

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

It was such a pleasure to be able to end this half-term with the Harvest Festival and see so many parents and family members come to support this celebration. What struck us as a staff was that for many of our younger pupils, this was their first opportunity to stand in front of an audience at a school event and it was particularly touching to see the smiles of delight when familiar faces were spotted in the audience. Thank you for the very generous donations, which were collected by St Vincent's at the end of the day.

From 8<sup>th</sup> November, we will be inviting parents back into the Monday morning celebration assemblies when we do things such as present Intrepid Certificates, enjoy musical performances from individuals and the school orchestra, hear match reports and just generally celebrate some of the wonderful things which have been going on in school. Year 6 are working on their Brit Pop songs, which they will share later in the term!

We said goodbye today to Mrs Debbie McFarlane, who has been a teaching assistant at Moorlands for eight years now, most recently supporting in KS1 and the SEN department. We wish Mrs McFarlane well in her new role, providing one-to-one pupil support at Alwoodley Primary. Mrs Rachel Settle, who has been working with us recently, will be taking up this role.

Our intrepid Moorlanders did manage to collectively climb Mount Everest last week and raised some £360 in total, which will be shared between Hello Yellow and creating our own wellbeing space at school. I understand that some painting has already been planned . . . !

Another of our Governors, Allison Cook, visited this week. Allison is a former Moorlands' parent and she thoroughly enjoyed spending some time in lessons; including singing in Foxes, some maths in Year 2 and art with Year 4. She was very complimentary about the children, their enthusiasm, engagement and manners, which is always lovely to hear.

I know that many of our families are going away this half-term so . . . safe travelling and enjoy time with family and friends. We are heading up the Dales on Monday for a few days glamping and walking.

With kind regards

Jacky Atkinson

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## News from Science

Continuing with their topic on Earth and Space, Year 5 & 6 have both enjoyed making orreries this week - a model of the solar system - showing how the planets orbit the Sun



**Foxes** are enjoying our quiet time with whale song. They really engaged and asked some very probing questions, such as, "How do whales float?"

**Reception** have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with their Year 6 buddies. Last Friday they watched as their buddies played rugby against Bronte House. They enthusiastically cheered on both teams. This week, they have been practicing the songs for the Harvest festival alongside their buddies. Buddy Time is a very important part of our week. The older children provide fantastic role models and help inspire the reception children.



One of our intrepid Moorlanders, Mariella, decided to do something very special by donating some of her hair (yes, that's right!) to the charity Little Princess Trust. They provide free, real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. She also raised £250 for the charity.

Do have a look at their website [www.littleprincesses.org.uk](http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk)

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**Year 5** brought their sensory boxes into school to share with the class during PSHCE in light of 'Hello Yellow' Day last Friday.



On Monday, **KS1** met Liz, a volunteer from 'Friends of the Hollies'. She took the children on a guided walk through the woods and talked to them about the different trees, plants and some local historical features. Did you know there used to be a blacksmiths and a quarry?



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Year 6 spent a morning in the Hollies seeking inspiration for their Autumn poetry. We focused on imagery and symbolism, looking for signs of the encroaching new season.

## Autumn

Trees  
Naked and exposed  
Scarlet-red leaves  
Like blood from World War 2.  
Branches  
Wetted by the gloomy rain

The muddy brown floor reflects in the  
Silver puddles.  
Fiery orange leaves  
Cling on to hunched trees  
Facing death  
Like a tornado  
in slow motion.

By Nathaniel



## Autumn Is Here

As I stroll through the forest I see  
A carpet of leaves leading to a  
giant Oak tree.

Enormous, gnarled hands,  
grasp my shoulders.  
A war between seasons,  
A proct, blazing fight.

Hidden behind the immortal holly,  
Stood a stane  
As big as a dead soldier's body,  
The sun cast spotlights upon,  
The ground so muddy.

Distant battle cries of summer,  
Go unheard,  
As I think Autumn is here,  
And summer long gone.

