

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Message from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands,

The playground this morning seemed to be overrun with knights, princesses, kings, queens and even a most handsome dragon! It turned out to be Key Stage 1, who had really got into the spirit of a Medieval Day, as part of their topic on 'Dungeons and Dragons'. A host of activities have taken place over the course of the day, but the highlight appeared to be the medieval banquet!

School is not only about our pupil's education. As a staff, it is important that we continue to learn and reflect on our practice too and this week, both Miss Hill and Mr Marshall have been out on White Rose Maths training, focusing specifically on mastery, and Miss Cooper has attended a course about mental health issues in children with a particular focus on attachment difficulties. They have all come back with new knowledge, practical ideas to use in school and access to new resources.

Yesterday, I was at the termly IAPS Prep School Head's Meeting, on this occasion being held at Yarm School. The speaker was David Hodgson, an expert on neuroscience and the author of several books, including 'The Brain Box'. It was a fascinating talk on creating the right mind-set for learning and was also an ideal opportunity to look around another school and see some of the great work taking place there.

Despite all of the research, David Hodgson strongly made the point that there are four basic things which positively impact on our ability to learn and perform on a daily basis, to sleep well . . . eat well . . . exercise regularly and . . . avoid stress (sometimes easier said than done in our busy lives!).

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day, there is an excellent website which gives advice and information not only for schools, but parents as well and the Mentally Healthy Schools Website also has useful information and data on the positive and negative effects that social media and the internet can have on children – follow the links below.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/risks-and-protective-factors/lifestyle-factors/internet-and-social-media/>

The first half-of this term has been extremely busy and we had planned to end it with a 'Working Open Morning' for parents next Friday. However, for various reasons, we have made the decision to postpone this until a later date and apologise for any inconvenience to parents who may already have put this date into their diaries.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend

Jacky Atkinson

 @MoorandsHead

## Under 10/11 Football Tournament at Richmond House Match Report

On the 31st January Moorlands A team and Moorlands B team travelled to Richmond House to play a tournament which consisted of 10 matches between the two teams. The A team played 5 matches and won all 5, the B team played 5, lost 1, drew 2 and won 2. These were great scores for both teams, especially under the circumstances due to the weather as it was very windy and we were playing away from home. This shows that both teams had great morale and teamwork to help achieve these scores.

As Captain I am delighted to see such great performances from both teams, and hope this follows through and continues throughout the season.

The Man Of The Match for the A team was Matty Roberts for his excellent defending and communication. The Man Of The Match for the B team was Theo because he stepped up to fill the shoes of another person who could not play and co-operated very well.

Thank you to Mr Marshall and Miss Bailey for taking us.



## Year 5 & 6 Trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Centre

On Wednesday February 5th, Year 5 and 6 visited Headingley Water Treatment Works as part of their topic on Water.

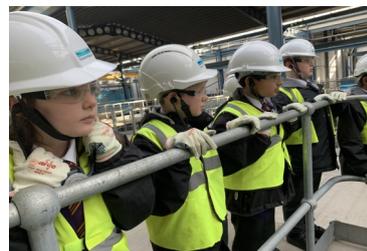
First, we recapped on the water cycle and learnt how water enters the treatment centre (via local reservoirs and rivers). Next, we learnt about the various germs and bacteria found in water and the convoluted cleaning process to get rid of these.

The best part of the trip was donning our hard hats, headsets and luminous jackets to be shown around the treatment centre itself.

We saw how peat was separated from the water using lots of tiny brushes – it looked like a giant chocolate brownie!

Did you know that the centre produces 45 million litres of clean water every day, which is used up by the people of Leeds in just 12 hours?! Tiggy said: 'I thought it was a really useful trip; it made me think about just how many germs there are to start with.' Jujhar added: 'It inspired me to try and save more water in the future.'

Everyone agreed it was a very enlightening visit - and we all learnt something new!



## Year 2 News

Year 2 enjoyed baking Challah bread during their learning about the Jewish celebration of Shabbat. Miss Badkin talked to us about some of the traditions of Shabbat, including what is normally eaten, lighting the candles, saying a special prayer and breaking the break.



## Celebration Assembly



### Late Club & Tea

If your child will be staying for late class between 5.00 – 6.00 p.m. during the week commencing 10th February, please complete the booking form using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/jqNWcpvGNX34L2zMA>

If your child needs a sandwich tea, you will need to make a choice for **each evening that they are staying**, in order to ensure that the kitchen staff make appropriate provision for all pupils. If your child does not require a booked tea, but will be staying in late class, please still complete the form for the evenings that they will be with us and select no sandwich.

