

MOORLANDS SCHOOL



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Dear Friends of Moorlands,

Rehearsals are well underway for the **Year 3&4** production of Treasure Island, taking place in the last week of this term. It is looking likely that the gym will not be back in use by then so alternative plans are being made for staging the play and details will be coming to parents in the near future.

If you haven't already, please put our annual Foxhill Run in your diary, 1.30 p.m. on Friday 1st April, on The Green. Pupils from Foxes to Year 6 will be taking part and they will need plenty of people to cheer them on. It is always a wonderful event and lovely to finish the term in such a sociable way.

Following Mrs Wheelhouse's letter at the start of the month, the assemblies for **Year 1-6** this week focused on the NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' programme which, with the help of Buddy the mascot, help children understand that they have the right to: speak out and be heard . . . be safe and . . . get help when they need it. Following on from this, watch out for a new feature, which will be appearing in future newsletters and led by a small team of the Year 5&6 pupils . . .

EYFS Parents have had the opportunity to speak to their child's teacher this week to catch up on progress at this point in the year. Next week is the turn of parents in **Years 1 to 6**. As detailed in my recent letter, the specialist teaching staff - Mr Judd, Madame McIntyre, Mrs Matthews and Mrs Spratt - are also available to speak to parents via appointment, so if you wish to have a conversation with them about your child's progress in their subject, please make contact via their school email address or your child's class teacher.

Next week, we are really looking forward to sharing some of the work that pupils have produced from the stimulus of the painting, 'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas', including some wonderful printing from **Year 5** that they were very proudly showing me yesterday. Our first Moorlands' Art Week has been a real success!

Jacky Atkinson

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As part of Art Week, Year 6 took part in some class writing based on the painting 'A Shipwreck In Stormy Seas'. Each pupil contributed a sentence or idea and here is our final piece:

A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas

By Year 6

Bolts of jagged lightning raged through the menacing abyss, splintering the sky into shades of fiery orange; the baleful clouds seemed to almost smirk as they surveyed the devastation below. A low rumble of thunder sounded - announcing its presence.

Towering waves spiraled upwards, engulfing the fleet of triple-masted ships, which were listing perilously in the daunting depths of the ocean, fighting not to be pulled into its grasps. The writhing, froth-chained waves crashed relentlessly against the crumbling cliff, while the sound of screaming reverberated through the salty air. A lighthouse stood helplessly on the foreboding rocks nearby, its faint glow swallowed by the onslaught of white horses.

The billowing wind continued to claw fiercely at the sails of the unanchored vessels yet in the distance, a sliver of blue sky above a town signaled salvation.

But the seething storm showed no mercy; even at the edge of the ocean, those stranded were desperately trying to escape the encroaching waves. Seaweed and debris littered the beach. Petrified sailors - who had somehow made it to shore - were attempting to drag their salvaged cargo to safety, buffeted by the merciless wind and torrid rain. The pitiful howl of a dog and cries of 'save our souls' were instantly drowned out as the venomous sea bit once more...



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This week in Maths, **Year 1** have been learning about measurement. On Tuesday, they used the scales to compare the weight of objects in the classroom and on Thursday they used cubes to weigh different objects!



Year 1 have been inspired by the Artist Paul Klee and used wax crayons and watercolours to create their own Castle and Sun artwork!



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Moorlands marked International Women's Day 2022 with our **Year 3 and 4** girls' first football fixture. We travelled to Richmond House School for a series of matches in the spring sunshine. It was great to see the determination and fantastic team work from all players. Hayley scored a hat trick to round off a memorable afternoon!



This week **Years 1-6** all participated in the NSPCC 'Speak out, Stay safe' assemblies and workshops. The children met 'Buddy' the speech bubble who encourages children to speak out if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Moorlands now has our own version of Buddy and a new team of pupils who will work with Mrs Wheelhouse each week to address pupil problems within school. Buddy will live on the first floor and look after the 'Ask Buddy' box. If children have a worry or problem, they would like their peers to help with, they can write a letter anonymously to Buddy and the Ask Buddy team will respond in the newsletter. Watch out for replies in the coming weeks.



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Reception have been confidently taking risks whilst exploring a range of media and artistic techniques. On Thursday, we put Perspex in front of the window to see if the sun light would stream through. The children then wanted to try colouring the perspex with pens, water colours and acrylic paints. The children's discussions around colour mixing and shadows were a joy to listen to and just look at the concentration on those faces.



“Art is a place for children to learn to trust their ideas, themselves and to explore what is possible” Maryann F Kohl

News from Science

As part of their topic on materials, **Year 5** have enjoyed separating materials using filtration, sieving and evaporation.



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And after weeks of preparation, **Year 3** and **4** performed their traditional tales play using the shadow puppets and theatres they had made.



Arts Week Creative Writing:

The ferocious waves of water that carry the weight of the heavy lives of the lost, are attacking more innocent people. The figures were vying for their memorable lives to no avail. The echoing noise did not reduce. The smell flooded victim's minds of my ephemeral battle for the lost lives of dead loved ones caused by the ocean. In the aftermath, the victims will be scared by the scent of sea salt every time they cast their minds to the event.

