

MOORLANDS SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Message from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

It's been another busy week at school. Years 1-6 have started on their InCAs and writing assessments for this term, results which we will be sharing with parents in the end of year reports.

As we have had some glimmer of summer weather, can I clarify that KS2 boys may wear shorts, if they wish. These should be grey with no visible pockets.

If you haven't already signed up for Mrs Doherty's talk on the 5th May about supporting your child's reading, comprehension and vocabulary growth, please do. Mrs Doherty led our staff meeting this week, sharing her passion and knowledge on the teaching and acquisition of vocabulary, which is an area we are focusing on across the school. If you are not able to attend, a recording of the session will be available.

Today would have been Captain Tom Moore's 101st birthday and the charity, which his family established in his memory, have invited people to take part in a challenge around the number 100 to raise money either for the Captain Tom Foundation or local charities.

Each class has come up with their own challenge and will be completing it over the next couple of weeks to try and raise some money for charities local to us in Leeds. These include . . . Year 5 taking '100 penalty kicks' against Mr Marshall and Miss Bailey; Year 4 playing a rounders match with 100 balls and scoring potentially 100 rounders and Foxes jumping on the spot for a 100 seconds! Further details will be coming from each of the classes to you.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and we will look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday.

With kind regards

Jacky Atkinson

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News from Science

Year 5 have been testing the strength of different papers in science this week. They attached the paper to a yoghurt pot and added one marble at a time to see how many it would take before the paper ripped. There were some very surprising results, with tracing paper being a lot stronger than any of us predicted!



The children at **Art club** had lots of fun this week drawing their own foxes! They followed the video very carefully and the finished drawings were excellent!



News from Music

Year 6 have been learning about the styles and characteristics of Gamelan music, which is found on the Indonesian islands of Bali and Java. They did their final performance this week, remembering not to step over the instruments as this would break the invisible thread that takes the music to heaven, and taking off their shoes as a mark of respect.

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Key Stage 1 have had fun in French, learning an 'I Spy' song. We identified various animals including a very scary crocodile. **Year 1** decided to make crocodile masks to see if they could scare Madame McIntyre as much as Viren had scared **Year 2**.



Reading at Moorlands

Many pupils sent in their book recommendations on the back of World Book Day in March. We have now collated all your suggestions to create a special Moorlands Recommended Reading List, which will be printed and sent home next week.

To coincide with its release, Mrs Doherty is running a Teams session on Wednesday May 5 at 2.30pm. She will be discussing ways in which you can support your child's reading, comprehension and vocabulary growth.

Please email katy.doherty@moorlands-school.co.uk if you would like to join the session.

Year 1 have been having a wonderful time learning about the seaside. This week they had lots of fun creating some lighthouse art work using a range of different materials!



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Year 2 have enjoyed using their speaking and listening skills, sharing their favourite facts about the sea and seaside places with each other. Very well done Year 2, you all did super presentations!



Lots of excitement in **Year 3** maths this week as we introduced our new topic on Fractions using . . . Skittles!



Year 4 have been working hard to expand their vocabulary and to apply new words to their creative descriptions. They are learning how to use commas to separate adverbial phrases and clauses within sentences. They have described a picture of a tsunami controlled by a mysterious man...

While I gazed, transfixed, at the rampaging, colossal wave towering above us, I thought I would be crushed into pieces smaller than dust under the weight of the ocean. As the wave loomed monstrosly above us, I saw an ancient looking, shady figure. He whipped out a magic staff, bellowed a magical spell in a thunderous voice and suddenly the water stopped racing towards us. It was as if a shield had appeared out of thin air.

by Olive

When the crystal-clear ocean rose up like a ravenous rhino ready to charge, people dashed out of their cars, pushing and shoving each other to get to safety. While the human stampede was happening, a man covered by shadows pulled out a staff and rose it into the air. Suddenly the waves froze as if paused on a TV and only a sprinkle of water landed on the road.