**The link will be available until 10am on Monday morning**, anyone wishing to use the late club after that please speak to School Reception before 9.00am on the day.

### Lost Property

We have a number of items in our Lost Property boxes, please call into the office to check if you find you have lost anything.

We have also had reports of lost property that has not been handed in. Please check that ALL your children's clothing, including shoes are named and that your child is wearing their own coats, ties etc.

Quinlan's uniform (trousers, shirt, jumper and tie) went missing during Tuesdays' Year 5&6 fixture, and was replaced with a blue bushcraft jumper in his bag. Please check your children's clothes and bags, a full uniform was handed into lost property so it would seem that someone has taken Quinlan's by mistake.

### To all users of the Moorlands' car park.

There is a **one-way system** which operates in a clockwise direction

The **dropping off area** is simply that, please do not park in this area or leave your vehicle unattended

**Park in the marked bays.** The space in front of the double green playground gates is not for parking, this must be left clear at all times to give access to the main school site, particularly in case of emergency. Please adhere to the **5 mph speed limit** as we would not wish anyone to be hurt by a vehicle on the school grounds

The gate to the playground will be locked between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. and this space will not be available for parking unless there is a special event or the weather is particularly bad

We have also had a complaint from one of the local residents that people are parking over the grass verges on Foxhill Drive when dropping or collecting their children. Please be respectful of their street as many have planted bulbs and strive to maintain the greenery in the local area.

Thank you for your co-operation

## NEWS FROM THE MSA

This year we have lots of fun events coming up; a visit from the Easter bunny, school disco, rock and roll bingo evening, first aid courses for children and parents and the summer fair. Watch out for details and dates of these events, coming out shortly!

Thank you to everyone who has already donated their Christmas jumpers, old school uniforms and empty metal tins. It is very much appreciated – please do keep them coming in.

Early years are short of tights and socks, so if anyone has any that their children have grown out of then please do drop them into reception FAO MSA.

### **Next Uniform Sales –11th & 12th February & 5th March**

Children grown out of their school uniform already? Visit the school uniform sales stand at your next Parents Evening to stock up for the year.

Thank you to all parents for your continued donations. If anyone has any unwanted items including bags, sports kits and waterproof overalls, please leave them at reception, clearly marked for the attention of the MSA team.

### **Easter Bunny – 27th March**

The Easter bunny is going to be in school on this date to hand out an Easter treat to the children.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

11th February – Uniform Sale  
12th February – Uniform Sale  
5th March – Uniform Sale  
27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Bunny Visit

Have a great weekend!

The MSA Team

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News from the MSA



**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**

## February

<b>Mon 10th</b>	8.40am Celebration Assembly Swimming vs Highfield (H)
<b>Tues 11th</b>	Safer Internet Day 1.45pm-3.30pm U8/9 Football & Netball (H) 4.10pm-6pm Y1-6 Parents' Evening
<b>Weds 12th</b>	4.10pm-6pm Y1-5 Parents' Evening
<b>Fri 14th</b>	2pm-4pm House Football & Netball 4pm Break Up For Half Term (Late Class Available)
<b>Mon 24th</b>	8.30am School Returns 8.40am Celebration Assembly
<b>Tues 25th</b>	U9 Football v Highfield (A) U9 Netball v Bronte (TBC)
<b>Weds 26th</b>	House Assembly
<b>Thurs 27th</b>	a.m Class Photographs-Tempest Parents' Information Evenings for Residentials—Years 2,3,4,
<b>Fri 28th</b>	2pm-3.30pm U10/11 Netball vs Bradford Grammar 2pm-3.30pm U10/11 Hockey vs Bradford Grammar
<b>Sat 29th</b>	9am-11am Rec-Year 6 Cross Country at Richmond House

### Lunch Menu For Week Commencing 10th February 2020

Days	Option 1	Option 2	Side Dish	Desserts
<b>Monday</b>	Chicken Tikka Curry	Cauliflower & Chickpea Curry	Basmati Rice, Sweetcorn & Naan Bread	Chocolate Crispy
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lamb Hotpot	Vegetable Hotpot	New Potatoes & Green Beans	Fairy Buns
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sausage Pie	Quorn Sausage Pie	Potato Wedges, Garden Peas & Gravy	Strawberry Mousse
<b>Thursday</b>	Seasoned Breaded Chicken Goujons	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Broccoli with Pasta in Tomato & Basil Sauce	Iced Sponge
<b>Friday</b>	Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans & Tuna	Cheese, Beans & Tuna	Assorted Desserts

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