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MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Friends of Moorlands,

Thank you for all of the generous support given to our Dementia fundraising day on Wednesday, we know that this is a cause close to the heart of both staff and pupil families and were delighted with the grand total raised of £535.70! What was also lovely was to see the enjoyment that our Moorlanders got from all of the various activities taking place, although some of Year 5&6 did look very soggy by the end of an afternoon of car washing!



We have an Open Morning for prospective families coming up on Saturday 7th October, from 9.30am until midday. If you know of anyone who is looking for a nursery or Reception place, please do let them know and they can register to visit on the school website [Open Mornings | Moorlands School Leeds \(moorlands-school.co.uk\)](https://www.moorlands-school.co.uk) or make contact with Mrs Marshall on admissions@moorlands-school.co.uk

Thank you also to all the families who have taken the time to provide constructive feedback in various forms over the past few weeks - whether about uniform, school lunches or through the work we have been doing with The Stickman Consultancy. It has been extremely helpful.

In the first instance, please find responses from Whittaker's Uniform later in the newsletter to questions that were raised, and we have also acted in response to feedback regarding meal portion sizes and catering for pupils with dietary needs. The Stickman Consultancy presented their key findings to us yesterday and we are planning that we will look at a small number of areas raised over the next few weeks, making a start with communication to see what practical steps we can take to make this more efficient and effective both for families and school staff.

We are very pleased to be welcoming two new Governors to Moorlands this term, both of whom bring a wealth of experience. Mr David Humphreys, who was for many years Head of Woodhouse Grove School and more latterly CEO of MIST, and Mrs Rachel Atack, Deputy Bursar and Head of HR at Giggleswick School but also married a former Moorlander! Mr Humphreys was in school this week, to catch up with building works and developments from over the summer, and Mrs Atack will be coming in to visit shortly.

Enjoy the weekend and we will look forward to another busy Moorlands's week, as Year 3&4 head out on their first visit this year to The Chocolate Story at York!

Jacky Atkinson

News From Science

Year 5 and 6 began their topic on Earth and Space with an exciting demonstration, using fruit and toilet roll to try and put into perspective the sheer size of our solar system! Each piece of fruit represented a planet, whilst 1 sheet of toilet paper equalled 16 million km!



Year 5 and 6 Workshop

For the next few weeks, Years 5 and 6 will be participating in a workshop each Tuesday run by SqUp, in conjunction with the West Yorkshire Police, addressing a range of issues around online safety. This week the focus was on *Use of mobile phones and the sending of nudes*.

Children were encouraged to consider both the positives and negatives around children owning or using a mobile phone. We discovered that 50% of Years 5 and 6 already have their own mobile phone, using it for games, keeping in touch, watching videos, messaging, internet searches and taking photographs. Additional usage included apps such as Snapchat, TikTok, WhatsApp and access to YouTube.

The children were taught about the 3 C's:

- **Contacts:** understanding that some people who make contact may not be who they say they are and could be using a fake persona.
- **Content:** understanding what is classed as indecent or inappropriate images. Pupils learnt about the laws relating to taking, sharing or looking at indecent images and the consequences of this.
- **Conduct:** understanding what is and is not appropriate behaviour e.g. online bullying or not speaking out if bullying occurs within a group chat.

Discussions supported work within PSHCE lessons around consent and how to report concerns or feelings of being unsafe or uncomfortable including who is a safe adult to talk to.

Bushcraft

Year 2 enjoyed building dens in their Bushcraft lesson this week. They had to work as a team to choose a suitable place, tie knots and create a shelter from the rain!



Friendship Terrace

As part of their Relationship Education lessons, KS2 are learning about the different characters who live on Friendship Terrace. Each character has an aspect of their personality which causes a challenge, both for themselves and others. KS2 are discussing where the 'friendship blockers' lie and how they could be replaced with 'friendship builders'. This learning will be used to support pupils in developing positive relationships with their peers, understanding their own behaviours and encouraging empathy for others.



Friendship Terrace

No. 1 Fitzroy First



Fitzroy First, from No. 1 Friendship Terrace, wasn't really interested in making friends. What was important to him was winning. He loved coming first. In fact, he HAD to be first. First in running races up and down Friendship Terrace; first to get out to play on the Terrace in the morning; first to get his post from the postman; first to get a piece of cake if it was anyone's birthday. He even lived at the first house on Friendship Terrace, No. 1.

