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MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Friends of Moorlands

An email dropped into my Inbox earlier this week that made me incredibly proud (and if I have to be honest, not a little emotional!) . . .

'We were at your school on 25th September for a swimming gala between your Year 5 and 6 pupils and Bootham School. We were merely there as observers but felt, most strongly, that we should write and say what an impressive school you have.

The staff we met were friendly, informative and professional and the pupils delightful. We were privileged to meet the reception class prior to the gala and they charmed us all with their big welcoming smiles. The pupils competing were a joy, well behaved, enthusiastic and friendly. Our granddaughter / daughter went across at the end to fist bump a few and say goodbye as she liked them so much.

The ethos of the school shone through and it was wonderful to find a thriving institution full of bright, caring children in todays, sometimes gloomy, world.

Thanks to you, your staff and pupils for a rewarding experience and our sincere good wishes to you all . . .'

As a Headteacher, I really couldn't ask more than this.

Well done to all of our Moorlanders who have taken on a position of responsibility this year. The roles are wide and varied with Prefects, Sports Captains, Eco-Committee, Student Voice and Wellbeing to name a few. These roles are not just about having the badge but that our pupils take the opportunity to develop skills and attributes, such as integrity, communication, empathy, respect, courage and self-awareness, that will go with them through life.

There are still many opportunities this term for all of our pupils to be involved in a whole host of activities. The House Conkers Competition is fast approaching - 11th October - so Moorlands, get hunting for a conker to string and get some practice in!



Thank you to all of the parents who came along to the Annual General Meeting of the Moorlands School Association on Monday evening and who put themselves forward to take on roles and continue the hard work of Nikie Rothwell, Becky MacEachern and Ola Al-Fadhili as they step down from the committee. We are very grateful for all that they have done over the past few years to make events such a success. Enjoy the weekend!

Insects

Foxes had a great time searching for insects and mini-beasts in the woods. We managed to lift lots of stones and logs to see what was living underneath!



PSHE

This week in PSHE, **Year 1** learnt about different celebrations. The children talked about different celebrations throughout the year and some ways we can celebrate an event. They successfully matched the foods to the celebration! Well done, Year 1!



Sports

Plenty of action this week including two hockey festivals and a swimming gala! The U11 girls travelled to Thirsk for a triangular fixture with Terrington Hall Prep and the hosts, Queen Mary's. Sophie was most improved player and Hannah and our new hockey captain, Harriet demonstrated their skills and leadership. The U9 teams visited Bradford Grammar School for their first festival. Emily was player of the match, with a strong defensive display and powerful shooting. Next up, our U11 will visit Bradford Grammar School and the U9 team Ashville for hockey festivals.

Bootham School visited Moorlands for a swimming gala on Monday evening. This was a fantastic experience for our pupils, up against strong opposition. Jason and Elizabeth both won races in the U10 category. Charlotte and swim captain Orla were the fastest of our U11s. Thank you to parents for their fantastic support. Next week we welcome Brackenfield for a Monday evening gala.



Year 4 Bushcraft

Year 4 had a fantastic Bushcraft lesson, this week. They learnt how to create a shelter, using very basic equipment. They also had to work as a team to construct a tent and use the tent pegs and string to make it withstand the wind! Thank you to Yorkshire Dales Bushcraft for a fantastic session on Monday!



Friendship Terrace



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No. 3 Bragging Bradley



Bragging Bradley, from No. 3 Friendship Terrace, liked to brag about himself. He liked to brag about how good he was at everything, how fast he was, how many toys he had and where he had been on holiday.

Others on Friendship Terrace got a bit fed up because he didn't take any interest in anyone apart from himself.

One day Bragging Bradley was walking down Friendship Terrace when he saw Manisha on her new bike. "Look at my new bike!" called Manisha. "I love it!"

"My bike's much better than that," bragged Bradley. "It's got 21 gears and wicked tyres and a really comfy saddle. It goes so fast no-one could catch me up."

Manisha got off her bike and went into her house.

"What's wrong?" asked Bradley out loud. He went to sit on his doorstep.

