

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL



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Dear Friends of Moorlands,

Spring is definitely in the air and popping into the Year 6 class, it was lovely to find them with a large vase of daffodils in the middle of the room and William Wordsworth's well-known poem being studied and enjoyed.

*I wander'd lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host of golden daffodils . . .*

Our older pupils always enjoy having the chance to show visitors around school, such as at our recent open morning for prospective parents. It's opportunities such as this which build life skills in talking to new people, answering questions and clearly explaining thoughts, feelings and experiences. Without exception, they do a fantastic job, borne out by the many compliments paid to them about confidence, maturity, manners and knowledge.

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to come along and meet with class teachers and specialist staff for consultations over the last couple of weeks. It is an important point in the year to catch up with progress since September, and set goals to achieve before the end of this academic year . . . which will arrive all too quickly.

There was much delight to end the week, as the U11 Football Team returned victorious from a tournament at Highfield, playing a series of matches against several other local prep schools. They—and Mr Marshall and Mr Amertey—were rightly proud of their gold medals for being overall winners. A fantastic achievement and comment was also passed on their impeccable behaviour. Well done!

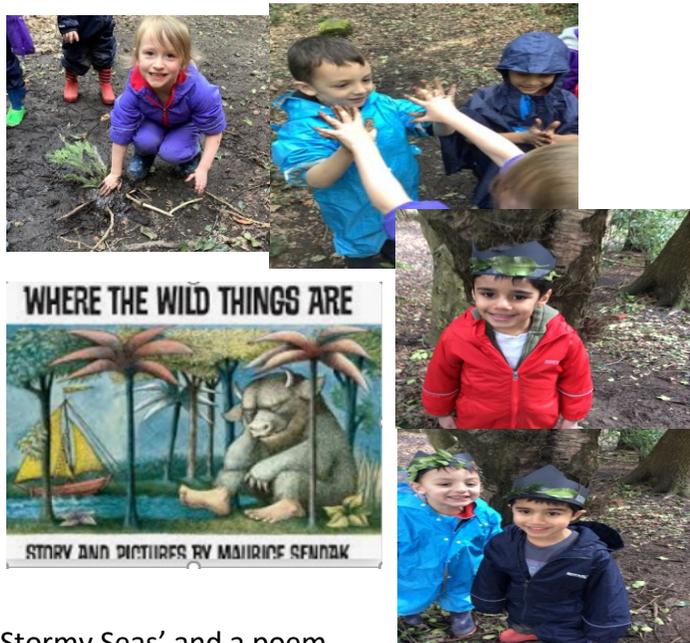
Enjoy the weekend

Jacky Atkinson  
Headteacher

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This half term in our outdoor learning sessions **Reception** have been focusing on the book “Where the Wild Things are” They have been reading the book and doing activities inspired by the story. Last week they created nature crowns and this week they made clay with mud and water and designed their own ‘Wild Thing’. They have really enjoyed linking activities to the book. Over the next few weeks we have more exciting adventures planned so keep your eyes peeled for updates.



**Year 2** used the painting ‘Shipwreck on Stormy Seas’ and a poem by Kate Williams, called ‘Stormy Seas’ as inspiration to create their own class poem. We focused on using alliteration and similes and love the poem we made together, we hope you enjoy it too!

## Stormy Seas by Year 2

The stormy sea went howling and roaring like a lion locked up in a cage.

It went rolling and rearing like a galloping horse charging in a war.

It went booming and bashing like a ferocious dragon locked up in a dark, dank dungeon.

It went howling and hissing like a werewolf and a rattlesnake in a deadly battle.

It went thundering and thrashing like a furious giant stomping on the miniature boats.

But by dawn, the sea was still and calm as a baby sleeping.



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**Year 1** have been learning about capacity this week! They completed a range of activities outside in groups. First, they had to fill the cups to match the label (full, half full, empty) and then they had to investigate the capacity of different containers using a school cup as a measure. Finally, they had a race to see which group of children could empty their bucket of water the quickest!



This week saw the introduction of 'Drop in Sessions' for the well-being room. This week five pupils from **Year 6** came to enjoy a sensory experience and also some calming activities. Mrs Irwin will be giving children from Year 5 an opportunity for a drop in session next week.



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On Monday morning, we celebrated the children's achievements from **Arts Week**. They clearly experienced a wide variety of activities inspired by the painting. From the feedback they provided, the children enjoyed learning in an alternative way and came to understand that art and creativity is part of our everyday lives and not an isolated subject.



'Shipwreck in Stormy Seas' 1773

Claude-Joseph Vernet

**Reception** produced some beautiful watercolours, in which they thought about the moody colours of the sea. They also practiced mark making techniques to add texture and interest to their boats.



**Years 1&2** worked collaboratively to create this striking display inspired by the painting.

There was lots of team work, problem solving and messy painting!

**Year 1** worked on the background using sponge painting techniques to create the rocks and they had to think carefully about using appropriate marks for the sea. The children also constructed their own boats and investigated which boat floated the best. A great bit of Design &



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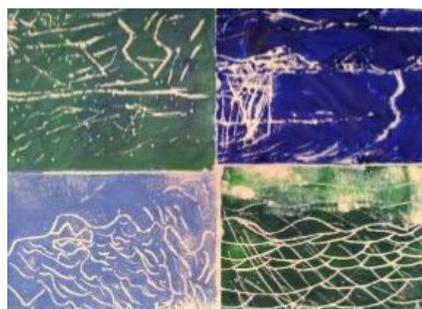
**Year 2** used the wooden benches and tables in the dining hall to produce rubbings. These were used to make a collaged shipwreck. They also looked carefully at the survivors of the shipwreck and drew their own expressive figures



During their art lessons, **Year 3** created figurative sculptures, made from tinfoil. We zoomed into the painting to study the positions of the figures and how Vernet used light and shadow to add drama and emotion.



