

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Letter from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

If I haven't already seen you around school . . . Happy New Year! The term has got off to a busy start, although it was very quiet yesterday afternoon when all of KS2 headed out to the Leeds Playhouse to see an amazing production of Lionel Bart's 'Oliver!'. They had excellent seats near the front of the stalls and thoroughly enjoyed the production - judging by the comments from some of Year 5!



*'I particularly enjoyed the 'I'd do anything' song, sung by Oliver and Nancy. Nancy was an incredible singer and an actress that I found amazing to watch.'*

Hayley

*'I loved the tempo and beat of the song 'Oliver' - I had it in my head all night long! I also really enjoyed singing along to the songs. It was nice to see 'Food Glorious Food' performed too as we did this as our Year 5 Harvest Festival performance.'*

Jason

*'Oliver!' was quite scary and gripping in parts but this made it even more exciting!' Gianna*

*'Oliver!' was quite eye opening in parts - for example, seeing the orphan children and how they were treated. I loved the happy ending though and the relationship between Oliver and his Grandfather.'*

Abi

Our assembly on Monday will be presented by Rev. Drost, the Woodhouse Grove Chaplain, on the theme of 'Thankfulness'. Parents are welcome to join us at 8.40am in the gym.

Our Moorlands' Governing body now consists of ten members and we are very fortunate in the breadth of experience and expertise contained within the group. Please find an introduction to one of our most recent members, Mr David Humphreys, later in the newsletter. Mrs Gill Wilson, our Chair of Governors, has also now become a trustee of MIST (Methodist Independent School Trust).

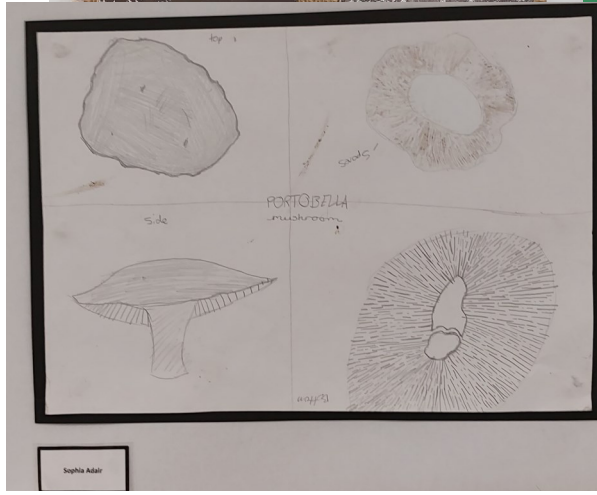
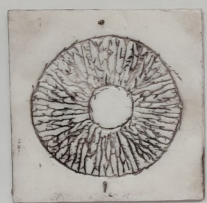
Year 6 have been working incredibly hard preparing for the various senior school entrance assessments, which are coming up over the next few weeks. We wish them every success in their various examinations and interviews . . . believe in yourselves Year 6, we have every confidence in you!

With kind regards  
Jacky Atkinson

## Year 6 'Fabulous Fungi!'

Mrs Spratt has been delighted with the high quality artwork that Year 6 produced in their lessons last term, which has been put together in an amazing display.

The 'Fabulous Fungi!' project involved many different techniques including drawing, painting, collage and clay work. Year 6 were introduced to assorted fungi . . . thinking where to find them, what they need to grow, why they are important and the names of different parts . . . magnifying glasses were used to get a detailed view!



## 'Meet the Governors' – David Humphreys

### **Tell us a little bit about yourself:**

I have had a 40-year career in independent education, teaching Geography at Bedford School and Wellingborough School before being appointed Deputy Head of Caterham School, Surrey, in 1991. We moved to Yorkshire in 1996 when I was appointed Headmaster of Woodhouse Grove School. In 2015 I was appointed Chief Executive of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST), retiring from that role in March 2023.

I have been married (to Alison) for over 40 years; we have four (now adult) children, all of whom will have competed against Moorlands when at Bronte House and some of whom still count former pupils of Moorlands among their friends today.

