

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Letter from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

As anyone who came along will testify, the Moorlands School Association (MSA) Christmas Fair last Saturday was a huge success, and it was wonderful to see so many current and former families there. Rasta Santa worked his magic, the stalls were popular as ever and the food (provided by the catering team from Wilson Vale) proved a big hit. A huge thank you to the MSA Team and willing volunteers for their hard work over the past few weeks and on the day.

The Fair heralded the start of a whole range of seasonal activities taking place over the next weeks. Rev. Drost, Woodhouse Grove School Chaplain, came over on Monday to do his final assembly of the term, reminding us of the season of Advent, the importance of preparation and the Christmas story. We also had a premier performance from our LAMDA club, newly formed by Mrs Doherty in September, and who will shortly be taking their first exam.



School was extremely quiet on Thursday morning . . . when KS2 headed off to Planet Ice for a session honing their skating skills, and you can see by the smiles in the photos, later in the newsletter, that this was a great success! At the same time, Reception and KS1 made their way to the Harrogate Theatre for what - everyone agreed - was an amazing pantomime performance of Dick Whittington!

Unfortunately I won't be in school on Monday, so took the opportunity today to go along for the final rehearsal session of the Year 6 Britpop bands and they were amazing! Lyrics have been written, chord sequences agreed, new instruments tried out and some very powerful messages conveyed. These songs are the culmination of a great deal of independent learning and hard work for the class so, if you are able, please join the school on Monday morning at 9.00am in the gym to hear the final performances.

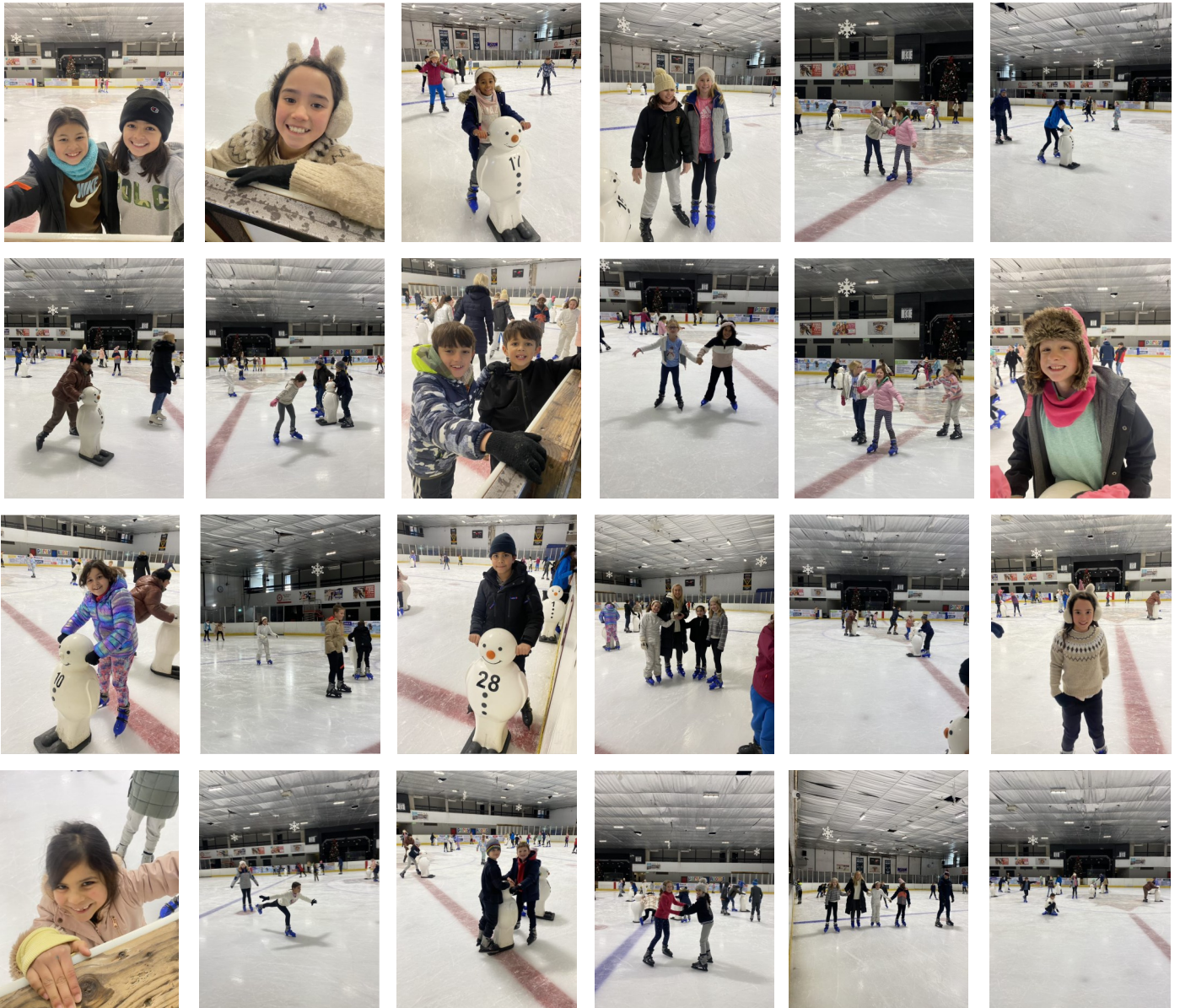
We hope that many of you are going to come along on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm as well for the KS2 Christmas Concert. We have an incredibly vibrant music department at Moorlands and the concert is an opportunity to enjoy just a snapshot of what takes place on a day-to-day basis. As well as the choirs and orchestra, many of KS2 are also involved in instrumental ensembles, which are a great opportunity for pupils to enjoy making music together.

