

MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

We kicked off the week with an Anti-bullying assembly, presented by Rev Drost the Woodhouse Grove School Chaplain, reminding us to care, share and be respectful. Values which were all reinforced over the course of the week through class activities and workshops. There are photos and more information later in the newsletter.



On Wednesday, Otis presented an assembly to the whole school, where he talked about living with types 1 diabetes. This was following a visit to parliament on Monday to raise awareness of the condition and also fundraise for children in developing countries who die because they don't have access to insulin.

This is being done through the #BlueBalloonCampaign, which likens living with diabetes to a constant balancing act. For every tweet that mentions #BlueBalloonchallenge, 5 euros will be donated to the charity @LifeForAChild by Medtronic

Thank you for all of the generous donations of chocolate and bottles which have come in this week for the MSA Christmas Fair. This seems to be rapidly coming around and any offers of help to manage stalls on the day would still be appreciated, please sign up via the following link: volunteersignup.org/X9XA9

It was lovely to be able to welcome prospective families into school yesterday. Our Year 6 guides, as always, were roundly complimented on their enthusiasm, knowledge, manners and confidence - they really are our best advocates!

Over the next few weeks of term we are looking forward to welcoming many of you into school to join us in our Christmas celebrations. Please make sure you have the following in your diary:

- ◇ Saturday 25th November 12.00-3.00pm MSA Christmas Fair
- ◇ Tuesday 5th December 7.00pm KS2 Christmas Concert
- ◇ Friday 8th December 9.15am EYFS Nativity Play - Special News
- ◇ Friday 8th December 11.00am KS1 Nativity Play - Baarmy Bethlehem
- ◇ Friday 15th December 3.00pm Carol Service at St Chad's Church, Otley Road

Enjoy the weekend

Jacky Atkinson

Abbey House Museum

On Wednesday, Year 1 went on a trip to the Abbey House Museum. They were very excited to learn outside of the classroom as part of their 'Toy Story' topic. The children had the opportunity to play with some toys from the past, have a story in a fairy-tale shoe and explore what Leeds was like over 100 years ago in the Victorian streets. The children asked lots of inquisitive questions and had a lot of fun!



Ask Buddy

Dear Buddy,

I don't think my friend trusts me. Every time I ask, "What are you doing?" or "Why are you sad?" she says, "None of your business."

Please help me.

Dear Friend,

We understand you are having trouble with one of your friends. We would like to try and help you as we also know how it feels to be excluded. It is completely normal to have friendship troubles throughout school and they come and go often.

This friend who is hurting your feelings might not be the right person to play with at the moment. It is also important to think about how your friend/friends are feeling. Maybe they have something going on outside of school and only want to tell a couple of people.



PeerBuddies®

We're sure that whatever problem your friend seems to be having will be shared and you will find out soon. For now, try playing with some other people who make you feel happy.

Love Ask Buddy

News From Sport

On Friday 10th of November, Moorlands Under 11s rugby team hosted Richmond House School for a match, after the Gateways tournament was cancelled.

The first third was Moorlands A vs Richmond A. Both teams started strongly and Richmond house scored the first try. Remaining composed, Moorlands responded with some good passing and disciplined rucking and brought the match back level at 1-1. Moorlands then took control, with Henry, Will and Seb amongst the scorers. At the end of the first third, Moorlands were 7-1 up.

In the second third, Moorlands B and Richmond house B went up against each other. The first couple of minutes were tough and we conceded twice. However, we came back and at the end of that third, the score was 9-5 - with Jason and Ralph from Year 5 scoring excellent tries.

In the final third both teams gave it everything they had. Richmond house scored the first try and began to feel that they could win it – playing some fast, running rugby. In response, Moorlands dug deep. The scoring continued, with Moorlands going over four times to Richmond House's three. Moorlands won the match 13-8 with some great effort from everyone, especially the year fives- some playing their first contact matches.

Thank you to Mr Marshall and Mr Judd for coaching us and refereeing the game.

