

MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Message from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands,

Yesterday, we were delighted to be able to share the finalised report from the ISI Compliance Inspection that Moorlands underwent at the end of January.

The inspection process was a very positive one for the school, all of the standards were met and I would like to say 'thank you' to the Moorlands staff team, as this is very much a reflection of the hard work which has been put in over the past three years. There is a copy of the report available on our website for anyone who hasn't yet had chance to view it.

As well as the Independent School Inspection, we also have regular checks from various other outside authorities and Thursday saw Carolyn Eyre, who is the MIST Safeguarding specialist, spend the day with us undertaking an annual audit of our procedures.

Thank you to all of the EYFS parents who came along to speak to staff about their child's progress yesterday and we hope that a good number of you are also able to join us for the Annual Foxhill Run on Wednesday 25th March, it is always a great morning.

There was much excitement in Year 1, when a fearsome, flame breathing dragon was captured on CCTV landing in the school playground. He has . . . apparently . . . trampled on some flowers and left scratches from his talons. The Year 1 children went on a dragon hunt, drawing maps of the playground, and they found a beautiful dragon egg, which unfortunately had already hatched out! If you would like to see the footage, it is on our Twitter Feed.

The House Challenge on Wednesday morning saw Years 1-6 hula-hooping, pinning the tail on the donkey, cracker and baked bean eating and code cracking (amongst other things) to gain maximum points for their house. Sharman were the ultimate victors!

For various reasons, several of our recent fixtures have been cancelled, but fingers crossed that next week's football, netball and hockey matches go ahead! A staff team is currently waiting to hear whether they have a place in the Knaresborough Bed Race, we will know on the 10th March . . .

With kind regards



Year 1 News

Year 1 have been learning all about materials in their Science lessons. This week they had to help Sir Scallywag who works at the Tower of London. He needed help finding out which material was the best to keep him dry. The children made predictions and recorded their results. They found that the best materials to keep Sir Scallywag dry were plastic, metal and wood!



Reception News

Reception have had a fantastic time in this week's show and tell, children shared facts about their favourite sea creatures. It has been wonderful to hear pupils speak with such confidence in front of an audience.



Year 2 News

Year 2 have been focusing on keeping themselves healthy. We did an experiment to show how quickly germs could spread. We applied cream to our hands and pretended sand was 'germs'. Then we brushed our hands together and held hands with our partners. We soon realised the 'germs' could spread really quickly! We tried to remove the 'germs' with hand sanitiser but this didn't fully clean our hands so we headed to the bathroom to wash our hands properly!



News from Music

Year 2

Year 2 are really enjoying learning the ukulele. They have been working hard in class and at home and have learnt chords C, F and G. They can already play Animal Fair, London Bridge and This Old Man and are looking forward to starting Waltzing Matilda next week.