### **How long have you been involved at Moorlands?**

I have known Moorlands pretty well since 1996 and was pleased to welcome a very good number of Moorlanders to become pupils of Woodhouse Grove over my 19 years as Head. Many of these pupils made a superb contribution to all-round school life, some became senior prefects, most went on to top universities (including Oxbridge) and all made their mark on the life of the Grove. In 2012, I encouraged the governors of Woodhouse Grove and trustees of MIST that Moorlands would be a great addition to the MIST group; that relationship has strengthened over the years so now Moorlands is a full member of MIST and thus fully able to leverage practical advice and support of one of the largest educational charities in the UK whilst retaining its own distinctive character

### **What do you love about our school?**

Moorlands has always had a "buzz". I have always found the children to be caring, lively, inquisitive and supportive of each other. The staff work hard to bring the best out of the children and show huge commitment to the school. The facilities of the school are being further improved and being able to help plan this development will be enjoyable to be involved with.

### **What do you like to do when you're not busy being a Governor?**

I like watching sport, especially cricket. I have become a member of Yorkshire CCC. I enjoy walking, bird-watching, genealogy and playing golf (which I play inconsistently, and the weather needs to be warm, dry and sunny – which means I don't play as often as I need to do to improve).

### **Have you got a secret talent or fun fact to share with us all?**

As a former Head there must have been little room for secret talents or fun ... but I have enjoyed being a guest in the Royal Box at Wimbledon (twice), being the personal guest of Geoffrey Boycott at Headingley when he was President of YCCC, welcoming the great West Indian cricketer Sir Garfield Sobers to Woodhouse Grove for lunch, and joining the players and families of the Bradford Bulls in their post-match celebrations when they beat Leeds Rhinos at the Millenium Stadium in Cardiff in the Challenge Cup Final. You might not think these to be "fun facts", but I did say I enjoy sport --- so it was all fun for me!





# FREE Dodgeball TASTER SESSION Moorlands Primary



We have a **FREE** taster session on:  
**TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY**

Dodgeball is by far the most popular game we play in our clubs, and we have a new club starting at Moorlands on Tuesday 16th January.

We're offering your children a chance to try it out for **FREE!!!**



**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, VISIT:**  
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## Dates For Your Diary


### January

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| <b>Mon 15th</b>   | Clubs Programme Begins  |
| <b>Tues 16th</b>  | 2:00pm U9 Cross Country with RHS and Brackenfield @ Moorlands<br>AIM High Poetry Workshop @ Ireland Wood Primary School |
| <b>Thurs 18th</b> | 3:00pm-4:00pm Year 6 Swimming Gala vs Froebelian @ Moorlands  |
| <b>Tues 23rd</b>  | 1:45pm U9 Hockey @ Ashville   |
| <b>Thurs 25th</b> | 2:00pm U11 Cross Country—The Catteral Shield @ Giggleswick  |
| <b>Fri 26th</b>   | 1:45pm U11 Netball @ Ashville<br>2:00pm U11 Football vs Gateways @ Moorlands  |
| <b>Mon 29th</b>   | Governors in School Week<br>3:45-5:00pm U9/U11 Swimming Gala vs RHS @ Moorlands   |
| <b>Tues 30th</b>  | 1:45pm U9 Netball Festival venue TBC<br>2pm U9 Football vs Gateways @ Moorlands   |
| <b>February</b>   |   |
| <b>Fri 2nd</b>    | 1:45pm U11 Football @ Ashville  |



# Moorlands School

WEEK STARTING | 15<sup>th</sup> January



### MAIN DISHES

**MONDAY**  
Beef chilli con carne steamed fragrant rice nachos  
mint yogurt

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**TUESDAY** moorlands cornflake chicken tenders herb  
roast potatoes peas and carrots

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**WEDNESDAY** Sausage and winter vegetable casserole  
Yorkshire pudding steamed broccoli

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**THURSDAY** chicken and coconut korma turmeric and  
coriander rice poppadom and mango chutney

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**FRIDAY** moorlands chippy lunch, home made chips  
mushy peas or garden peas, tartare sauce

### VEGETARIAN

**MONDAY**  
Mixed bean chilli con carne steamed fragrant rice nachos  
and mint yogurt

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**TUESDAY** moorlands cornflake brie cranberry dressing  
rosemary roast potatoes peas and carrots

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**WEDNESDAY** winter squash and sweet potato hot pot  
Yorkshire pudding steamed broccoli

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**THURSDAY** paneer and coconut korma turmeric and  
coriander rice poppadom mango chutney

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**FRIDAY** moorlands vegetable fritters, home made chips  
mushy or garden peas, tartare sauce

### 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

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### Desserts

Monday banana bread  
Tuesday triple chocolate brownie  
Wednesday warm jam sponge and custard  
Thursday carrot cake  
Friday rocky road cookies

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### Supper Club

Daily changing, freshly made supper available  
every evening.