

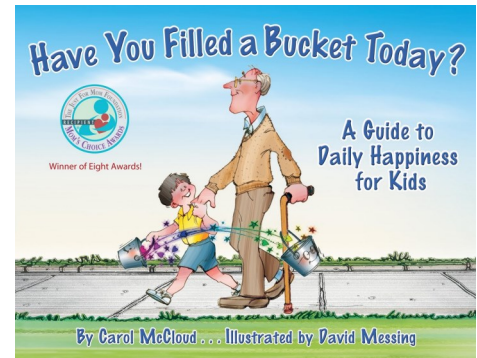
MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

Our Moorlanders started the week with a challenge from Mrs Wheelhouse in assembly to 'fill each other's buckets' . . . or in other words, be kind! This can be an underrated value at times, but the impact a small gesture - such as a supportive word, taking the time to listen, giving encouragement, a compliment or just a smile - can make all the difference to someone's day.



Year 6 have had a busy time sitting their mock examinations in preparation for transition to senior school and the upcoming entrance assessments in January. We are very proud of the mature and hardworking way in which they have all approached the week - well done Year 6! Next Tuesday, I have the pleasure of spending the day doing mock interviews with them in preparation as well and always find some new nugget of information - such as a hidden talent or passion - that I didn't know! These are important opportunities to develop skills which will carry them through life.

It is always helpful for me to keep in touch with the provision being offered by the various schools that our pupils move onto and so next week I am looking forward to going to visit St Peter's, in York, and Ashville College, Harrogate.

This term seems to be vanishing all too quickly with rehearsals well underway for the various Christmas performances and snatches of carols, Christmas songs and nativity lines floating into my office. We also have the annual EYFS and KS1 visit to the pantomime and KS2 ice-skating taking place next week as well!



School has been a hive of industry, getting ready for the Christmas Fair. Our impressive Christmas tree was supplied by High Trees Garden Centre - thank you to them - and beautifully decorated by a team of helpers, last weekend. As I am writing this, Santa's grotto is taking shape and there is a definite buzz in the air. Thank you to the members of the MSA team and all of the volunteers for making this happen.

The Christmas Fair, for me, is always one of the highlights of the school year, with a great sense of community and we will look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow!

Jacky Atkinson

News from Science

Year 3 and 4 are thoroughly enjoying their topic on Rocks and Soils. They have carried out experiments on different rocks to see if they are igneous, metamorphic or sedimentary.



News from Sport

On Friday the 17th of November two teams joined me in representing Moorlands at Ashville for a hockey fixture of a lifetime.

Our first opponents GSAL went unexpectedly AWOL, so we began by playing Brackenfield in a friendly match.

Moorlands all played well with some great attacking from Sophie Silva and Alyssa Joyce and both scored goals. Yet Brackenfield also played well, scoring an unbeatable four goals. We frustratingly ended the first match on a 2-4 loss.

In our second match against Ashville, defenders Orla Young and India Rawat made some incredible saves to keep us in the game, while Alyssa and Sophie put on a brilliant attacking performance again, with Sophie scoring a wonder goal.

Super sub Hannah MacEachern then came on the pitch and managed to score the winning goal in the final few minutes. In the end we won with a score of 2 goals to 1.

In our final game against Moorfield, we all worked very hard for a victory. Charlotte Dix played some amazing passes including an assist for the winning goal. In the final few minutes, we were all very tired, but we played some great attacking hockey. We ended on a stupendous 2-1 win.

As I was playing, I did not see the other Moorlands team play but the girls comprehensively won both their games with great work from Sasha Pennington, Sophia Adair, Orlaith Phelan, Aisha Ahmed and Hannah Walsh. Well done and thank you to everybody on the team. Player of the fixture goes to Orla Young for some amazing defensive play. Thank you too to Miss Williams and Miss Jackson for taking us to Harrogate and cheering us on.

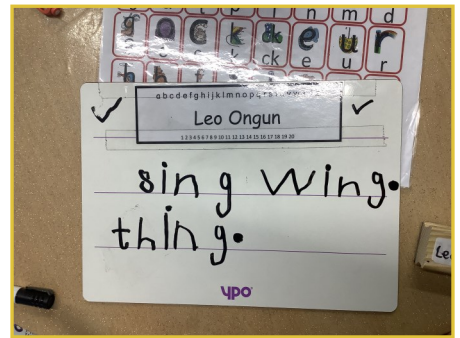
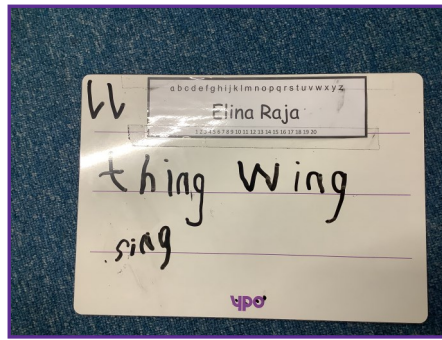
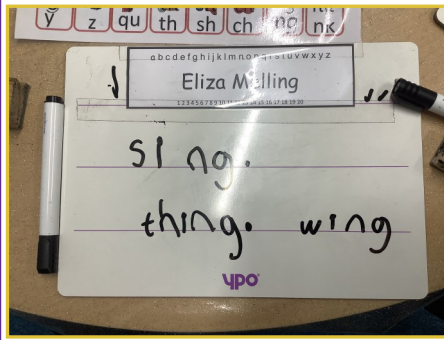
I really loved the responsibility of being captain in what is likely to be one of my last ever hockey fixtures at Moorlands and I am happy that we signed off with a fine collection of wins!