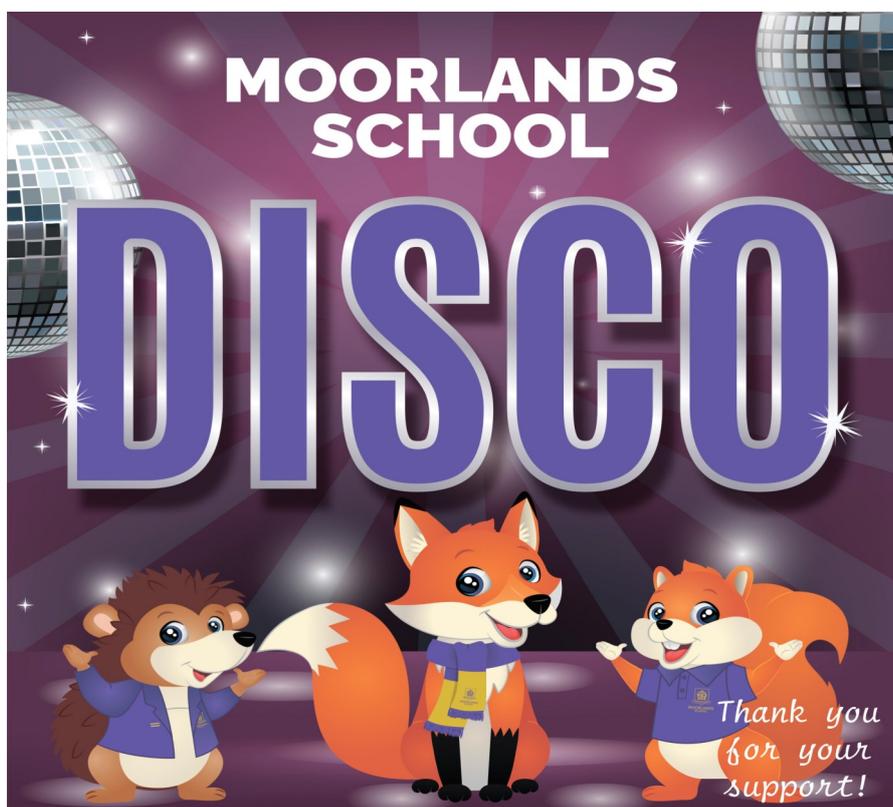
Year 1

Year 1 are learning the piano together in their music lessons and have mastered notes C, D and E. They can also recognise time signatures, bar lines, double bar lines, repeat signs and treble and bass clef. Keep up the good work Year 1!



Year 5 News

Year 5 have been busy in Maths this week using Smarties as a tool to help find equivalent fractions. After the fraction finding, we then explored the different links to percentages and decimals.



FRIDAY 13th MARCH

4pm to 6pm

TICKETS ONLY £3

(sandwich tea included)

Tickets available at reception from Mrs Slater

Please sign up by 5pm on the 10th March



Year 6 News

Year 6 have been learning how to write a discursive essay (also known as a balanced argument). After studying the features of this style of writing, pupils could choose to write about a topic that interested them. Here are Tiggy and Oliver's...

Are dogs a better pet than cats?

In this essay, I will be discussing whether dogs are better than cats. In the UK currently 26% of people have a cat and 24% of people have a dog. Who knew? But which is easier to look after? Which is less money? Which is better, cat or dog?

Dogs lovers claim that canines are better pets than cats because they are more intelligent therefore you can teach them cool tricks and teach them how to save someone's life. Secondly, dogs make people put down their phones and go for a walk, which can make you fitter and improve your mental health. Furthermore, they can make you feel happy when you are upset. After all: dogs are a man's best friend!

With cats on the other hand, you don't need to worry about finding a place for them because they are capable of looking after themselves, unlike dogs. Furthermore, dogs are a lot of money and not as affordable; cats are not as expensive. Thirdly, you don't have to take these furry friends on walks so you can use your time more efficiently. Lastly, cats don't do their business outside - unlike dogs - and they don't eat as much food as dogs, making them a more affordable pet.

Having weighed up both sides of the argument, it seems to suggest that dogs are better pets. I think this because they are always there when you need them and they help to get people fit and healthier, whereas cats don't rely as much on people.

By Tiggy

Is it still necessary to keep animals on zoos?

In this argument, I will be discussing whether it is still necessary to keep animals in zoos. Across the UK, there are 48 zoos and 6 safari parks, visited by thousands of people enjoying their time there.

It could be argued that animals in zoos are fun and educational but not a lot of people know their back story. Critics of zoos state that when animals are in the wild they have unlimited amounts of space, but in zoos a lot of the animals feel cramped and trapped by humans. Also, carnivorous animals need to learn to hunt but in zoos they're just given the food when it's their nature to hunt. Furthermore, if people feed bread to the birds in the zoos it's bad for them because when the bread has been digested it grows bigger and makes them ill. Do you think that animals want this?

On the other hand, zoos save endangered animals every year. For example, people were trying to kill a white rhino and a zookeeper in the area noticed it and persuaded the hunters to stop hunting the animals. Furthermore, they think that the animals enjoy being there and are fed more than every day. At Harewood House, the ducks that are there have a chance to roam free and other people get to feed them too.

In conclusion, having weighed up both sides of the argument, it seems sensible to keep zoos but make the space a bit bigger and look more like a natural habitat. In order to make this seem fair, there should be less zoos than there are now.

