

MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

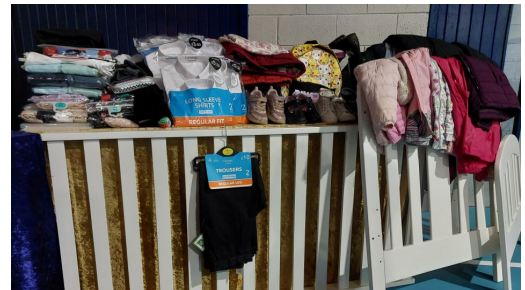


Dear Friends of Moorlands



It was lovely to see so many people at the Harvest Festival this afternoon, to round off the first-half of the Autumn Term. Poems, songs, raps, reflection and a prayer served to remind us of the beauties of the season and how fortunate we are in the plenty that we have. As always, we finished with an enthusiastic rendition of Cauliflowers Fluffy!

Thank you to all of our Moorlands families for the incredibly generous donations to support the work of Leeds Women's Aid, a local charity who support women and children affected by domestic violence and abuse, these items will be of practical benefit and greatly appreciated. We also now have a final total for the Hello Yellow Fundraising Day of £789.40, thank you one again for your generosity.



Do take the time to read the selection of Year 6 Autumn poems, which appear later in the newsletter, as they really do invoke a wonderful sense of the season and showcase some of the fantastic writing that our Moorlanders produce.

Year 1 and 2 had an enjoyable two days with the Cycle North Team and Rupert, the specialist Bikeability instructor. The training gave new riders the confidence to try cycling independently, whilst those who could already ride took part in some specially designed games and circuits to develop their riding skills. It was brilliant to see the children cycling confidently around the playground after just two sessions and they are now excited to try out their new skills at home!



We will look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Monday 6th of November, for what is always a particularly lovely time of the school year with Nativities, the MSA Christmas Fair and the Carol Service to look forward to. Whatever you are doing over the next couple of weeks, enjoy time with family and friends.

Kind regards

Jacky Atkinson

Year 5&6 SqUp Workshop

Last week, Y5/6 learnt about online pressure and grooming. The pupils learnt grooming is when someone builds up trust over a period of time and then abuses that trust by expecting something sexual in return. Victims often do not recognise when the grooming process is happening to them and so pupils learnt about key signs to be aware of:

- Secrets - a victim is encouraged to keep things between themselves and the abuser and told not to tell any one else what is happening
- Isolation - creating a situation where a person is vulnerable, with distance from friends or family and support networks removed so that the abuser becomes the most important person
- Flattery - presents, gifts, compliments are given to make a person feel special and want to please the abuser
- Shame - a sense of guilt or shame is created so that a victim does not want anyone to know what is happening or what they have engaged in
- Threats - being told that if a victim does speak out, the abuser will tell people what they have done
- Sexual acts - the abuser may ask for nude images to be sent or for the victim to engage in sexualised acts

The children learnt that grooming can happen to anyone, it can be online or face to face. A groomer is often someone older, may be known to the victim, is someone stronger and who could be in a position of authority. Pupils were assured that if this happens, they must tell an adult who will help.

GROOMING CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE AND IS NEVER THE VICTIMS FAULT

Year 3 and 4

In D.T this half term, Years 3 and 4 have been designing and creating their own chocolate bar wrappers. This has involved creativity, market research and a lot of technical drawing! After much anticipation, the final lesson of the term arrived - making their designs come to life!

Mrs Monteagle brought in chocolate chips, popping candy and jelly beans. In groups, the children poured the melted chocolate and sweets into the molds and once cooled they were able to wrap them in their own wrapper design. Well done Year 3 and 4, they looked brilliant and we hope you enjoyed your chocolate bars!



Autumn Poetry

Year 6 took a walk through the Hollies, seeking inspiration for their autumn poetry. We focused on imagery and symbolism, looking for signs of the encroaching new season. Here, Orlaith P, Sasha and Henry P share their poems.

Autumn

Sasha Pennington

Branches entwined, hugging and
Smothered in moss
Golden sunlight,
Slithers through branches,

Hunched beggars,
Drew their last breath
Autumn,
A monster.

Trees,
Skeletons of the season
Ivy seizes its chance,
Traps the tree roots in its gnarled hands,

Unknown travellers,
Take over the forest
Leaves,
Defend their territory,

Burnished bronze twigs,
Wave a curse
The gusty wind
Bids farewell.