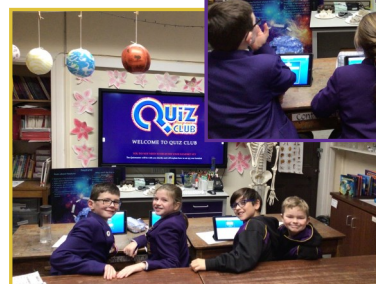
Come on Moorlands!

Louis C, Rugby Captain



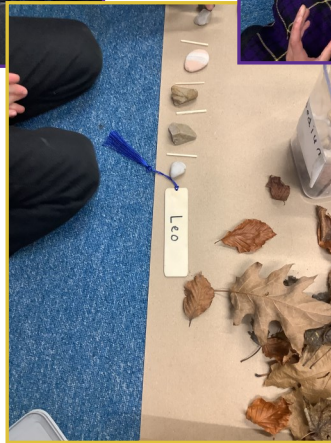
News from Science

On Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 Science Quiz Team took part in the first area heat of the national championships, where they competed against 54 other schools from across the country. There were 30 questions in total, with the leaderboard being displayed every 5 questions. Moorlands were in the top 15 for the first four rounds, but rounds 5 and 6 proved extremely difficult, and with each question in round 6 worth 100 points we quickly dropped down. Although we didn't reach the next round, the team performed brilliantly and very much enjoyed representing Moorlands. Well done, William S, Hannah, William H and Otis.



News From Reception

Reception have been exploring patterns using natural materials. Yesterday the children created AB patterns and some children even challenged themselves further by creating ABB patterns. One child really thought outside the box and created a pattern in a circular shape rather than a straight line! Well done!



Scarecrow Competition

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Scarecrow Competition and for making it a success. It was very difficult to choose winners as the standard was so high, but the winners were as follows

3rd place Jared Willis-Bray

2nd place Sasha Pennington

1st place Rafa, Sophia and Eva Adair.



Anti-Bullying Assembly

This week, Moorlands has participated in National Anti-Bullying week. Although this has been a focus throughout the week, it is important to remember that bullying is not accepted at any time and not in any place whether that is at school, in sport or at home.

Classes have talked about the different types of bullying: cyber, verbal, physical and psychological. We have discussed the dangers of banter going too far and the fact that using language which is gender specific eg. You are a girl and girls are not strong enough/You are a boy and shouldn't cry", racist language eg. "You cannot play because your skin is a different colour" or homophobic language eg. "You are gay, you are trans," is never acceptable. We have talked about the role of the bystander and how by supporting each other and speaking out, bullies lose their power. Blue anti-bullying bunting has been created in art. Drama lessons have included role plays about banter going too far.

Each class has worked on anti-bullying messages throughout the week and shared their work in assembly today.

Reception class made kindness kits for their buddies, Y1-6 wrote class poems and signs have been made for the playground, all designed to reinforce and encourage an inclusive and diverse community. The children all have their own anti-bullying leaflets in which they have written who their trusted adults are. Children are also aware of the use of Childline.

This poem by William Crocker, written for the Protected Behaviours programme, encompasses all Moorlands aspires to be.

People Poem

If this is not a place where tears are understood,
Where do I go to cry?

If this is not a place where my spirits can take wing,
Where do I go to fly?

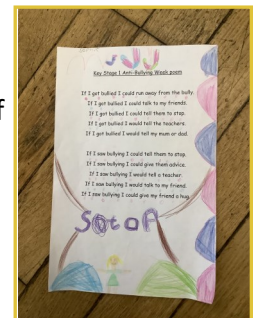
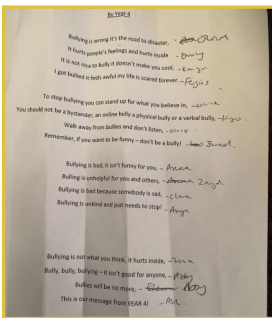
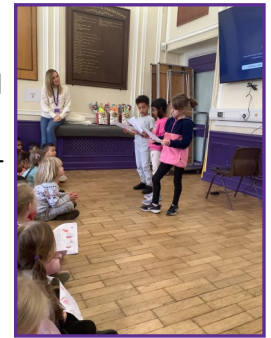
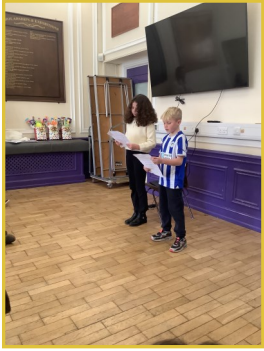
If this is not a place where my questions can be asked,
Where do I go to seek?

