JAGUAR

Jaguars are near threatened which is why we need to act now! They used to be found in south west USA, South America and Argentina. Now they are only found in the Amazon Rainforest and the number of Jaguars has reduced to only 170,000. This may seem like a lot but the Jaguars are threatened by humans who hunt them for their fur, teeth and paws. Humans are also destroying their habitat by burning the Rainforest making them homeless. Farmers kill them because the Jaguars are eating their cattle.

Why does this have to stop?

Not only are they very beautiful with their distinctive orange fur with black rosettes but the ecosystem depends on them. Jaguars are very good predators and they are at the top of the ecosystem. The Jaguars eat other species like crocodiles, birds and deer and control the numbers of these species. Without Jaguars herbivores would eat too many plants which is bad for the environment and the ecosystem.

What can we do to help? Why should we adopt a Jaguar?

Our money will go to the WWF which is working with local communities to protect Jaguars and the Amazon Rainforest. They are also working to reduce illegal hunting of Jaguars.

If we can keep healthy numbers of Jaguars in the Amazon we'll be closer to protecting the Rainforest as a whole.

The Animal I want to vote for is the Amur Leopard is the worlds rarest cat, it is also known as the Far Eastern Leopard. The Amur Leopard is classed as critically endangered.

It has a lifespan of 10 to 15 years old in the wild, they are also nocturnal and they live alone when not raising cubs. They are very fast and can run up to 37 miles per hour. The amur leopard differs from other types of leopard by its large body size, thick coat and large, widely spaced thick rimmed rosettes (that is the name for its spots).

In the last 15 years numbers have increased from only 27 to approximately 90 in the wild today. This is because of all the hardwork by WWF and the money people donate for adopting the amur leopard. So please help the amur leopard and choose this animal for Mrs Wheelhouse to adopt.!!!

If we wanted to visit one in real life we can see one at the Yorkshire wildlife park in Doncaster. By Henry



# FOR YOUR WORLD

Jaguars teeth are so strong they can bite through turtle shells and crocodiles. They can mate up to 100 times a day!



A jaguar's lifespan is 12 - 15 years and is called a Panthera onca.



## Jaguars



A jaguar is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest cat other than lions and tigers. Not like other cats jaguars do not avoid water.



Jaguars are mistaken for leopards but a way to tell the difference is to look at their pattern. The ones with spots in their rosettes are jaguars, if not a leopard.

#### GIANT PANDA

There are only around 1860 giant pandas left in the wild today. I love pandas because of their beautiful black and white fur with distinctive markings. They have such pretty and kind faces making them so very cute.

I think it's interesting that they are carnivores but act like herbivores and eat absolutely loads of bamboo. This is particularly stupid because it makes them poo all day long, that's a lot of poo!

They are endangered because their habitat has shrunk. Roads and railways have been built with bamboo supplies destroyed. The panda habitat is very vulnerable to climate change.

W.W.F. works with the Chinese to try and protect pandas. They set up designated panda areas, restore panda habitats, get legal protection for pandas and help local communities manage forests better.

A group of pandas is known as an embarrassment, I'm not sure why, but it could be because of all the poo.



**U9 Rugby Tag Rugby at Westville**  
**Tuesday 19th November 2019**

On Tuesday 19th November, the U9 boys travelled to Westville school for tag rugby. Our first match was against Gateways school. With some good skill from both teams, Gateways managed to score the first try. With some good passing and running from everyone, specifically Liam, Max and Jacob, and in the end with some hard work, Jacob scored a try matching the score one all. Just then the whistle blew for the end of the match.

Well done, to everyone in the match and well played.

By Noah

Next we played Richmond House. It was a very tough game because they were passing very quickly and played well as a team. It was 0-0 then Max did a great tag which boosted our confidence. Unfortunately, Richmond House scored a try. Ollie did a great pass to Jacob who scored our first try making it 1-1. Liam and Ollie both scored great tries, making the final score 3-2 to Moorlands.

Thank you Mrs Grayson and Mr Rain for coaching and supporting us.

By Jacob

Our third match was against the home team—Westville. This was our best result of the tournament as we won 9-3, with Ollie, Max, Noah, Alex and Jacob all scoring one each and I scored four! We used the space down the side of the touch lines and scored a lot of tries throughout the tournament using the space the other teams had left. Looking sideways is as important as looking forwards.

By Liam

Finally, we played Highfield. Everybody was cold and tired. We kicked off first and inside two minutes we scored two tries. Within the next three minutes, Highfield scored 3. This made the score 3-2 to Highfield. They scored another two tries and two minutes before the end we scored 2.

Thank you to Mrs Grayson and Mr Rain for coaching us. Well done, Alex for receiving the medal. I enjoyed the hot dogs. We all enjoyed it.

By Max

### Assessment and Reporting Questionnaire

Assessment, Recording and Reporting is a targeted area for development at Moorlands. I would really value your opinions on how well informed you feel in regards to your child/s academic and social progress. If you could spare a couple of minutes to fill in this online form, with honesty, I would be really grateful. Alternatively, if you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [arron.marshall@moorlands-school.co.uk](mailto:arron.marshall@moorlands-school.co.uk) or via the school office.

