

MOORLANDS SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Message from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

Over the last couple of weeks, it has been good to see parents coming along to share our Monday Celebration Assemblies. This week, the school orchestra did themselves proud in their first public performance for some time. They gave a very polished performance of 'Movie Buster' and the theme from 'Goldfinger', with a super saxophone solo from Will. Orchestra are now busy rehearsing for the KS2 Christmas Concert!

Please be aware that next Monday, Celebration Assembly won't be open to parents, as the gym is being used for Year 6 exams.

We also finished the week on a musical note with a 'Friday Live' mini-concert in the Music room, giving an opportunity for some of our pianists to perform in front of a friendly and appreciative audience. Our music department is thriving and we now have 80% of the pupils in KS1 and KS2 learning at least one instrument. This is remarkable and there are many recognised benefits which come with this including increasing memory skills, perseverance, responsibility, self-expression and listening skills, to name but a few.



KS1 thoroughly enjoyed learning and brushing up on their cycling skills on Tuesday and Wednesday with Rupert from the Leeds' Bikeability Team and also having the opportunity to ride their bikes during playtime.

I can't believe how Christmas events seems to have suddenly crept up on us! Nativity rehearsals are well underway, the Christmas tree will be arriving next week, snatches of Christmas songs have been floating up the stairs from the KS2 singing sessions and invitations should be with you for the Christmas Carol Service at St Chad's, which is always a highlight of the year.

The MSA are hard at work with the final arrangements for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 27th November - between midday and 3.00 pm. Some help is still needed manning stalls, so if you could spare an hour, please sign up on the sheet near the pedestrian entrance gate, or let a member of the MSA know.

Enjoy your weekend

Jacky Atkinson

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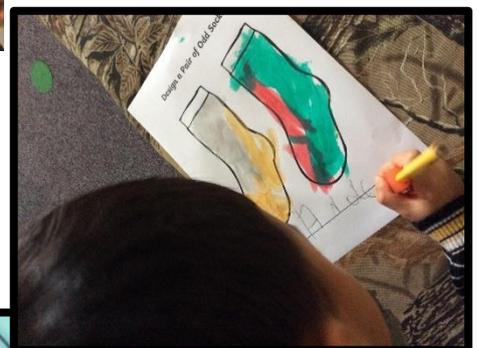
News from Science: Year 5 & 6 are learning about forces and have been making parachutes using different materials, string lengths and sizes to see which creates the most air resistance. The main staircase proved to be an ideal testing place!



Foxes are enjoying doing their brain breaks with the 'Learning Station', and especially enjoying 'Shake your sillies out' and 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes'!



Reception Class spent Anti-Bullying Week learning all about respect and kindness. We read the book 'Have you filled a bucket today?' and discussed the many different ways in which we would 'fill' each other's 'buckets'.



The children took their learning outdoors and had play time challenges. The challenge was to make as many children and adults smile with kind words and helpfulness. Anti-bullying Week has been a great opportunity for us, as a class, to reflect on how important it is for us all to take care of one another.



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Year 3 are working hard to apply adjectives and prepositions to their descriptive writing. They have described a river running through the autumn woods:

'The rocks are blocking the way of the rushing river. The fresh river flows freely in the forest. The frightening trees sway as if they have a dancing talent. The water dribbled into the filthy, dirty earth. In the morning, the sun came to spend time with the rest of the world after the night. The dripping, dismal forest was empty.'

by William

'Under the trees the crunchy leaves crunch with every step and above the trees the birds sing. The water is swiftly flowing above the slippery rocks. The owls are sleeping quietly in their holes in the trees. The trees are punching their branches when the wild wind blows. The grey rocks fall with a splash into the flowing water.'

by Dhanesh

'The slippery hard rocks are glued to the ground. I hear crows squawking up above. As the sun starts to set, I get more scared by the minute. The beautiful sight I once saw has turned into a dark outline as I heard the owl hoot and the wolf howl to the moon as if it was talking to the moon. I noticed it is one of nature's wonders, one of the good ones. As the moon went away I noticed the difference between light and dark.'

by Elizabeth

Year 6 have thrown themselves into cookery classes this half-term, rustling up classics including lemon drizzle cake and fruit crumble.

This week, they organised themselves into groups to create a 'mac and cheese' dish. They all agreed that making a white sauce was the trickiest part of all (a lot of stirring!) - although cleaning the blackened pans at the end required much elbow grease too!



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MSA Newsletter

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We hope all the children liked Chocolate Week. Thank you for everyone who supported us! We now have lots of lovely chocolates for the chocolate tombola.

Dont Forget to....

Book your Rasta Claus visit

Meet Santa's cooler cousin at our Christmas fair grotto on the 27th November! Visits cost **£2.50** and each child receives a gift. Book your space by popping into reception



Return your raffle tickets

Lots of amazing prizes to be won!!!
a Nintendo Switch, Fender Guitar, VIP tickets to see Alan Partridge, Samsung Sound Bar, Drum Set, Underwater Camera, Cinema Vouchers, photo shoot and lots, lots more.....

If you want to buy more tickets, just pop into reception to collect.

Dates for the diary

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 . . .

November	Event
Monday 22 nd	8.30 a.m. No Celebration Assembly for parents Year 6 Exams p.m. Bushcraft for Years 1, 3 and 5
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 6 Exams U9 Rugby Festival, 1:45pm-3:30pm @Froebelian
Wednesday 24 th	a.m. only Year 6 exams
Thursday 25 th	10.00 a.m. Reception and KS1 Panto @ Harrogate
Friday 26 th	9.30 a.m. Full Governors Meeting, WGS U11 Rugby Festival, 1:45pm-3:30pm @Knaresborough RC
Saturday 27 th	MSA Christmas Fair
Mon 29 th	Bushcraft Yrs 1, 3 & 5
Tues 30 th	Year 6 Mock interviews
December	
Thurs 2 nd	1.30pm KS2@West Yorkshire Playhouse
Fri 3 rd	2.15pm U11 Football V Fulneck @ Fulneck. 2.15 U11 Netball V Fulneck @ Moorlands
Mon 6 th	8.30 a.m. Celebration Assembly - Year 6 Brit-Pop Bands p.m. School Choir to Ridding Park Carol Singing 1pm Bushcraft Years 1 and 3
Tues 7 th	7pm KS2 Christmas Concert
Thurs 9 th	9.00am EYFS Dress Rehearsal 11am KS1 Dress Rehearsal
Fri 10 th	9.00am EYFS Nativity 11.00am KS1 Nativity 2.00pm Moorlands U11 House Netball & Football
Mon 13 th	EYFS Christmas Parties No Bushcraft or Bushcraft Club
Tues 14 th	Christmas Jumper Day 12.00pm Christmas Feast p.m Class Parties
Weds 15 th	3.00pm Christmas Carol Service @St Chad's 4pm School closes No Clubs or late class

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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	Homemade Chicken Pie	Beef/Pork Bolognese	Panko Breaded Salmon Nuggets
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Homemade Vegetable Curry	Veggie Roast	Creamy Vegetable Pie	Tomato and Vegetable Bolognese	Panko Breaded Vegetable Nuggets
Boiled Rice, Peas and Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots, Yorkshire Pudding, and Gravy	Served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Gravy	Pasta Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Chips & Beans
Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans Tuna	Jacket Potato Beans Tuna	Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese
Homemade Flapjack	Vanilla Ice Cream served with a homemade biscuit	Homemade Chocolate Brownie	Rice Pudding served with a warm Jam	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