By Gabriel Phelan



## AUTUMN

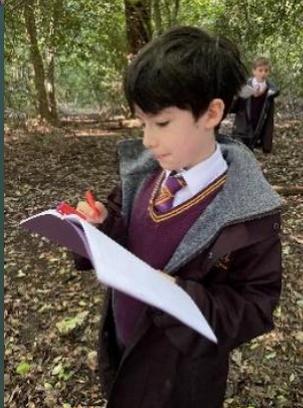
BY LUXT

Through the valley  
Down the leaves  
The plague spreads  
It is not as it seems.

Dying every second  
Creating a carpet  
Of death  
Waiting to be taken.

Trees are infected  
Dropping down  
And  
Bowling to  
The Autumn King.

Lying there on the ground  
Waiting  
For a bigger threat  
To come.



## Autumn

Summer sobs as it fades away  
Revealing another season  
Autumn is finally here,  
Golden flaming leaves cloak the floor  
A sea of rusty yellow and  
Burning orange engulf  
The landscape  
Darker mornings and a chilly breeze descend

Trees spiral upwards, their bare, ebony arms  
Reach to the ever-changing cyan sky  
Bracing themselves for the dormant months ahead

Mini tornados of endless, cascading chaos  
Fill the woods  
Softly, softly  
The Autumn night drifts in  
Preparing each day like a new adventure

By Ollie Davy

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## What a fantastic half term of sports!

Fixtures are back, the swimming pool is in action and spectators are cheering from the side-lines. Our U11 and U9 have played their first netball fixtures of the season with matches against Bronte House. All pupils have demonstrated great motivation and teamwork. The U11 rugby team played a festival at Richmond House and also played Bronte at Moorlands, which gave some players their first taste of competitive contact rugby.

Ola produced a memorable 'last gasp' try-saving tackle, whilst Quinlan and Oliver continue to impress with their attitude and efforts. The U9 tag-rugby team (plus intrepid parents) braved the harshest of weather at Knaresborough Rugby Festival. The U9 hockey team continued their development at Adel Hockey festival last week. Hannah was on top goal scoring form, Sophie solid in defence and India scored her first goal for Moorlands.



KS1 have been making superb progress in the pool under the guidance of coach Regan and coach Jane. In PE, we have been focusing on Hockey as part of our invasion games unit of work. Skills, teamwork and tactics have been improved, with Eleanor and Jared impressing Mr Judd with their dedication. EYFS have also been enjoying their swimming lessons. Reception are exploring a wide range of skills and activities in their PE lesson; ranging from tag rugby, to gymnastics, basketball and running.

Over half term, I ask that pupils check their sports kit and prepare for winter. Make sure all kit is labelled. Boots will be required for rugby as the pitches become wetter. Football will begin in December. Mouth guards and shin pads are needed for all KS2, as Hockey festivals continue until Easter. Hoodies, tracksuits and base layers (all black please) will also become essential as we continue to learn and play outdoors as much as possible.

There are a few changes to the calendar after half term. Unfortunately, we are not currently able to attend cross country and swimming galas on Monday evenings. I am planning both cross country and swimming fixtures for the spring term to be played on games afternoons. Swimming awards are planned to be introduced in the spring term. In the first week back we have added: U11 Netball Vs Highfield @Moorlands, 2:15pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November and U11 Rugby at GSAL, 2:15pm. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November Giggleswick Hockey Coaches will be holding a coaching afternoon at School for our Y5/6s.



Have a great Half term with plenty of physical activity and sport!

Mr E Judd

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## Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of your generous donations for St Vincent's!



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## MSA Newsletter

14th October 2021

Thanks to everyone that has purchased a number in the 100 club. Our first draw takes place 1st Nov. Good luck!!