The Year 6 interview on Tuesday lived up to my expectations and I spent a most enjoyable day hearing them speak about their experiences, challenges, interests and hopes for the future.

Enjoy the weekend!

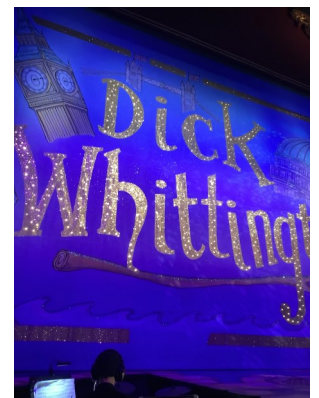
Jacky Atkinson

## KS2 Ice Skating



## Reception and KS1 Pantomime

Reception class enjoyed their first Christmas pantomime, going to the Harrogate Theatre with KS1 to see Dick Whittington. It was wonderful morning filled with laughter and lots of heckling! On Friday morning, they walked into a winter wonderland, as the Reception classroom had been transformed into a winter village complete with houses, each house containing advent treats! They then continued their morning by making Christmas salt dough decorations with their buddies, an annual activity that never fails to bring the Christmas spirit to Moorlands!



## News from Sports

On Friday 24th of November, Moorlands school rugby team travelled to Knaresborough, for a rugby tournament, to end the season

Our first match was against Brackenfield school. Moorlands got off to a great start, by scoring twice in the opening few minutes. Moorlands then went on to score five more tries and conceded just one, with Seb and Will S amongst the scorers. The final score was 7-1 to Moorlands.

Moorlands' next match was against Silcoates. This was a tough game. We conceded two tries early on, and almost a third. However, Moorlands came back and made the score level at 2-2. Silcoates' winger was too fast for our defence; despite some great effort from Jason, Silcoates managed to score a third try. Moorlands didn't give up, and in the final minute, we had a try disallowed. The end score was 3-2 in Silcoates favour.

Our penultimate match was against Moorlands' rivals, Richmond House. This was by far our biggest match yet. It was a very even game, with William S and Ben both putting in some unbelievable effort to stop Richmond House from scoring. Richmond managed to score the first try to make the score 1-0 to them. Moorlands then played some amazing rugby, but lost the ball and Richmond House scored again. Moorlands then responded immediately with some outstanding passing through to Will S who scored a try to get us back in the game. The end score was 2-1 to Richmond House.

This was our final match against Gateways. Moorlands managed to score three quick tries. We dominated throughout the entire match not conceding any tries. Despite this, Gateways didn't give up, pushing and pushing, but unable to get past Moorlands' strong defence of Ajay, Jason and Seb.

Moorlands secured a well-deserved 3rd place in the tournament. We beat Richmond House once again.

Thank you to Mr Marshall and Mr Judd for their support and taking us to Knaresborough.

Louis C



Moorlands School  
**KS2  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**

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



## YEAR 6 BRIT POP ASSEMBLY

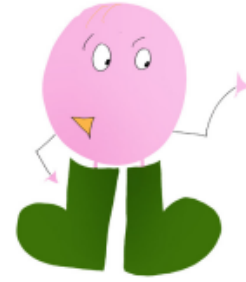
MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER  
9 A M  
In the Gym



## Friendship Terrace



# Friendship Terrace No. 10 Judging Jake



Judging Jake from No. 10 Friendship Terrace didn't like anyone who was different. He would point out what was different about them and suggest that there was something wrong with them.

"I don't like Ellie. She's got a funny voice," he would say. "Weirdo!"