by Isla

As the sea blue waves came careering towards the cars looking very hungry and ravenous, suddenly, out of thin air a man appeared. The waves froze like an iceberg. Even though they were frozen, it looked as if they would lash out at the cars and it was a very unsettling place to be.

by Rayyan

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Dates for your Diary

| Date | Event |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 3 rd May | Bank Holiday |
| Weds 5 th | 2.30 p.m. Reading Workshop with Mrs Doherty, open to all parents |
| Thurs 6 th | Yr 6 Bikeability - Day 1 |
| Fri 7 th | Yr 6 Bikeability - Day 2 |
| Mon 17 th | Y6 6 Enterprise Week 1 |
| Tues 18 th | Class Photographs (Tempest) |
| Fri 21 st | Moorlands Governors' Committee Meeting |
| Mon 24 th | Year 6 Enterprise Week 2 |
| Fri 28 th | School Closes for Half Term |
| Mon 7 th June | School returns |
| Mon 21 st | Y1-6 Report out to parents during this week |
| Weds 23 rd | EYFS Parents' Evenings |
| Thurs 24 th | *7.00p.m. Year 6 Play |
| Fri 25 th | *KS1, Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 Sports Days |
| Sat 26 th | MSA Summer Fair - tbc |
| Mon 28 th | KS1 Activity week and Play rehearsal |
| Weds 30 th | Year 6 Activity Day and BBQ until 9.00 p.m. |
| Thurs 1 st July | *EYFS Sports Day - Foxes and Reception |
| Thurs 1 st | *4.00 p.m. KS1 Play Performance |
| Fri 2 nd | *4.00 p.m. KS1 Play Performance |
| Weds 7 th | *EYFS End of year Celebration - Foxes and Reception |
| Thurs 8 th | *Y6 Leavers' Assembly |
| Fri 9 th | *a.m. Prize Giving Term ends at midday |

* Parent attendance at these events will be dependent on the Government guidance which will be released over the next few weeks. If we need to limit numbers, priority will be given to Year 6 parents. We are also planning some other more informal opportunities to share the pupils' work with you, but will give details of these as the term goes on. As the Summer Concert involves so many pupils, this will not be going ahead as a live event but we are going to make a recording of all the soloists and groups, which will be made available to parents.

Lost Property

We have quite an amount of lost property that has no name tags. Please make sure that you label all items of clothing, bags, snack boxes etc. Please check your child's labels to make sure that they come home in their own clothing, as some pupils have lost labelled items such as outdoor jackets and coats.

Thank you

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Summer Term Extra-Curricular Clubs

| Year Group | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| YR 1 | Art Club Miss Wilkinson | Multi-Sports PE Partners | Playground activities or Bushcraft (payable) Mr Menzies | Little Lions Rugby (payable) The Green or Summer Sports Mr Judd | Chill out Club Miss Atkinson |
| YR 2 | Craft Club Miss Hill | Multi-Sports PE Partners | Playground activities or Bushcraft (payable) Mr Menzies | Little Lions Rugby (payable) The Green or Summer Sports Mr Judd | Chill out Club Miss Atkinson |
| YR 3 | Arts & Crafts Mrs Lewis | Rounders Miss Williams & Mrs Irwin | Homework Cub Mrs Mold Or Drama (payable) Mrs Phelan | Playground activities Or Orchestra (by invitation) Mrs Matthews & Mrs Wheelhouse | Chill Out Club Mr Judd Or Tennis (payable) Mr Davis |
| YR 4 | Mindfulness Mrs Monteagle | Rounders Miss Williams & Mrs Irwin | Homework Cub Mrs Mold Or Drama (payable) Mrs Phelan | Playground activities Or Orchestra (by invitation) Mrs Matthews & Mrs Wheelhouse | Chill Out Club Mr Judd Or Tennis (payable) Mr Davis |
| YR 5 | Book Club Miss Williams | Rounders Mr Marshall & Mrs Doherty | Homework Club Miss Bailey Or Multi-Sports (payable) PE Partners Or Hockey Club Mrs McEachern | Debating Club Mrs McIntyre Or Orchestra (by invitation) Mrs Matthews & Mrs Wheelhouse | Chill Out Club Mr Judd Or Tennis (payable) Mr Davis |
| YR 6 | Book Club Miss Williams | Rounders Mr Marshall & Mrs Doherty | Homework Club Miss Bailey Or Multi-Sports (payable) PE Partners Or Hockey Club Mrs McEachern | Debating Club Mrs McIntyre Or Orchestra (by invitation) Mrs Matthews & Mrs Wheelhouse | Chill Out Club Mr Judd |