This Google form <https://forms.gle/HASP3Coe9fu87pRb9> will close on Monday 16th December, 4pm.

Mr Marshall

## **KS2 Christmas Concert**

Please join us for the Key Stage 2

Christmas Concert on

Wednesday 11th December at

7pm in the School Gym!

All Welcome!

### KS2 theatre trip

Just a reminder that money is due for Tuesday's trip to see the Wizard of Oz at Leeds Playhouse.

It is £21 per pupil, payable via your child's form teacher or BACS transfer.

Please note the running time for the show has increased and we are now likely to be back around 5.15pm.

## News from the MSA



**A huge thank you to everyone who joined us last Saturday for the Christmas Fair.** This has been our most successful Christmas Fair to date with takings of **over £4400!**

We had over 70 parents, members of staff, and Moorlanders who joined in to help run the fair on the day. Our fantastic MSA team have worked tirelessly in the background over the past few months (dedicating their evenings and weekends) to make this happen - a fantastic team effort! If there are any parents or carers that would like to join us and participate in future activities please let us know, everyone is welcome!

### **RAFFLE PRIZES**

There are still some raffle prizes to claim so please check with us/pass on these numbers to friends and family members that may have purchased a ticket:

#### **Ticket No & Prize**

- 34. Tree top nets voucher
- 59. Lindor Chocolates
- 681. Digital Tyre Inflator
- 949. David Lloyd Voucher for 2
- 1396. Decleor cleanser
- 1398. Davidoff perfume
- 1399. Brewtown beer tour
- 1429. Jo malone candle
- 1649. Milton brown minis
- 2908. Amazon fire tablet
- 3678. Little lions term voucher
- 3641. Myrtle Tavern Voucher
- 3678. Little lions term voucher

As it's our last message of the year, we just wanted to wish everyone a happy festive period and Merry Christmas. See you in the New Year!

Aisha & Nikie

The MSA Team

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**Did you know that YOU can raise money for Moorlands School  
simply whilst doing your USUAL online shopping?  
It takes just 2 extra clicks and costs absolutely nothing - it's that 'easy'!**

**Please sign up to Easyfundraising and generate free money for Moorlands. Last year, this initiative raised nearly £2,000 and all money goes towards experiences and equipment to benefit our children.**

There are thousands of retailers and services signed up to Easyfundraising including Amazon, John Lewis, Tesco, Sainsburys, Argos, Marks and Spencer, Boden, Sky, Expedia, Aviva to name just a few. Each time you spend, Moorlands gets a financial kick-back from the retailer.

**How to sign-up:**

- Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
- Click 'Support A Cause'
- Click 'Moorlands School Association - Weetwood'
- 'Create an Account' with your details

**Once signed up, every time you shop...**

- Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
- Search for the retailer you would like to shop with and click the link to their website
- Make your purchases as normal on the retailer's website
- Donations will come from the retailer to Easyfundraising within 14 days of your transaction. The MSA receives a payment on a quarterly basis.

**Thank you**

**The MSA**

## Dates For Your Diary

### December

Mon 9th	8.40am Assembly with Rev. Vicky Atkins (For School, Not Open to Parents)
Tues 10th	1.30pm—KS2 To Leeds Play House to see The Wizard of Oz
Weds 11th	KS1 to Harrogate Theatre Pantomime—Snow White 7pm KS2 Christmas Concert
Thurs 12th	Dress Rehearsal for Nativities am. Year 6 Practice Interviews with Emma Nulty, Deputy Head, WGS
Fri 13th	Year 6 Short Report to Parents 9am—EYFS Nativity 11am—KS1 Nativity 2pm-3pm KS2 Choir to the Trinity Centre—Carol Singing for St Vincent's
Mon 16th	8.40am Colours Assembly 9am Flu Vaccinations for Reception—Year 6 Early Years' Christmas Parties
Tues 17th	12pm Christmas Feast pm. House Parties
Weds 18th	3pm Carol Service at St Chad's Church (Foxes—Year 6) 4pm—End of Term (No Clubs or Late Class)

Christmas Holidays: 4pm Wednesday 18th December 2019—  
8.20am Tuesday 7th January 2020

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 9th December

Days	Option 1	Option 2	Side Dish	Desserts
<b>Monday</b>	Beef Bolognese or Pork Bolognese	Vegetable & Quorn Bolognese	Pasta Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread	Chocolate Brownie
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Pie	Vegetable Pie	New Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy	Flapjack
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sausages	Vegetable Sausages	Mashed Potatoes & Mixed Vegetables	Rice Pudding with Jam
<b>Thursday</b>	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Yorkshire Pudding	Vegetable Quorn Roll	Roast Potatoes, Mashed Swede & Cabbage	Fresh Fruit Salad
<b>Friday</b>	Battered or Baked Fish	Vegetable Bean Burger	Garden Peas, Chips & Tomato Ketchup	Assorted Desserts

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