If Fitzroy First wasn't first, he would get really frustrated. He would push and shove, grab and kick to make sure that he was first.

What Fitzroy First didn't realise was that others on Friendship Terrace were getting fed up with him being first all of the time. They wanted a turn too.

One day Friendly Freddie organised a potato and spoon race on the Terrace. Fitzroy First pushed to the front of the queue to get his potato and spoon. "I'm going to win!" he shouted, rushing to the starting line.

"This is a laugh," giggled Maisie. Everyone fooled around trying to balance their potatoes on their spoons. Fitzroy First was not laughing, or even smiling. His eyes were on the finishing line.

"On your marks; get set; go!" shouted Friendly Freddie. Everyone made their way along the Terrace wobbling around with their potatoes and spoons. Fitzroy First was well in the lead, but just before the finishing line, he dropped his potato. Maisie rushed past him.

"That's not fair!" shouted Fitzroy First. "I should have won! I was in the lead the whole way. There must be something wrong with my potato. I want to do it again."

Everyone was congratulating Maisie and laughing. Fitzroy First stormed off to his doorstep with his head down. Friendly Freddie sat down beside him.

"Why was everyone laughing? It's not funny," said Fitzroy.

"They're enjoying themselves," responded Friendly Freddie. "The point is to have fun, not just to win."

"But I only enjoy it if I win," replied Fitzroy.

"You can't win all the time," said Freddie. "Other people want a turn at winning too. Maybe if you concentrate on taking part and having fun, you'd cheer up a bit. Then it doesn't matter if you win or lose."

"Maybe," said Fitzroy.

Maisie was leading the others back to the starting line. "Let's have another race," she said. Fitzroy looked around and smiled as he saw his friends trying to balance their potatoes on their spoons again. They looked funny.

This time Fitzroy didn't know what position he came in the race; somewhere near the end. But he did have a good laugh bumping into everyone and dropping his potato. He felt much better. Maybe it was a good idea to concentrate on taking part and having fun after all.



Friendship Terrace

No. 2 Blurt Out Belinda



Blurt Out Belinda, from No. 2 Friendship Terrace, liked to tell everyone what she thought. "You look silly in those wellies!" "That cake's disgusting!" "You're really rubbish at cycling!"

The problem was that people felt sad at what she said and were beginning to avoid her.

One day there was a knock at the door. It was Friendly Freddie come to see if Blurt Out Belinda wanted to come out to play.

"You're the last person I wanted to see when I opened the door!" blurted out Belinda. "Oh well, I've got nothing better to do."

They began to walk down Friendship Terrace. "What a terrible hairstyle!" she shouted to Tara who quickly went into her house. "Look at Jake! Who does he think he is? That bike is way too big for him!" Jake got off his bike and went indoors.

"Who did that chalk drawing? It's rubbish!" They heard a door close behind them.

"Where is everyone?" asked Blurt Out Belinda looking around the empty Terrace.

"Come and sit down" said Friendly Freddie leading Belinda to her doorstep. "It's OK to have opinions, but sometimes it's kinder to keep them in your inside voice," said Freddie.

"What do you mean?" asked Belinda.

"I mean that you can think something without saying it out loud. It's better to stop and check whether it would hurt the other person. If you think it might, then keep it in your inside voice."

"Oh," said Belinda.

Just then Liam came by. "I've made some biscuits. Would you like one?"

"They look....." Belinda stopped for a moment. She thought they looked horrible, but realised that Liam would be a bit upset if she said so. "Thank you," said Belinda taking a biscuit. It tasted foul.

"What do you think?" asked Liam. "Mmmm..." said Belinda thoughtfully.

"It was very kind of you to make them," said Freddie.

"Yes, thank you Liam," said Belinda. Liam smiled.

Belinda realised that there were a lot of things she would have to keep in her 'inside voice' so as not to hurt her friends' feelings. Sometimes it's more helpful to say less.