"Fitzroy's got funny hair, and his face is a funny colour. I don't like him."

Everyone on Friendship Terrace ignored him for a while, but some people were beginning to get upset by what he was saying. No-one however had the courage to stand up to him. They all thought that if they did, he might say even more hurtful things.

One day, Judging Jake saw Friendly Freddie playing with his friends on Friendship Terrace. Judging Jake looked at Freddie and his eyes fell upon the sticks that Freddie used to help him to walk. "What's up, Stick Man?" jeered Judging Jake loudly.

There was a sudden silence on Friendship Terrace. Everyone turned round to look at Friendly Freddie. No-one on Friendship Terrace had ever made fun of him before.

Friendly Freddie decided that he would stand up to Judging Jake. He felt hurt by what Jake had said and wanted to let him know. He led Jake to his doorstep. "Come on Jake, I want to have a chat with you."

They sat down. "Jake, I feel sad when you call me that name. I just use sticks to help me get about."

Jake was silent. He hadn't realised that his words really hurt anyone.

"I want to live on a Terrace where people are valued for who they are," said Freddie. "It's what's different about people that makes them interesting. It's OK to ask people about their differences."

Jake thought about what Friendly Freddie had said. "I'm sorry Freddie," he said.

"Freddie..." said Jake slowly. "Could I have a go with your sticks? I just want to see if I can walk with them."

"Certainly," said Freddie, giving Jake his sticks.

Jake hobbled down Friendship Terrace with Freddie's sticks.

Then he saw Ellie. "I'm sorry about what I said. I'd love you to tell me about where you used to live," said Jake.

Fitzroy came over. "How are you getting on with those sticks, Jake?" he asked.

"Terrible!" said Jake laughing. "I don't know how Freddie does it! Come on, let's run back to Freddie and give him back his sticks. I'm sure he doesn't want to sit on the doorstep all day!"



# CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th December

**Help spread some Christmas cheer  
to our local families struggling in  
this current climate.**

## How can you help?

We are doing a festive collection for our local Leeds North and West Foodbank who support our local community. Please can you spare something from your cupboards to help our local families in need. All donations to be dropped into reception.

Below is a recent list of most needed items but anything you have with a decent shelf life would be appreciated.

- Chocolates
- Selection Boxes
- Luxury Biscuits
- Christmas Dessert
- Soda and Juice Cartons
- Mulled Wine
- Savoury Snacks
- Chutney
- Jams
- Stuffing
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Toiletries/Gift Sets
- Pet Stockings/Food

**Please no mince pies as they already have plenty.**



## Dates For Your Diary

### December

<b>Mon 4th</b>	9:00am Year 6 Britpop Assembly
<b>Tues 5th</b>	7:00pm Christmas Concert with rehearsals all day
<b>Thurs 7th</b>	9:15am EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal 11:00am KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
<b>Fri 8th</b>	9:15am EYFS Nativity - Special News 11:00am KS1 Nativity - Baarmy Bethlehem 2:00pm KS2 House Football and Netball @ Moorlands
<b>Weds 13th</b>	EYFS Parties
<b>Thurs 14th</b>	12:00pm Christmas Feast pm KS1 and KS2 Class Parties
<b>Fri 15th</b>	Rehearsals for Carol Service throughout the day 3:00pm Carol Service at St Chad's 4:00pm School Closes



Moorlands School

EAT THE SEASONS

WEEK STARTING | 4<sup>th</sup> December

### 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 Chocolate orange drizzle cake

Tuesday Fruit flapjack

Wednesday Syrup and ginger sponge

Thursday Shortbread biscuits

Friday Carrot cake

### Supper Club

Daily changing, freshly made supper available every evening.

### MAIN DISHES

#### MONDAY

Chicken Tikka masala, Fragrant rice and poppadom

#### TUESDAY

Chorizo and red pepper pasta, Garlic and rosemary focaccia and steamed veg.

#### WEDNESDAY

Moorlands fried chicken, Sweetcorn, Spiced wedges and spicy slaw.

#### THURSDAY

Beef chilli con carne served with rice, nachos and sour cream.

#### FRIDAY

Homemade sausage roll, baked beans and homemade chips

### VEGETARIAN

#### MONDAY

Moroccan vegetable casserole with roasted cumin potatoes and honey glazed carrots.(VG)

#### TUESDAY

Thai Green vegetable noodles(vg) with prawn crackers

#### WEDNESDAY

Beetroot Falafel, toasted flatbread and shredded iceberg(vg) with a mint yoghurt.

#### THURSDAY

Feta and red pepper frittata, herb wedges and garden peas

#### FRIDAY

Pasta with a cream and mushroom sauce and steamed broccoli