Friendly Freddie, who had been watching, came and sat down with him. "Why did she go off like that?" asked Bradley.

"Maybe she was a bit upset by what you said," suggested Friendly Freddie.

"What did I say?" asked Bradley.

"Well... maybe it's what you didn't say," said Freddie. "Manisha was excited about her new bike and she wanted to share that excitement with you. She didn't want to hear about how great your bike was."

"Oh..." said Bradley.

"It's good to take an interest in your friends and their stuff and not just talk about yourself and your stuff," said Freddie.

Bradley thought about what Friendly Freddie had said.

Manisha came out of her house.

"Tell me about your new bike, Manisha," said Bradley.

"You're not interested," said Manisha.

"I am," said Bradley. "Please tell me."

"Well," started Manisha, "I got it for my birthday. It's just the right size for me and it's such fun to ride."

"Looks good to me," said Bradley. "Shall we go up and down the Terrace on our bikes? We could make some ramps."

"That would be great," smiled Manisha, jumping on her bike.

Bradley realised that maybe if he took more interest in his friends, they would stay around for longer.

Year 3 and 4 Visit

Year 3 and Year 4 were extremely excited on Wednesday - on their first school trip out of school this year to 'The Chocolate Story', York! They learnt all about the history of chocolate in York, where chocolate originates from and how we enjoy chocolate bars today. The children behaved impeccably well and enjoyed tasting the many samples of chocolate on offer!





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SCHOOL

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.



Dates For Your Diary Term Dates 2023-24


October	
Mon 2nd	Bushcraft Years 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 Parents
Fri 6th	1:45pm U11 Hockey @BGS 2:00pm U11 Rugby @ RHS
Sat 7th	9:30am—12:00 midday Open Day for Prospective Parents
Tues 10th	1:45pm U9 Hockey @ Ashville 4:10pm - 6:00pm KS1 & KS2 Parents' Evening
Weds 11th	4:10pm - 6:00pm KS1 & KS2 Parents' Evening HelloYellow Fun Run
Fri 13th	2:00pm U11 Netball @ Bronte
Tues 17th	KS1 Bikeability Flu Vaccinations
Weds 18th	4:10-6:00pm EYFS Parents' Evening KS1 Bikeability
Thurs 19th	4:10-6:00pm EYFS Parent' Evening
Fri 20th	2:30pm Harvest Festival followed by open classrooms

Half Term - Fri 20th Oct - Mon 6th Nov



Moorlands School

WEEK STARTING | MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER



<p>MAIN DISHES</p> <p>MONDAY Chicken and red pepper pasta, roasted broccoli and homemade bread</p> <hr/> <p>TUESDAY Sykes Pork Sausage & Mashed potato, garden peas, roast carrots, pan gravy</p> <hr/> <p>WEDNESDAY Homemade Pizza, with a selection of toppings served with spiced wedges</p> <hr/> <p>THURSDAY Pork Chow Mein, Prawn crackers and crispy kale</p> <hr/> <p>FRIDAY Moorlands fried chicken, coleslaw and chips and baked beans.</p>	<p>VEGETARIAN</p> <p>MONDAY Mushroom stroganoff, Braised rice and roasted broccoli</p> <hr/> <p>TUESDAY Chinese spiced Tofu Chow Mein, crispy kale</p> <hr/> <p>WEDNESDAY Pasta Puttanesca, Homemade focaccia, garden peas</p> <hr/> <p>THURSDAY Sweet potato Thai red curry, steamed rice smashed poppadom's</p> <hr/> <p>FRIDAY Roasted red pepper frittata, chefs salad</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Daily Staples</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">A selection of seasonal compound & simple salads, protein platters, chutneys & dressings from your new look salad bar.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Rustic Breads Fresh Fruit Yoghurts & Granola Chilled Dessert Pots</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Simply Pasta or Jacket Potatoes available daily</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Desserts</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Monday Jam sponge Tuesday Sticky toffee pudding Wednesday Lemon drizzle cake Thursday Chocolate sponge, chocolate custard Friday Toffee cupcakes</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Supper Club</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Daily changing, freshly made supper available every evening.</p>
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