Whittakers Uniform Feedback

- Sizing of the black coats – apparently there is a 7-8 and then it jumps to 9-10, but there is a very big difference in size in these coats and nothing in-between, so the larger size is ‘drowning’ some of the children. Sadly, there isn’t a size in between a 7/8 and 9/10. The coats are manufactured by a large multinational company called “Result”. I feel that for some children there isn’t always that perfect fit garment, with some items having a good bit of growing room. Due to the limited number of coat suppliers available to the schoolwear market and the number of coats we sell for your school, it would be tricky for us to find a supplier with more than an average number of sizes for a style of coat. I would be happy to look to source a new coat from a different supplier if that’s what you feel may be required, but I don’t think it will fix the issue of sizing.
- The size of the waist of the girl’s skirts used to be able to be adjusted with a button, but the newer skirts don’t have this on, could it be reinstated? I think the internal adjuster preceded 2018, before my time. I have spoken with our manufacturer today who has confirmed this addition won’t be a problem for any future orders. It may take a couple of years for all skirts without the adjusters to filter through, but any future orders from now on will have adjusters.
- Sizing generally e.g. blazers, summer dresses, does not seem to be consistent or clearly displayed in the clothing and parents are finding it hard to judge the size needed as it varies between articles of clothing. I can completely understand this issue. Due to the nature of the schoolwear industry and us ordering small quantities in comparison to the bigger conglomerates, we must use multiple suppliers. For Moorlands School alone, we are required to deal with 17 different suppliers, some in the UK, some overseas. It would be a lot easier for us as a company and our customers if we were able to deal with 1 or 2 suppliers. This would mean each garment sizing/labelling etc would be more in line. Sadly, this isn’t possible. If there is a product in particular that we need to look at changes to labelling or sizing other than the coats, please let me know as some suppliers are more open to small changes than others.

Rugby

On Friday 15th our U11s kicked off the rugby season with a trip to Bradford Grammar School. William and Louis C led by example, showing their skills and experience in wins against BGS and Brackenfield. The Year 5 players made a big impact, with Hugh strong in defence and Ralph demonstrating his fancy footwork, as he turned Giggleswick inside out on his way to the try line.

The U9 team met with atrocious weather conditions as they visited Woodhouse Grove School. The Year 3 pupils, making their first competitive appearances for Moorlands, showed great determination and promise. Year 4 pupils Hugo and Fergus used their experience to help the new players. Oliver and Leo GC were ruthless in attack, linking up to score some excellent tries. Well done to Jared, Anika and Zayd, who all played in their first contact rugby match.



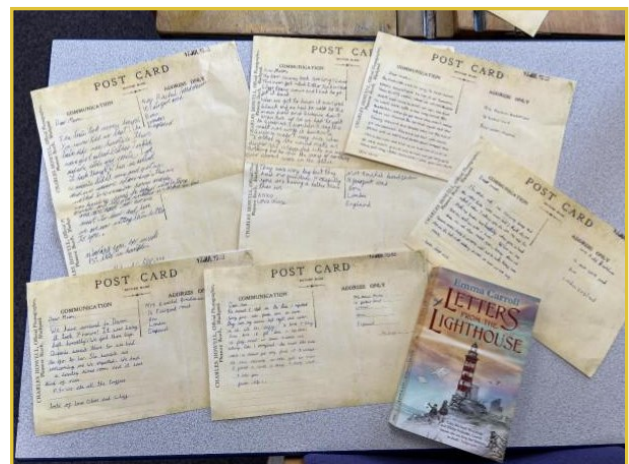
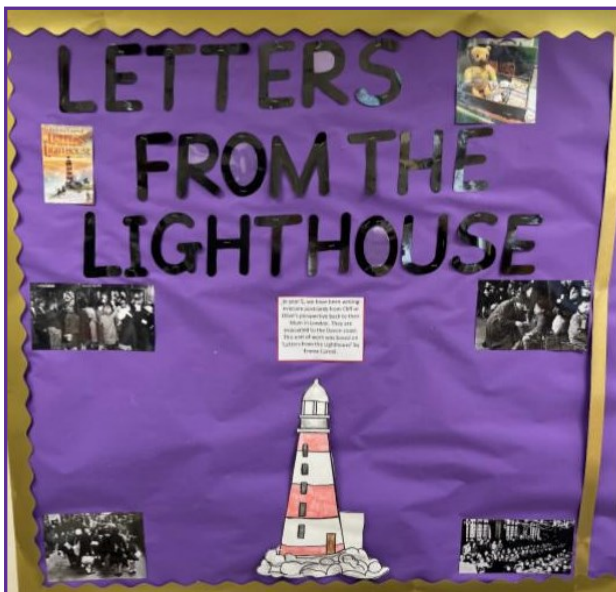
Thank you to the parents and family who travelled to support us.