By Oliver

House Challenge





Celebration Assembly 2nd March



Late Club & Tea

If your child will be staying for late class between 5.00 – 6.00 p.m. during the week commencing 9th March, please complete the booking form using the link below.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Kz-Q4X1qqUOHwnvCQALY3HZJHwK3OhpCj_NqojVEz_RUQ1FGUUo3UERIM0NJV09TVkdXMTBNWDIxMS4u

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.

The main reception desk is not manned after 5.30pm, if you need to contact late class please ring the late class mobile on: 07810 045706

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.



This half term the MSA is raising awareness of St Gemma's Hospice and the amazing work they do.

St Gemma's Hospice is a local, independent charity and has been providing expert care to the people of Leeds for over 40 years.

Did you know?

St Gemma's offer a large range of expert services, both in the Hospice and in the community, that supports you and your loved ones at any stage of illness.

The Hospice provides In-Patient care but is not just a building; most of St Gemma's patients are supported in the place they want to stay – often their own homes.

St Gemma's Facts and Figures!

In total, St Gemma's supported over **3,000** local people in the last year

£15 helps keep a patient mobile and independent by providing physiotherapy support

So why not donate online today? <https://www.st-gemma.co.uk/onlinedonation>

NEWS FROM THE MSA

Thank you so much to everyone that helped with the school uniform sales at parents' evening, from sorting the stock, manning the stall and purchasing the items. The MSA raised over £80 for our school over the two nights, which is a fantastic result. Well done!!

We are now, however, very short of stock. If anyone has any uniform that their child has grown out of, or if you're having a sort out over the half term, then the MSA would love to have them. Just leave them at reception, clearly marked for the attention of the MSA team.

School Disco – 13th March

Tickets for the school disco on the 13th March (4pm-6pm) are now on sale. Cost is £3 and includes a light sandwich tea. Please see Mrs Slater in reception to book your child's place by the 10th March.

We still need some parent volunteers to help man this event, if you are able to help then please get in touch with Aisha or Nikie (details below).

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

13th March – School Disco

27th March – Easter Bunny Visit

The MSA Team

contact: Aisha (07951134414) or Nikie (07921129623) / moorlandmsa@gmail.com



Dates for your diary

March

Mon 9th	8.40am Celebration Assembly 4pm –5pm U9 & U11 Cross Country at Gateways
Tues 10th	U9 Football Festival at Richmond House U9 Netball Festival at Gateways
Weds 11th	KS1 Pontefract Castle Trip
Fri 13th	1.45pm U10 Netball at Gateways (A) 1.45pm U10 Hockey vs Gateways at Adel War Memorial Pitches (A)
Mon 16th	8.40am Celebration Assembly 4pm—U9 & U11 Moorlands Cross County
Tues 17th	Prep Schools Education Committee at Bronte House
Thurs 19th	4.30pm Year 6 vs Parents Netball
Fri 20th	Full Board of Governors’ Meeting at Woodhouse Grove U10/11 Football & Netball at Moorlands

Foxhill Run Weds 25th March

Please return all Foxhill Run Trophies to the office as soon as possible. Thank you



Lunch Menu For Week Commencing 9th March 2020

Days	Option 1	Option 2	Side Dish	Desserts
Monday	Chicken Pie	Tomato & Mozzarella Tarts	New Potatoes in Mint Sauce, Broccoli & Gravy	Cheese & Biscuits
Tuesday	Sweet Chilli Beef Strips & Wraps	Sweet Chilli Vegetables	Mixed Peppers & Onions with Savoury Rice	Millionaire Shortbread
Wednesday	Breaded Chicken	Spicy Bean Goulash	Pasta in Tomato & Basil Sauce & Green Beans	Iced Bakewell Tart
Thursday	Roast Ham	Vegetable Quiche	Potato Croquettes, Cauliflower Cheese & Carrots	Choc Ices
Friday	Battered & Baked Fish	Vegetable Burger	Chips, Mushy Peas & Curry Sauce	Assorted Desserts

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