Autumn

By Henry Pawson

Animals twitch,
In the blanket of hibernation,
Logs, like lasers
Dodge the heinous heist.

Veins of the sky,
Drop tiny grenades,
The floor, peppered in ashes
From limbless torsos.

The brisk breeze,
Struggles to compete,
With the sun
Which gazes through the twisted trees,
Like shattered glass.

Bottle green hollies,
Stand audaciously strong,
Amongst the debris of leaves.

Moss hides in graveyard,
Where tree shadows fall,
on their laps
A stark war has begun.

Autumn

Orlaith Phelan

Dapples of sunlight rest upon
The transition between seasons,
A war, a threatening fight.
Gnarled roots guard their territory,
Surroundings littered
With a carpet of decaying leaves.

Summer cries out in anger,
It can't let Autumn invade.
Skeletal branches reach, stretching,
But it is no use
The leaves collapse,
The contorted trees left bare.

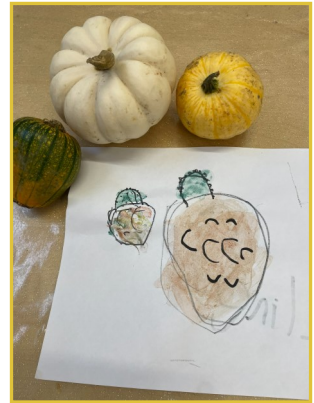
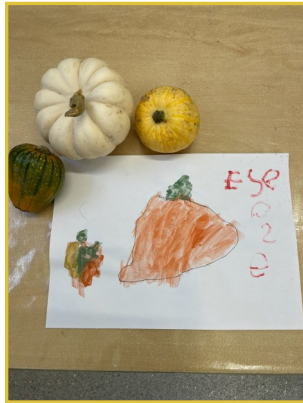
Animals surrender,
Scuttling inside their homes.
Only to reconsider when they hear
Who wins the battle.
Rigid conkers lend a helping hand,
Crashing down, destroying summer flowers.

Autumn barges its way through,
To destroy any golden remnants.
Summer gasps its last breath,
As Autumn settles itself
On the muddy ground.



Reception

Reception have enjoyed learning all about Harvest Festival! They had a harvest shop in the classroom and created some spectacular observational drawings of pumpkins. They used a variety of water colours to create detail and texture. Once they had finished with the pumpkins they gave them to Mr Hudson, who used them to create a delicious pumpkin soup! Reception ended a very successful half term by performing in the Harvest Assembly with the rest of the school! Have a very well-earned break Reception, you have worked incredibly hard!



News from Sports

Harriet Roberts, the Moorlands Hockey captain, took a Year 6 Hockey session this week. She focused on a warm-up and then a series of drills which included relays and passing focused drills.



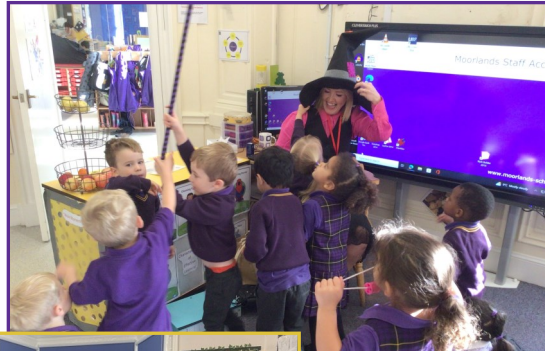
Year 5&6 girls went to Richmond House on a triangular fixture between Bronte House, Richmond House and Moorlands. The A team was excellently led by Sasha Pennington.



Visit from an Author

On Monday, Foxes, Reception and Years 1 and 2 had a visit from an author, Claire Price. Claire read the rhyming story she had written, Busy Wizzy. The children really enjoyed the book and activities. Please find the link below if you would like to purchase the book.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Busy-Wizzy-Claire-Price/dp/B0CHC54Q2H/ref=mp_s_a_1_1?crid=19AI2X1SHLUOL&keywords=busy+wizzy+book&qid=1697473624&srefix=busy+wizzy%2Caps%2C177&sr=8-1



House Scarecrow Competition



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Which House will win the title for best scarecrow?

Over half term, design a scarecrow based on a book character and enter it into the Moorlands Scarecrow trail. Bring your scarecrows in after half term. Winners will be announced on Friday 17th November. Good Luck!

Please have all
scarecrows into school by
Friday 10th November



Prize hampers for
1st, 2nd and 3rd
place plus house
points!