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W/C 3rd May 2021

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| Monday | Bank Holiday | | | |
| Tuesday | Beef Lasagne | Vegetable Lasagne | Mixed Veg & Garlic Bread | Butterfly Buns |
| Wednesday | Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding | Roast Chicken Roll & Yorkshire Pudding | Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy | Chocolate Crispy |
| Thursday | Beef Goulash | Vegetable Goulash | Boiled Rice, Garden Peas & Crusty Bread | Frozen Strawberry Mousse |
| Friday | Jacket Potato | Jacket Potato | Cheese, Tuna or Baked Beans | Assorted Desserts |

W/C 10th May 2021

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| Monday | Chicken Tikka Curry | Vegetable Tikka Curry | Basmati Rice, Naan Bread and Sweetcorn | Flapjack |
| Tuesday | Steak Pie | Quorn Pasty | Creamy Mashed Potato, Carrot batons and Gravy | Arctic Roll |
| Wednesday | Roast Ham | Roast Quorn Roll | Potato Croquettes, Cauliflower Cheese, Green Beans | Chocolate Orange Mousse Cake |
| Thursday | Breaded Chicken Goujons | Breaded Vegetable Rolls | Tomato & Basil Pasta, Garden Peas | Ginger Crunch |
| Friday | Pork Sausages | Quorn Sausages | Chips and Baked Beans | Assorted Desserts |

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NEWS FROM THE MSA

100 CLUB

Our March and April winners are....**numbers 20 and 55!** Congratulations to our lucky winners. The MSA will be in touch with regards to the £50 prize. The next draw will take place on May 27th. Good luck, everyone.

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP

We have had lots of lovely donations recently and the MSA have done a big stock check and tidy up of the uniform shop at school. We have a really large stock of early years in particular, so please do get in touch if you need anything for your child. We are also donating all our old uniforms to a charity who send clothes to Malawi.

Our uniform shop is still **OPEN** but going forward could all uniform queries be sent to Lara Harper (**07775 001891** / lara@tankard.com) who has offered to be our uniform shop liaison. Lara will be able to check if the items you require are in stock and organise payment and collection. Thank you Lara!

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.

SUMMER FAIR – 26th June

The MSA is planning to hold its popular summer fair this year, but this will be subject to updates in Government guidance. More details to follow but we look forward to planning the event and seeing everyone together and having fun. We will be looking to hold a raffle on the day so any prizes would be much appreciated. Please let us know if you can help.

Contact: Nikie (07921129623) or Ola (07427 633588) / moorlandssmsa@gmail.com

EASY FUNDRAISING – HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL!

If you're shopping online, make sure you use Easyfundraising. Over 4,300 shops and sites will donate, so you can raise a **FREE** donation **for Moorlands School Association** - time to grab a bargain! It is simple and easy to use!

Visit:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/moorlandssa/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=whatsapp&utm_content=rm-bf20-w1

JOIN THE MSA

We always need new volunteers to join us, bring new ideas and just get involved. We promise we don't ask too much of anyone – our team members do as much or as little as works for them – the only requirement is that everyone enjoys themselves! Our team has grown over the past few years from under 10 to just under 30.

If you would like to get involved in the fun, then just send us a text or email on the contact details below.

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