### Bottle Drop - Non-Uniform Day 5th November

Don't forget it is non-uniform day on 5th November in exchange for a bottle for our bottle tombola. From Prosecco to Pimms, champagne to shampoo - anything goes as long as it is unopened and within date. **Collection at the front gate. 8.00-8.20am.**

### Jam-Jar Drop | 8th-12th Nov

Our jam Jar Tombola is one of our most popular stands at the fair. please can you help by filling an empty jam jar with fun treats for the children, decorate in a festive fashion and return to reception form **8th - 12th Nov.**



Don't know what to fill it with? Don't worry!! Here are some ideas: small toys, stickers, stationery, hair accessories, sweets, DIY decoration set, hot chocolate kits, or anything else you think the children would love to receive.

### Festive Wreath Making Evening 3rd December | 7.30pm

£25 per person, all equipment provided. Price also includes a glass of Prosecco and nibbles! Bring your own bottle (tea and coffee provided) and your creativity! Book a place by emailing [moorlandmsa@gmail.com](mailto:moorlandmsa@gmail.com) by **19th November.**

### Dates for the diary

11th Oct- Jam Jar Collection  
5th Nov - Bottle Drop/Non-Uniform  
8th-12th Nov - Jam Jar Drop  
15th-19th Nov - Chocolate Week  
27th Nov - Christmas Fair  
3rd Dec - Wreath Night  
28th Jan - School Disco



## Preloved UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shop is still OPEN. All uniform queries be sent to **Lara Harper (07775 001891)** who is our uniform shop liaison.

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.

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## Dates for your diaries . . .

<b>November</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School reopens p.m. Bushcraft for Years 1, 3 and 5
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3&4 Diwali Workshop with open event for parents
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	MSA Non-uniform day and bottle drop U11 Netball Vs Highfield, 2:15pm @ Moorlands U11 Rugby @ GSAL 2:15pm.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 a.m. Celebration Assembly, parents welcome to attend p.m. Bushcraft for Years 1, 3 and 5
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	a.m. Individual and sibling photos p.m. Flu vaccinations U9 Rugby Festival, 1:45pm-3:30pm @Gateways
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m. Remembrance Service
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Moorlands Governors' Committee Meeting U11 Rugby Festival, 1:45pm-3:30pm @ Silcoates U11 Hockey Coaching Session with Giggleswick @ Moorlands,
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m. - 12.00 midday Open Morning for Prospective parents
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Switch Off Fortnight - Eco-Committee 8.30 a.m. Celebration Assembly, parents welcome to attend p.m. Bushcraft for Years 1, 3 and 5
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Bikeability U9 Hockey Festival, 1:45pm-3:30pm @ Gateways
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Bikeability
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	U11 Hockey Festival @ GSAL
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30 a.m. Celebration Assembly, parents welcome to attend Year 6 Exams p.m. Bushcraft for Years 1, 3 and 5
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	U9 Rugby Festival, 1:45pm-3:30pm @Terrington Year 6 Exams
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	a.m. only Year 6 exams
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m. Reception and KS1 Panto @ Harrogate
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Full Governors Meeting, WGS U11 Rugby Festival, 1:45pm-3:30pm @Knaresborough RC
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	MSA Christmas Fair



A watch was found on the school playground  
this week, Mrs Slater has it in her safe keeping,  
if you recognise it as yours.

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Available each day will be an assortment of Sandwiches and a fresh Salad bar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homemade Chicken Curry	Roast Pork Served with Apple Sauce	Beef/Pork Bolognese	Homemade Chicken Pie	Panko Breaded Salmon Nuggets
<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>
Homemade Vegetable Curry	Veggie Roast	Tomato and Vegetable Bolognese	Roast Vegetable Pie	Panko Breaded Vegetable Nuggets
Boiled Rice, Peas and Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots, Yorkshire Pudding, and Gravy	Pasta Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Creamy mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Gravy	Chips & Beans
Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans Tuna	Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans Tuna	Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese
Homemade Flapjack	Vanilla Ice Cream served with a homemade biscuit	Rice Pudding served with a warm Jam	Homemade Chocolate Brownie	Dessert Selection
Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Fruit Pots	Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Fruit Pots	Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Fruit Pots	Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Fruit Pots	Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Fruit Pots