Friendship Terrace



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No. 6 Unhelpful Ellie



Unhelpful Ellie from No. 6 Friendship Terrace didn't help her friends. Sometimes she didn't notice when they wanted help. Sometimes she did notice, but she chose not to help them. "Someone else will sort it out," she thought.

Unhelpful Ellie's friends were beginning to think that she didn't care about them. Maybe she wasn't a true friend after all.

One day Unhelpful Ellie looked out of her window and saw Belinda, sitting on the bench outside Unhelpful Ellie's house. "What's she doing there?" thought Unhelpful Ellie. She looked again. Belinda looked really sad. In fact, she was crying. "Why is she crying on my bench?" thought Unhelpful Ellie. "Why doesn't she go somewhere else to cry?"

Unhelpful Ellie opened her door. "Go away!" she shouted. "Go and sit somewhere else."

Belinda looked up at Unhelpful Ellie with tears streaming down her face. "I just wanted someone to talk to," she said sadly, walking away.

Ellie sat down on her doorstep. "Why me?" she said out loud.

Friendly Freddie came and sat down beside her. "Look's like Belinda's in need of some help," he said.

"Why did she come to me?" asked Ellie. "Why did she think I could help her?"

"Maybe she sees you as a good friend," said Friendly Freddie. "Good friends help each other out and care for each other."

"But I don't know how to," said Ellie.

"Sometimes friends just want someone who'll listen to them and sit with them for a bit," said Freddie. "They just want someone to be with them."

"I guess I could do that," said Ellie. She sat and thought about what Friendly Freddie had said.

After a while, Ellie got up and went over to Belinda. "You look sad, Belinda," she said. "Come and sit down with me on my bench. What's up?"

"No-one will play with me," cried Belinda. "Maisie's off making dens in Fitzroy's garden. Tara's on the trampoline with Manisha. I feel really left out. I just thought maybe you would like to play with me. That's why I came and sat on your bench."

Ellie listened. They sat together for a bit and then Ellie said, "We could do some skipping. You like skipping, don't you?"

"That would be great," said Belinda. "Thanks. I feel much better now."

Ellie realised that it didn't take much to help a friend. You just had to be there for them when they needed you.

Dates For Your Diary Term Dates 2023-24

November

Mon 6th	Term Starts
Tues 7th	Year 3 & 4 Visit to Pizza Express 1:45pm U9 Netball and Tag Rugby vs Froebelian @ Moorlands
Fri 10th	11:00am Remembrance Service 1:45pm U11 Rugby @ Gateways
Mon 13th	8:30am Individual and Sibling Photos
Tues 14th	1:45pm U9 Rugby @ Brackenfield Science 'Quiz Club' First Heat
Weds 15th	Year 1 Visit to Abbey House Museum
Thurs 16th	am Working Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Fri 17th	MSA Non-Uniform Day and Bottle Drop 1:45pm U11 Hockey Festival @ Ashville
Mon 20th	Year 6 Exams
Tues 21st	Year 6 Exams 1:45pm U9 Hockey Festival @ BGS
Weds 22nd	Year 6 Exams
Fri 24th	2:00pm Moorlands' Governors Meeting 1:45pm U11 Rugby @ Brackenfield
Sat 25th	MSA Christmas Fair



WEEK STARTING | 6th November



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 Orange sponge with chocolate icing
Tuesday Apple and cinnamon crumble with custard
Wednesday Chocolate cornflake cake
Thursday Chocolate chip cookie
Friday Pineapple upside-down cake

Supper Club

Daily changing, freshly made supper available every evening.

MAIN DISHES

MONDAY

Spanish Chicken- Chicken, chorizo and peppers in a tomato sauce with braised rice and steamed broccoli

TUESDAY

Pork sausage with onion gravy, mashed potato and roasted carrots

WEDNESDAY

Mexican pulled chicken, with spiced potato wedges guacamole and sour cream

THURSDAY

Roast gammon served with new potatoes, braised cabbage and herb gravy.

FRIDAY

Beef lasagne with homemade focaccia and garden peas

VEGETARIAN

MONDAY

Mexican bean casserole, Homemade flatbread, salsa and sour cream

TUESDAY

Mushroom stroganoff, braised rice and roasted carrots

WEDNESDAY

Cheese and onion quiche, chef's salad and spiced wedges

THURSDAY

Sweet potato and spinach Rogan Josh, Fragrant rice and homemade onion bhaji

FRIDAY

Vegetarian shepherds pie, steamed carrots and broccoli