CRASH! BANG! As the waves hit the silent algae stained cliffs with no response. The cliffs sit wishing they could help, as in a matter of years, knowing the future would be forgetful. "Oh please, I hope this will be remembered" - they try to say as hard as they can to the world's nefarious work. Victims were beseeching for their lives but no return was given.

In **Year 5** we have been writing pieces of creative writing based on the Art Week image. Here are some examples from Robin, Lorenza and Erin.

Arts Week Creative Writing:

The ominous cloud lurked over the feeble, terrified individuals. The verdant green moss was enveloped by the delicate blue sea which was an antithesis of the ominous black clouds. Every single person who was in the ship wreck is scarred by the smell of salt for the rest of their lives. The salty sea waves encroached the terrified individuals who were freezing waiting to be saved. The rusty decrepit ships slowly sank into the deep black ocean depths. The lighthouse shadowed in the background with its contrasted colours to a usual lighthouse.

The petrified dog sprinted about trying to find its owner but little did it know its owner had been swept away into the cyan, ferocious sea. All the children were screeching for the guardians as they were not old enough or mature enough to know what to do in this dreadful, horrendous situation. The elegant, chalk coloured bird flew by as if it was good luck sign for the victims to get out of this, as those same extremely unlucky individuals watched the dove birds fly, for some reason they thought that that was a sign that they would be fine.

"BANG! CRASH!" the thunder cackled mischievously.

Without haste or resist the decrepit ship confidently entered the crashing sea which was instantly deafened by the wails of the feeble women begging the ominous sea to refrain from instantly swallowing the innocent souls. Screeches – from the overwhelmed children who were intimidatingly hiding in their mother's beige shawls – reverberated against the algae stained rocks. The smell of pasty seaweed, that was intensely wrapping around the unfortunate ships, and salty water flooded minds and scared hearts.

Ferocious waves carried the continuous tears to the courageous yet hopeless warriors fighting the flashing thunder. The sympathetic fish - blinded by the murkiness of their habitat – prayed monotonously as the ship met the end of its pointless travels. The ship dramatically and breathlessly sunk into the ruined seas which was now seeping with as black as coal blood.

The pitiless seagulls cooed mockingly at the innocent souls (who had lost their lives to defend the lightning from the ship). One second life was enjoyable and exiting the next all these guiltless figures had lost their companions. Women were once again wailing with all their might but the children (who would have been expected to plead for hope and joyfulness) wouldn't allow a sound out of their trembling mouths as their hazel eyes miraculously filled with tears. No one saw a soul worth saving.

By Erin Whelan.

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Dates for your diaries . . .

Monday 14th March	Bushcraft Years 1,5 & 6 8.40am Art Week Assembly
Tuesday 15th	9.00-11.30am Open Morning for Prospectivr Parents 2pm U9 Football Fesitval, @ Knaresborough RUFC
Wednesday 16th	4.10-6.00pm Parents' Evening Years 1-6 with Class Teachers and specialists
Thursday 17th	4.10– 6.00pm Parents Evenings for Years 1-6 Year 3/4 Trip to Bronte Parsonage, Haworth
Friday 18th	KS1 Medieval Day and open afternoon 1.30pm U11 Football A-team Tournament, @ Highfield HLC 2pm U11 Netball coaching session with Giggleswick School , @ Moorlands. 3.30—4.30pm Y6 netball Vs Parents/
Monday 21st	Bushcraft 1pm, Year 1,5 &6
Tuesday 22nd	1.45pm U9 Football and Netbann Vs Froebelian @ Moorlands
Wednesday 23rd	House Assembly General Knowledge Quiz 1pm Years 5-6 Cross Country at Belmont Grosvenor 4pm Year 2 and 4.30p, Year 4 Residential talks for parents.
Friday 25th	4.00pm Friday Live 1.45pm U11 Football and Netball Vs Froebelian @ Moorlands

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MENU WK 3 Moorlands School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mac 'n' Cheese	Beef/Pork Chilli	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Seasoned Breaded Chicken Goujons	Battered Fish
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Mac 'n' Cheese	Quorn Chilli	Roasted Pepper Pinwheels	Cheese & Onion Quiche	Vegetable Burger
Vegetable Crudités & Garlic Bread	Boiled Rice, Sweetcorn & Nachos	Roast Potatoes, Carrot Batons, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Pasta Spirals in a Tomato & Basil Sauce & Green Beans	Chips, Mushy Peas/Garden Peas & Curry Sauce
Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans & Tuna	Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans & Tuna	Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese
Chocolate Crispy	Iced Bakewell Tart	Chocolates Ices	Ginger & Cinnamon Biscuit	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

EYFS - 30 Hour Fee Reminder

Please could all EYFS parents entitled to the 30 hour Fee ensure they have reconfirmed their eligibility code with HMRC no later than 31st March.

Unfortunately we cannot claim the additional hours if the code has not been reconfirmed by this date.