**Year 5&6** investigated the techniques needed to create a monoprint. They indented watery marks into the surface of a sheet of Styrofoam. Using ink, ink rollers and trays, reinforced their understanding of the differences between a print and a painting. The children created some stunning 'stormy sea' textile art, which will be part of a display



Arts Week is about enhancing creative learning, whether it's through Art, Music, Sport, Creative writing, Maths, English, French and Science. The staff really embraced the philosophy of Arts Week and the standard of work throughout the curriculum was inspiring and impressive.

**A big 'thank you' from the Art Department to the Moorlands' school community!**

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Our **U9's** enjoyed a fantastic football festival in Knaresborough on Tuesday afternoon. All of the players demonstrated excellent teamwork and determination. William H scored his first goal for Moorlands in a 3-1 victory over Gateways. Louis C volleyed home the winner in a tight match against GSal. Well done to all of our players. We look forward to welcoming Froebelian to Moorlands on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> (U9) and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> (U11) for our final Football and Netball fixtures of the year.



**Year 3 and 4** had a fantastic time on their trip to Haworth this week. Starting with a bracing walk over the moors and Penistone Hill, the children enjoyed exploring the landscape, feeling the wind on their faces, and spotting Top Withins in the distance. There was much fascination over the sculptures of 'books' which appear to grow out of nature and reflect a recurring theme in the novels of the Bronte sisters.



Everyone enjoyed a tour of the Parsonage, being able to see where Charlotte Bronte sat to write *Jane Eyre*, where Branwell created his artwork and a handwritten manuscript of Emily's *Wuthering Heights*. There was delight upon finding the little books which the sisters wrote when children.



Year 3 have already read *Jane Eyre* and Year 4 have read extracts from *Wuthering Heights*. Following a collection of vocabulary during the trip, both classes will be writing poems based on the theme of nature, as favoured by Emily Bronte.



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## MSA Newsletter

18th March 2022

*Spring is in the air and the MSA are gearing up for Easter! This year the MSA will be getting all the children a little easter treat.*

We also want to say a big thank you to **Tesco** in Shadwell for donating 40 easter eggs and also to the **Haris Family** for also donating 40 easter eggs for the children.



### DONATIONS NEEDED!!

**TEDDIES AND BOOKS** NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER FAIR. Please leave in a bag in reception, marked up FAO MSA.

**WE ALSO NEED RAFFLE PRIZES.** IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE EMAIL [MOORLANDSMSA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MOORLANDSMSA@GMAIL.COM).

## MSA School Disco

6th May, 4-6pm. Years 1-6.

**THE DJ IS BOOKED AND WE ARE RARING TO GO.**

We'll shortly be sending out some more information about our disco and how to book on. Each child will also receive a sandwich tea. Watch out for more information coming out shortly.



### Dates for the diary

6th May - School Disco

18th June - Summer Fair



## 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.

### 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)



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## Dates for your diaries . . .

Monday 21st March	1pm Bushcraft Years 1, 5 and 6
Tuesday 22nd	1.45pm U9 Football & Netball vs Froebelian @ Moorlands
Wednesday 23rd	House Assembly General Knowledge Quiz 1pm Year 4-6 Cross Country at Belmont Grosvenor 4pm Year 2 Residential Meeting 4.30pm Year 4 Residential Meeting
Friday 25th	2pm, U11 Football & Netball Festival vs Froebelian @ Moorlands 4.00 pm Friday Live
Monday 28th	1pm Bushcraft Years 1,5 6
Tuesday 29th	Easter Assembly for the school 9.00 am Year 5 & 6 visit to Yorkshire Water
Thursday 31st	Year 3 & 4 Play—final arrangements will be coming to parents shortly
Friday 1st April	8.30am Colours Assembly for the school 1.30pm Foxhill Run , Foxes to Year 6 4pm School closes. No clubs or late class End of Term
Summer Term begins on:	Monday 25th April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 2nd May
Half-term:	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June inclusive
End of term:	Friday 8th July at 12.00 noon

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## MENU WK 1 Moorlands School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Korma	Pork/Chicken Sausage	Beef/Pork Bolognese	Roast Turkey & Stuffing	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Vegetable Korma	Quorn Sausage	Mixed Bean Bolognese	Quorn Fillet	Vegetable Fingers
Basmati Rice, Garden Peas and Naan Bread	Creamed Mashed Potatoes, Carrots and Gravy	Pasta Spirals, Sweetcorn and Garlic Bread	Buttered New Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Broccoli and Gravy	Chips & Beans
Jacket Potato Tuna & Beans	Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato Tuna & Beans	Jacket Potato Beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato Tuna & Beans
Vanilla Iced Sponge	Chocolate Chip Shortbread	Cherry Crumble & Cream	Eton Mess	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

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 31<sup>st</sup> March. Unfortunately we cannot claim the additional hours if the code has not been reconfirmed by this date.

## Swimming Request and Foxhill Trophies

A fair number of pupils are swimming without a swim cap and many are having lessons interrupted by poorly fitted goggles. Please could all families check, and replace if necessary, missing or faulty sports kit.



**Please could any remaining Foxhill trophies please be returned to reception.**