

MOORLANDS SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Message from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

It has been a busy and varied week at Moorlands and I can't believe that we are already almost at the middle of January.

Year 6 have all been working extremely hard over the past term, not least those pupils who have been preparing for Year 7 senior school entrance exams. The first of these are tomorrow, at Woodhouse Grove, and we wish all those pupils who are taking the exams every success over the next few weeks, we have every confidence in you!

Our first Celebration Assembly of the term will be in the gym on Monday morning at 8.35 a.m. As well as our usual Intrepid Certificates, there will be some instrumental performers, music certificates to present and a new award from Madame McIntyre - Linguist of the Week.

Parents are welcome to come along to the Celebration Assembly, however masks will need to be worn and we would ask that a negative lateral flow test is taken before coming into school. We have had a number of positive COVID cases this week, both amongst staff and pupils and particularly in the EYFS, so do please continue to vigilant.

In some changes and updates to staffing: Mrs Alison Gregory is settling in quickly on the front desk as our new receptionist; Mr Stuart Taylor, our new Assistant Caretaker, has already made a noticeable impact on the grounds and Mr Turai Amerty is a volunteer student sports coach, who will be working alongside Mr Judd until July. There are some photos later in the newsletter to help you recognise faces. And finally, a goodbye as after being at Moorlands for some 10 years, Mrs Grayson has decided not to return following her maternity leave, and taken up a part-time role nearer to her home. We wish her every success in this.

Our KS2 pupils enjoyed trying out the new Cross Country course through The Hollies this week in training for the Foxhill Run, at the end of term, and the upcoming fixture at Giggleswick on Thursday 27th January. Mr Judd has a very varied term of sport planned, including gymnastics in P.E. lessons, and we look forward to seeing many of you at fixtures.

Enjoy the weekend

Jacky Atkinson

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Reception

This week we have continued with the children's sustained interest on the ocean and sea creatures. We are exploring the Julia Donaldson book *'Tiddler'*. We began our topic by creating some 'Big Questions'. These questions were generated by the children and were an insight into what things the children wanted to learn about. Our big questions generated some thought provoking concepts such as oceans around the world, different species of sea creatures and pollution. The children had a task in provision to rescue some sea creatures from plastic pollution in the water tray. This encouraged stimulating conversations amongst the children. We are excited to see where our curiosity about the ocean takes us next....



Reception Drama

Reception have got stuck into their topic, Under the Sea, recreating a shipwreck in drama with different fish swimming in and out of it. They had to be careful of the shark though, who was loitering nearby!



Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1 have started their new Dungeons and Dragons topic. Over the last couple of weeks, they have re-enacted the battle of Hastings, painted their own Norman shield, used their drawing skills to draw the battle of Hastings and have learnt about how castles have changed through time! Next week they will be building their own cardboard castles.



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Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at the work of Paul Klee, especially 'Castle and Sun'. We discussed how he used shape and colour and then used his work as inspiration to make our own pieces using squares, circles, rectangles and triangles. We are very pleased with how they turned out!



KS1 Drama

In drama this week, Year 1 and 2 have been acting out The Dragon Hunt, a story about a fierce dragon who swallows the parents of a prince and princess whole! It had a happy ending though as everyone eventually escaped the dragon - parents included!



Year 2 Music

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their first ukulele lesson this week and have already learnt a song - Animal Fair!



Year 5

Year 5 have designed and made their own keyrings in Design Technology.



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KS2 Music

Key Stage 2 have been treated to a wonderful cello demonstration from our strings teacher, Ms Laverick, who played a selection of pieces from different genres. It is a beautiful instrument looked upon favourably by senior schools, as sadly cellists are in short supply.