By Harriet Roberts



News from Reception

This week Reception class have continued to explore patterns in their math lessons and have learnt new digraphs such as the 'ng' digraph. They are quickly working their way through the phonics scheme and have started to write captions independently! We also crated some leaf prints from some of the leaves we found in the outdoor area. Keep up the good work Reception.



Scarfs

Due to the popularity of our limited-edition anniversary scarf, we are considering ordering another small batch. They are made out of a mixture of real wool and fleece, and priced at £24.

If you would like one of these highly-coveted scarves, please email Mrs Doherty before Wednesday November 29.



Moorlands School
**KS2
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

Tuesday 5th December 7pm
Doors open at 6.30pm
All welcome



YEAR 6 BRIT POP ASSEMBLY

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER
9 A M
In the Gym



Friendship Terrace



Friendship Terrace

No. 9 Maisie Me



Maisie Me from No. 9 Friendship Terrace liked to talk. She liked to talk about ME, ME, ME, but she never listened to what anyone else had to say.

"Oh, I've just got a new pair of wellies," she would say quickly. "They're really lovely. I got them in the sale, you know, in town, from that new shop on the corner. Oh, and also when I was in town I..."

As she talked, others eventually lost interest and stopped listening. Some just walked away. Why should they listen to her if she never listened to them?

One day a terrible thing happened. Maisie Me lost her voice. She woke up, tried to speak, and realised that she couldn't make a sound. How could she cope if she couldn't speak?

Maisie Me went out onto Friendship Terrace.

"Hi Maisie!" called Jake from next door. "How are you?" Maisie pointed to her throat, hurried down her steps and went along Friendship Terrace.

"Wow," thought Jake. "I don't think I've ever seen Maisie when she's not talking."

Then Maisie Me met Ryan. "I'm just off to play on the trampoline, Maisie. Want to come?" Maisie Me quickly turned round to go back to her house.

"What's up with Maisie," thought Ryan. "I've never seen her so quiet."

Maisie sat down on her doorstep. "This is useless," she thought. "I can't say anything at all. What am I going to do?"

Just then Friendly Freddie came along with two big mugs of hot blackcurrant drink. He gave one to Maisie and sat down. "I hear you've got a sore throat," he said.

Maisie took a sip of the blackcurrant drink and whispered hoarsely, "I can't talk. What am I going to do?"

"Maybe you don't need to talk. Maybe it's your turn to do the listening today," suggested Friendly Freddie.

"But what if no-one else has anything to say?" coughed Maisie.

"Everyone always has something to say. You just have to give them the space to say it," explained Freddie. "It's good to take turns in talking and listening."

Maisie sipped her blackcurrant drink and thought about what Friendly Freddie had said.

Belinda came over. "I hear you've got a sore throat. Sorry to hear that. I had a really sore throat once and I found that it was really helpful to eat pancakes."

"Pancakes?" whispered Maisie in a surprised voice.

"Well... I don't think they helped my sore throat much, but they certainly cheered me up," giggled Belinda. "We had such fun tossing the pancakes up and down Friendship Terrace. I completely forgot about my sore throat." Then Belinda thought for a moment. "I know... we could make pancakes today," she suggested. "You could help me, Maisie. And as we cook, I can tell you all about my new wellies."

"Thank you," whispered Maisie.

Maisie smiled at Freddie. She realised that today she would have lots of practice at listening. It sounded like her friends had a lot to say: she just needed to give them the chance to say it.

Moorlands School Christmas Fair – 25th November, 12pm – 3pm

We are all excited to welcome you to the 2023 Christmas Fair this coming Saturday, 25th November. Below is the detail of parking, timing, stalls, points of contact and what to expect at this year's fair.

Fair timing

- § The fair will welcome all attendees from 12 noon to 3pm at Moorlands School.
- § 11.50am Playground parking will open (School car park will be open)
- § 12pm – 2.30pm Stalls open in the Gym and main hall.
- § 12pm – 2.30pm Hot food, cakes and drinks, served in canteen
- § 11am – 2.10pm Rasta Santa will open, advance bookings only
- § 2.30pm – 3pm. Raffle draw. To be drawn in the dining room / main hall by Rasta Santa himself. We will be communicating full draw and winners after the event
- § 3.15pm Fair will close and tidy up begins. Helpers most welcome to help afterwards.