If this is not a place where my feelings can be heard,
Where do I go to speak?

If this is not a place where you'll accept me as I
am,
Where can I go to be?

If this is not a place where I can try to learn and
grow,
Where can I be just me?

William J Crockett/Crocker



Friendship Terrace



Friendship Terrace No. 8 Tell Tell Tara



Tell Tell Tara from No. 8 Friendship Terrace couldn't keep a secret. She loved to let everyone on Friendship Terrace know what was going on. Even if someone had said to her, "Promise you won't tell anyone?" she still would.

Everyone was beginning to feel that they couldn't trust Tell Tell Tara. They were starting to choose not to tell her things. They didn't want to have their secrets spread across Friendship Terrace.

One day, as she was walking down Friendship Terrace, Tell Tell Tara saw a group, all huddled together and whispering to each other. As she got nearer, they stopped talking.

"What's going on? What were you talking about?" asked Tell Tell Tara.

"Oh, nothing," they replied.

"Please tell me. What is it?" pleaded Tell Tell Tara.

"Oh, nothing," they said again and everyone went away.

Tara went to sit on her doorstep. "Why won't people talk to me? I just want to know what's going on," she said out loud.

Friendly Freddie came and sat down beside her.

"Why did everyone stop talking when I went over?" Tara asked Freddie.

"Why do you think it might be?" asked Friendly Freddie gently.

"Is it because they didn't want me to know something?" asked Tara.

"Maybe they think you might tell someone else," said Freddie.

"But I'm just trying to be helpful," said Tara. "I'm just letting everyone know what's going on."

"Sometimes it's more helpful to keep it to yourself," said Friendly Freddie.

"You have to think about how others would feel. Sometimes they don't want what they've said to be shared with anyone else."

"Oh," said Tara thoughtfully. "I hadn't thought of that."

Friendly Freddie paused, and then whispered to Tara: "Can I trust you to keep a secret? Promise you won't tell anyone?"

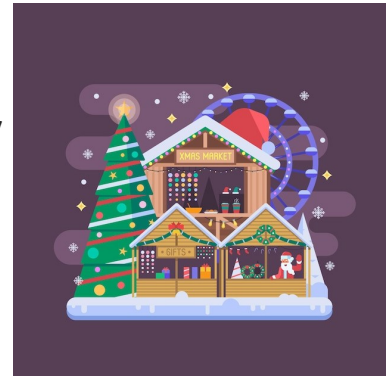
Tara thought for a moment. She wanted her friends to be able to trust her. "OK. I'll keep the secret," she promised.

"Oh... umm..." Tara thought about what Friendly Freddie had said. She wanted to be trusted by her friends and she realised that Liam would enjoy the party more if it was a surprise. "Umm... er... fancy a game of football, Liam?"

Key Dates from The MSA

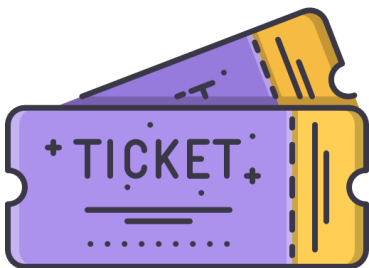
Raffle tickets – Sat 25th Nov

- Will be added to school bags this week
- All tickets/money to be returned to school reception by Sat 25th Nov.
- We will also be selling tickets on the day this year
- Draw will be held at the fair on the 25th Nov



Tombola Prize Bottle Drop – Friday 17th Nov

- All bottles to be dropped off at school reception/gate on Friday 17th Nov
- Non-uniform day for pupils



Raffles Prizes – Friday 17th Nov

- All prizes to be delivered to Reception by Friday 17th Nov
- Faye Daniels is the primary contact if you have any queries on prizes.