Ms Laverick is offering free taster sessions to anyone interested in learning the cello or violin. If you are interested, please email me for more information - Kate.matthews@moorlands-school.co.uk



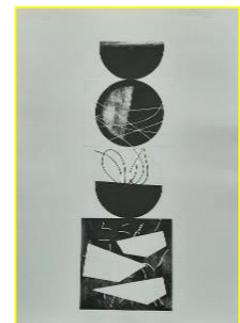
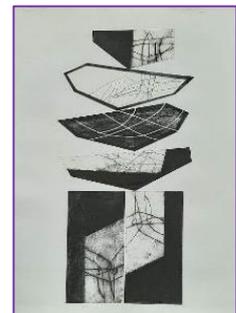
Year 4 Art - Balbinder Broadbent

Balbinder Broadbent is a Leeds based, abstract artist. During lockdown last year, she used shape, colour and line to create these exciting and unusual prints.

Year 4 are learning about abstract art and how it can be created. They spent an enjoyable lesson experimenting with assorted mark making equipment to create black lines, shapes and patterns. Equipment included feathers, straws, string, glue spreaders and plastic cogs.

Next week, these pictures will be cut up and have other monochromatic colours and lines added to them. This technique is called 'layering'.

The children will then compose their own collaged 'towers'.



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40 for CF Update

Further to Moorlands' wonderfully successful fundraising event in November, Madame McIntyre would like to update Moorlands' families on the news received from the Cystic Fibrosis Trust this week.

On Tuesday, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust announced that both the European Commission and MHRA have agreed to license Kaftrio, a triple therapy drug, for use in children aged 6-11 years. More than 1500 children across the UK and Northern Ireland stand to benefit from this drug, which will limit the damage that CF does in these early years, including Madame McIntyre's daughter, Amélie.

**Cystic
Fibrosis Trust**

As a family, we are delighted that this treatment is being made available to our daughter and other families like ours. This is the 'wonder drug' that we have been waiting for and should, in theory, take Amélie's life expectancy to near-normal, as a result of starting this treatment at a young age. News like this highlights the importance of fundraising events like '40 for CF', as much of the money raised by previous events has gone towards the campaign to make these drugs available and research into further treatments.

Whilst this is amazing news for our family, there are many children for whom this drug will not work and it is not a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. We anticipate that the money that was raised by the Moorlands event will go towards research into dual- and triple-therapy drugs for those people with different CF genes and the continued search for a cure. Thank you once again for your generous support.

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Welcome to New Members of Staff

Mr Stuart Taylor,
Assistant
Caretaker and
Groundsman



Mrs Alison Gregory
Receptionist



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Dates for your diaries . . .

January	
Monday 17 th	p.m. Bushcraft for Years 2, 4 & 6
Tuesday 18 th	2pm U9 Hockey Festival @ Adel Sports Club
Friday 21 st	GSaL Entrance Exams Sat 22 nd Gateways Entrance Exams U11 Hockey Festival, 2pm @ BGS
Monday 24 th	Ashville Entrance Exams p.m. Bushcraft for Years 2, 4 & 6
Tuesday 25 th	9am – 11.30am Open Morning for Prospective Parents 2pm U9 Netball Festival @ BGS – TBC
Wednesday 26 th	Year 6 Trip to Bradford Science & Media Museum - tbc
Thursday 27 th	1pm – 5pm U11 Cross Country @ Giggleswick
Friday 28 th	2pm U11 Netball Festival @ Silcoates 4pm – 6pm MSA Disco - tbc

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Stew & Yorkshire Pudding	Mexican Chicken Goujons	Sausage Pie	Beef/Pork Chilli	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Vegetable Stew & Yorkshire Pudding	Mexican Goujons	Quorn Sausages	Vegetable Bean Chilli	Veggie Fingers
Buttered New Potatoes & Cauliflower	Savory Rice And Floured Tortillas	Creamed Mashed Potato, Swede & Gravy	Rice, Green Beans & Nachos	Chips and Beans
Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans & Tuna	Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato, Beans Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese
Millionaire's Shortbread	Apple Crumble & Custard	Butterfly Buns	Sticky Toffee with Butterscotch Sauce	Assorted Desserts
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

Available each day will be an assortment of sandwiches and a fresh salad bar