Parking

- § The school playground will open for parking at 11.50am.
- § The school car park will be open and available to all on a first come, first served basis. There is on-street parking available nearby, please consider the schools neighbours by not parking on or in front of driveways or mount the curbs.

Reception & Stalls

- § **Reception:** Entry into the fair and drop off for all raffle tickets/money. Please pick up the reindeer food bag and take to the gym for a free bag of reindeer food.
- § **Hall:** Guest stalls including St Gemmas, Comics, Books and hampers
- § **Canteen:** Hot food, cakes, snacks and drink stall
- § **Early Years reception room:** Biscuit decorating and face painting
- § **1st Floor:** Rasta Santa & Grotto
- § **Gym** – All the games stalls, tombola, candy floss & family picture booth
- § **Outside Gym** – firepit & toasted marshmallows

Digital Payments – all stalls will have a QR code should you wish to pay via Google or Apple pay. Of course, cash payments will be accepted.

Food & Drink

- § We've brought in an external hot food caterer for this years event
- § The menu
 - 9" Stone baked pizzas including Margarita (V), Ham & Cheese, Pepporoni
 - Festive Ciabatta sandwiches with side of roast potatoes
 - French Fries
- § Cakes, snacks and drinks stall

Cake stand

- § Budding bakers – all donations to the cake stall would be gratefully received. Please can you ensure no nuts in recipes and delivery all cakes to reception at 11.30am – 12pm

Allergy awareness

- § Whilst the school is a nut-free zone, we are not operating under normal school conditions so please be extra vigilant.
- § All food will be nut-free and we will endeavor to make sure that all cakes are too. There are however likely to be tombola/jam jar donations and potentially other items that contain nuts.

In case of fire/evacuation

- § Evacuate using the nearest fire exit (see plan/event briefing).
- § MSA team responsible for moving everyone away from the school towards the far side of the playground (by the climbing frame by the main school gate).



UNWRAP THE MAGIC AT MOORLANDS CHRISTMAS FAIR 2023

P PARKING:

- 🚗 Playground opens at 11:50 am
- 🅑 First-come, first-served at school car park
- 🟢 On-street parking nearby (please be considerate)

A RECEPTION & STALLS:

- 🎟 Drop your raffle tickets at reception
- 🦌 Collect your free bag of reindeer food at the gym
- 🍽 Guest stalls, canteen delights & more!



FAIR HIGHLIGHTS:

- 🎁 Stalls open 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
- 🍔 Hot food, cakes & drinks are available in the canteen
- 👴 Rasta Claus Start time 12:05 pm (book in advance)
- 🎟 Raffle draw at 2:30 pm by Rasta Santa
- 🧹 Fair closes at 3:15 pm; helpers welcome for cleanup!

LOCATION & TIME



MOORLANDS SCHOOL



SATURDAY, NOV 25



12:00 PM - 3:00 PM



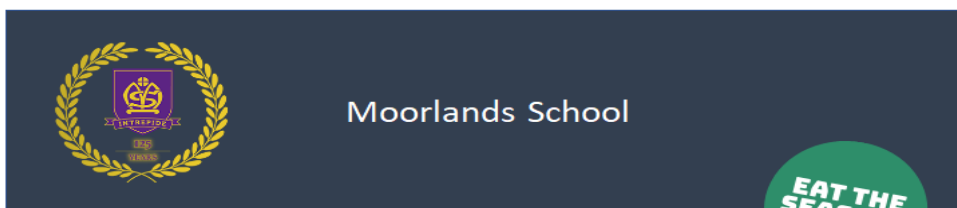
Dates For Your Diary Term Dates 2023-24

November

- Sat 25th** 12:00-3:00pm MSA Christmas Fair
- Tues 28th** Year 6 Mock Interviews
- Thurs 30th** KS1 & EYFS to Dick Whittington @ Harrogate Theatre
KS2 Ice Skating

December

- Fri 1st** 1:45pm U11 Hockey @ Ghyll Royd
- Mon 4th** 9:00am 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
- Weds 13th** EYFS Parties
- Thurs 14th** 12:00pm Christmas Feast
pm KS1 and KS2 Class Parties
- Fri 15th** Rehearsals for Carol Service throughout the day
3:00pm Carol Service at St Chad's
4:00pm School Closes



WEEK STARTING | 27th 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 Lemon drizzle cake
Tuesday Chocolate cornflake slice
Wednesday Jam sponge and custard
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

Tandoori chicken, Bombay potatoes, curry sauce and sweetcorn.

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, Flatbread, salsa and sour cream(vg)

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(vg)

FRIDAY

Vegetarian shepherds pie, steamed carrots and broccoli(vg)