Bake off – Sat 25th 11am-12pm

- Invitation for all avid bakers to donate cakes to the cake stall
- Please drop off cakes on the day of the fair at school reception
- All cakes will be sold at the cake stall



The Christmas Fair Rasta Claus sign up sheets are in reception so book your spot quickly. The cost is £4 per child and they will get story time with Rasta Claus and a gift. Don't miss out.



ALL
WELCOME

MOORLANDS SCHOOL



Christmas Fair
2023



Saturday 25th November
12-3pm

Delicious hot food & drink stalls - Come for lunch!

Over 30 Stalls, including fun games for all ages.

Lots of prizes to be won.

Come visit the famous Rasta Claus



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Dates For Your Diary Term Dates 2023-24

November

Mon 20th	8:40am Assembly, Year 2 on being 'Independent' in the Dining Hall Year 6 Exams
Tues 21st	Year 6 Exams 1:45pm U9 Hockey Festival @ BGS 2pm U9 Tag Rugby vs Highfield @ Moorlands
Weds 22nd	Year 6 Exams
Fri 24th	2:00pm Moorlands' Governors Meeting 1:45pm U11 Rugby @ Brackenfield
Sat 25th	12:00-3:00pm MSA Christmas Fair
Tues 28th	Year 6 Mock Interviews 1:45pm U9 Rugby @ Gateways
Thurs 30th	KS1 & EYFS to Dick Whittington @ Harrogate Theatre KS2 Ice Skating


December

Fri 1st	1:45pm U11 Hockey @ Ghyll Royd
Mon 4th	8:40am Year 6 Britpop Assembly
Tues 5th	7:00pm Christmas Concert with rehearsals all day
Thurs 7th	9:15am EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal 11:00am KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Fri 8th	9:15am EYFS Nativity-Special News 11:00am KS1 Nativity-Baarmy Bethlehem 2:00pm KS2 House Football and Netball



Moorlands School

WEEK STARTING 20th November



<p>MAIN DISHES</p> <p>MONDAY Baked chorizo macaroni cheese with steamed broccoli and garden peas.</p> <p>TUESDAY Chicken balti curry served with fragrant rice, poppadom and mango chutney</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Sausage pie, Mashed potatoes, Gravy and seasonal roasted vegetables</p> <p>THURSDAY Pasta Bolognese, garlic bread peas and sweetcorn</p> <p>FRIDAY Battered Fish and home-made chips served with mushy peas and tartare sauce.</p>	<p>VEGETARIAN</p> <p>MONDAY Quorn Keema, with homemade flatbread</p> <p>TUESDAY Pasta puttanesca, rosemary ciabatta and roasted broccoli.(VG)</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Vegetable tagine served with Moroccan spiced cous cous(VG) and mint yogurt</p> <p>THURSDAY Sweet potato goulash, Fragrant rice and seasonal vegetables.(VG)</p> <p>FRIDAY Battered veggie sausage, Homemade chips and mushy peas</p>	<div style="background-color: #1a3d4d; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Daily Staples</div> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 5px 0;">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</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 5px 0;">Simply Pasta or Jacket Potatoes available daily</p> <div style="background-color: #1a3d4d; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Desserts</div> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 5px 0;">Monday Ginger snap biscuit Tuesday Marble cake with chocolate frosting Wednesday Autumn fruit crumble and custard Thursday Sticky toffee pudding Friday Sprinkle cake</p> <div style="background-color: #1a3d4d; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Supper Club</div> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 5px 0;">Daily changing, freshly made supper available every evening.</p>
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