

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



Issue No: 23

28th May 2021

## NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

It has been lovely chatting with children across the school this week about their plans for half-term. There has been huge excitement about being able to see grandparents, glamping, visiting the cinema, going to the seaside . . . and just being able to spend time out and about as a family.

Despite this, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the 'Summer' Fair from June until Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Whilst things are opening up in the 'outside' world, there is still much uncertainty about the guidance which will be coming to schools for June 21<sup>st</sup> and our priority must continue to be to try and keep all pupils in school until the end of the Summer Term, particularly so that events such as the plays, leavers assembly and sports days can go ahead with everyone here. We also have a good number of staff who have not yet received their second or even first vaccine.

Holding the fair on the 18<sup>th</sup> September will give a great opportunity for the Moorland's community to come together at the start of a new school year, to welcome families new to school and we would love for our current Year 6 pupils and their families to come back and let us know how the start of term has gone and how they are settling in to their senior schools! Please put the date in your diary.

However, we are looking forward to being able to welcome groups of parents to some events in the second half of term. There will be a separate letter coming out with details, as soon as we have any indication from the Government about any changes from the 21st June - fingers crossed . . .

The non-uniform day and bottle drop will still be going ahead on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, as will the draw for raffle prizes.

Have a good half-term and I look forward to seeing everyone return on the 7<sup>th</sup> June for the final part of this school year . . . where has it gone to?!

Jacky Atkinson

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



## News from Science

**Year 5** have been investigating different cleaning materials. They have designed investigations to test absorbency, strength and how well they clean stubborn stains!



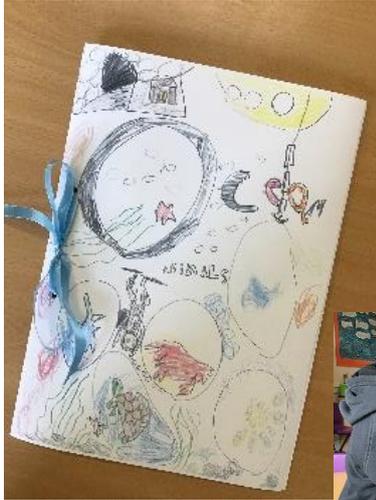
As part of their 'Living Things and Their Habitats' topic, **Year 3** have just started learning about classification systems and have had a go at sorting leaves into groups by asking questions that only have a 'yes' or 'no' answer. Next lesson, they will be sorting minibeasts!



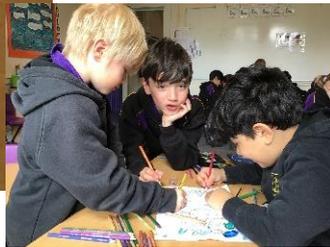
**Year 1** were super scientists this week. The children were trying to answer the question 'How do plants drink?' On Wednesday they set up the experiment placing flowers in coloured water. On Thursday the children were incredibly excited to see that overnight the petals had changed colour! Well done, Year 1!



# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



**Year 2** have been busy researching and gathering information for their non-fiction information texts. They used their typing skills and Word to each create a page and as a class we have created a new book! Year 2 either worked individually or in groups to design a front cover for the book, with the winning cover, as voted for by their peers, was created by Haris and William! Well done, Year 2!



**Key Stage 1** did a fantastic job this week auditioning for their role in the summer production of Pirates vs Mermaids! There were some very lively performances and Miss Wilkinson and Miss Hill were very impressed by the amount of effort the children had put into learning their audition lines. We can't wait for the performances!



# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



In French, Year 3 have been working on shapes and colour. They created Matisse-inspired pictures and wrote brief descriptions of them, taking care to ensure that the word order was correct.

Year 4 are enjoying reading their class novel *The Incredible Journey of Edward Tulane*. Edward, a china rabbit, begins his journey as a vain, self-centred creature who loves no-one but himself. Throughout the novel he meets a variety of people and has many experiences, eventually coming to the understanding that to love, and be loved, is the most important thing of all. Year 4 enjoyed re-enacting the scene where Edward spends time with a homeless man and his dog. The children analysed the character of Bull, the tramp, discovering that he was not to be despised but was a real human being with emotions, memories and dreams just like themselves.



# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



Year 6's Matty, Zara and Ethan have been crowned this year's 'Enterprise Champions' with their winning crisp design, Orbits.

The class worked in teams to create a new brand of crisps and had to produce both a TV advertisement and a sales pitch to explain their choices.

Our marketing expert described Orbits as something 'memorable and enticing', which clearly stood out from the crowd. She was

also impressed with their TV advertisement, which highlighted the educational benefit of the crisps (based on the solar system).

Parents also had the opportunity to vote and Orbits again came out top, along with Crispos.

Well done to all of our Year 6, who worked incredibly hard on their crisp brands and produced portfolios of a high quality. The pupils all agreed that they had thoroughly enjoyed this challenge! Some budding entrepreneurs of the future?



# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



It's been great to get outside and enjoy our summer sports this term. **Reception through to Y6** have been running, jumping, throwing, catching and hitting as we cover athletics, rounders, cricket and tennis. Next half term, we plan to complete inter-house rounders competitions and continue our training for sports day.



# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



Date	Event
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June	School returns
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y1-6 Report out to parents during this week
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup>	EYFS Parents' Evenings
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	*7.00p.m. Year 6 Play
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	*KS1, Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 Sports Days
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	MSA Summer Fair - <b>postponed until 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Activity week and Play rehearsal
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Activity Day and BBQ until 9.00 p.m.
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> July	*EYFS Sports Day - Foxes and Reception
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	*KS1 Play Performance - times tbc
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	*KS1 Play Performance - times tbc
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	*EYFS End of year Celebration - Foxes and Reception
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	*Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	*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.

## Preloved Uniform Shop

Has your child outgrown their uniform or do they need extra supplies at a great price?

Our preloved uniform shop is **OPEN** and we have **LOTS** of early years stock.

If you want to know what we have then please contact the MSA uniform liason.

**Lara Harper:**  
07775 001891 [lara@tankard.com](mailto:lara@tankard.com)



# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



**Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt served Daily**

**W/C 7<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>Monday</b>	Creamy chicken Tikka Curry	Vegetable Tikka Curry	Basmati Rice, Warm Naan Bread and Sweetcorn	Homemade Flapjack
<b>Tuesday</b>	Steak Pie with a Puff Pastry Topping	Flaky Pastry Quorn Pasty	Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Carrot Batons and Gravy	Arctic Roll
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roasted Ham	Roasted Quorn Roll	Potato Croquettes, homemade Cauliflower Cheese and Green Beans	Chocolate Orange Sponge cake
<b>Thursday</b>	Oven Baked Breaded Chicken Goujons	Oven Baked Breaded Vegetable Rolls	Pasta in a homemade Tomato and Basil Sauce with Garden Peas	Ginger Crunch
<b>Friday</b>	Butchers Pork Sausages	Quorn Sausages	Chips and Baked Beans	Assorted Desserts

**W/C 14<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>Monday</b>	Beef Bolognese	Quorn Bolognese	Served with Pasta Twirls, garlic bread & Sweetcorn	Iced Sponge
<b>Tuesday</b>	Roast Turkey and Stuffing	Roast Quorn Roll	Hand cut roasted Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, fresh Carrots & Gravy	Vanilla Ice-cream and Wafers
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pork Sausage Pie with a Puff Pastry Crust	Quorn Sausage Pie with a Puff Pastry Crust	Boiled New Potatoes Mixed seasonal vegetables & Gravy	Home baked Cookies
<b>Thursday</b>	Mexican Chicken	Mexican Vegetables	Fluffy Boiled Rice, Sautéed Vegetables, Green Beans & Tortilla Chips	Homemade Chocolate Fudge Cake
<b>Friday</b>	Breaded Cod Fillet	Breaded Vegetable Burger	Chips, Mushy Peas or Chip Shop style Curry Sauce	Assorted Desserts

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



## NEWS FROM THE MSA

Raffle tickets are out this week. Keep an eye out for them in your child's school bag! We have some amazing prizes, from laptops and a VIP rugby final ticket to Champagne and Apple air pods., plus many more!! We also have a 'spy' helicopter to award to the family which sells the most tickets. Happy selling folks and good luck! Winners will be announced on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Sold Tickets:**

Please put all your sold tickets and money into the provided envelope, ensuring to fill out the information panel on the front. Then pop into your child's school bag before **22nd June**.

### **Unsold Tickets:**

Please could these be returned by dropping them into the provided box at the front gate before **22nd June**.

### **How do I get more raffle tickets to sell?**

These can be collected from a box at the front gate or by emailing [moorlandmsa@gmail.com](mailto:moorlandmsa@gmail.com)

## **SUMMER FAIR - To be rescheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Unfortunately, we are having to reschedule the MSA summer fair and this will now be held in September at the start of school. This is due to the restrictions surrounding COVID and uncertainty about upcoming announcements for the 21<sup>st</sup> June. However, we will still be going ahead with the raffle and the bottle drop/no- uniform day on the 18th of June in preparation for the new date. Also, don't forget to donate your unwanted teddies!

## **NON UNIFORM DAY – BOTTLE DROP – 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Bring your child in non-uniform on the **18th June** in exchange for a bottle for our bottle tombola. From prosecco to pimms - wine to shampoo.... anything goes as long as it is unopened! Bottle collection – 8.00-8.30 at the school gates.

## **100 CLUB**

Our May winner is....**number 69!!** 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.

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



## PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shop is **OPEN** but all uniform queries are to be sent to Lara Harper (**07775 001891** / [lara@tankard.com](mailto:lara@tankard.com)) who is 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

## EASY FUNDRAISING – HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL!

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

Visit: [Moorlands EasyFundraising](https://www.moorlandseasyfundraising.com)

## 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.

Contact: Nikie (07921129623) or Ola (07427 633588) / [moorlandmsa@gmail.com](mailto:moorlandmsa@gmail.com)

**MOORLANDS SCHOOL**

**Non-Uniform Day**

**Bottle Drop**

**18th June**

Bring your child in non-uniform on the **18th June** in exchange for a bottle for our bottle tombola at the Summer Fair on **26th June**.

From prosecco to pimm's and wine to shampoo... anything goes as long as it is unopened and within date.

**8.00-8.30am**  
Collection at the gate

Thank you for your support!