Dementia Awareness Day



Year 5

Year 5 have been studying the text 'Letters from The Lighthouse'. Today they produced postcards in the voice of Cliff or Olive. They are the evacuee children who have been evacuated to Devon during the war. The children produced these postcards initially as a draft and then, following verbal feedback, they completed their final versions.



News From Music

For the first time ever, Moorlands now has a saxophone ensemble! Mrs Haigh was extremely impressed with the standard after just the first rehearsal!



Buddies

Letters from our Buddies, making lemon volcanoes to follow a child's interest in "making things fizz" and using the left-over lemons to make some lemon infused water for snack. It certainly has been another very busy but very exciting week in Reception. We also enjoyed learning all about charity work and supporting the Dementia Awareness day with our beautifully painted forget-me-not flower decorations.





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Donations needed.

Reception class are updating and revamping their outdoor learning area.

We are looking for any saucepans, metal trays or utensils that children could use to enhance their mud kitchen. We can also utilise any old kettles or microwaves .

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



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Dates For Your Diary Term Dates 2023-24

September

Mon 25th 8:40am Positions of Responsibility Assembly in the gym
4:00pm U11 Swimming Gala vs Bootham @ Moorlands
8:30pm MSA AGM Teams Meeting. All parents invited

Tues 26th 1:45pm U9 Hockey @BGS

Weds 27th Year 3 & 4 Visit to York Chocolate Story

Fri 29th 1:45pm U11 Rugby @ Terrington

October

Mon 2nd Bushcraft Year 2, 4 & 6
4:00pm U11 Swimming Gala vs Brackenfield @ Moorlands

Tues 3rd 1:45pm Rugby @ Ghyl Royd
2:00pm Netball vs Bronte @ Moorlands

Weds 4th 6:30pm Senior School Information Evening for Year 5 & 6

Fri 6th 1:45pm U11 Hockey @BGS
2:00pm U11 Rugby @ RHS

Sat 7th 9:30am—12:00 midday Open Day for Prospective Parents



Moorlands School

EAT THE SEASONS

WEEK STARTING | MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

Daily Staples

A selection of seasonal compound & simple salads, protein platters, chutneys & dressings from your new look salad bar.
Rustic Breads
Fresh Fruit
Yoghurts & Granola
Chilled Dessert Pots

Simply Pasta or Jacket Potatoes available daily

Desserts

Monday Sprinkle cake
Tuesday Iced Toffee Marble Cake
Wednesday Fruit Flapjack
Thursday Syrup Sponge, Vanilla Custard
Friday Chocolate chip cookie

Supper Club

Daily changing, freshly made supper available every evening.

MAIN DISHES

MONDAY

Pulled BBQ Pork tacos, BBQ sauce, coleslaw, Charred corn, paprika wedges

TUESDAY

Beef Lasagne, Herb Focaccia, Rocket, tomato, red onion & olive salad

WEDNESDAY

Lemon & Thyme Chicken, roasted herb potatoes, root vegetable mash, pan gravy

THURSDAY

Katsu Chicken Curry- Breaded Chicken Goujons, Katsu Curry sauce, Stir fried Vietnamese vegetables, Braised rice

FRIDAY

Fish and chips – Battered white fish served with chips, Mushy peas and tartare sauce.

VEGETARIAN

MONDAY

Beetroot & Chickpea Falafel(gf,vg) , toasted flatbread, Mint Yoghurt & shredded Iceberg

TUESDAY

Leek, mushroom and cheddar tart with a rocket, tomato, red onion & olive salad

WEDNESDAY

Plant based chilli con carne(vg,gf), Guacamole and nachos Served with sour cream

THURSDAY

Pesto pasta, Homemade focaccia and roasted broccoli(vg).

FRIDAY

Battered Vegetarian sausage served with chips, Mushy peas and tartare sauce.