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MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

This half-term marks an anniversary for me as it is seven years since I came to Moorlands as Headteacher . . . where has that time gone!!! Because of that, the current Year 6 cohort have always held a particularly special place in my heart. Many of them have been at Moorlands since nursery and Reception, so have been a constant during my time here. There are also a good number that were among the first families I showed around when I took up post and in Year 3, I had some time as one of their class teachers. It has been a real pleasure to watch them grow and develop into well-rounded, hardworking, fun loving Moorlanders!

We have been waiting for the final results to come in from their senior school entrance examinations and are incredibly proud of all of Year 6, who have been unanimously successful in being offered places at the schools they applied for: Woodhouse Grove, GSaL, Ashville College, Harrogate Ladies, Bradford Grammar, Wakefield Grammar, Gateways and St Peter's in York.

This in itself is fantastic (and now gives parents some difficult choices to make!) but there were also some notable individual results with fourteen scholarships being awarded to: Sophia - Grovian (WGS) and Music (GSaL); Edo - Headmaster's Award (WGS); Louis C - Charter Scholar (BGS); Charlotte - Grovian (WGS); Alyssa - Headmaster's and Music (WGS) and Music (GSaL); Sasha - Headmaster's (WGS); Orlaith - Head's Award music/academic combined (Ashville); Harriet - Music (HLC) and Music (Ashville); Will - Grovian (WGS) and Orla - Academic (Ashville).

These successes are a direct reflection of the breadth of experience and teaching the pupils receive as they go through school and to get a flavour of this do watch the video that Reception class have been busy making over the last few weeks. The film they have made is amazing, not just their presentation skills but the depth of knowledge that Reception have gathered through their 'Great Outdoors' topic. There is a QR code and link later in the newsletter.

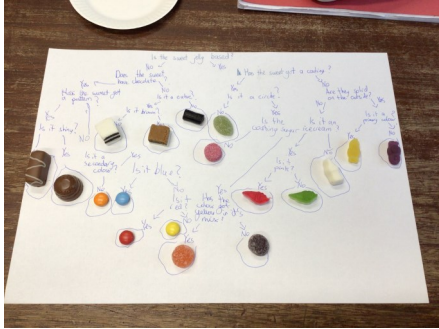
Life at Moorlands continues to be busy after half-term! On Wednesday 21st February, class group photos will be taken of all pupils from Squirrels to Year 6. After a number of years, we are having a change from Tempest photography and are trying a local company, Arts Photography Ltd, who are based in Roundhay. Once the photos are taken, a link will be shared with parents and any purchases you wish to make can be made online.

Please look out for communication coming from Mrs Doherty about World Book Day, on March 7th, and Miss Williams, Mrs King and Miss Jackson about the House Poetry Competition - this information is also later in the newsletter. Whatever you are doing, enjoy the half-term break and we will look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February.

Jacky Atkinson

News from Science

Year 6 are learning about how all living things have been named and classified because of the work of scientist, Carl Linnaeus. Did you know, there are 7 levels to the taxonomy system - Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus and Species. Year 6 have been exploring their own systems by first classifying sweets!



Year 5 are enjoying their topic on Materials and have planned and carried out an investigation into which material is best for a hot drink. The class had to time the water in their tin, glass, plastic and card containers every 2 minutes for 20 minutes.



Meet the Governors

RACHEL ATTACK

Tell us a little bit about yourself

Originally from Devon, I moved to Yorkshire in 2001 and apart from missing the sea, I absolutely love it here. I have spent most of my career working in Human Resources, with my most recent experience being at the beautiful Giggleswick School, prior to which I worked at Woodhouse Grove School and Moorlands School.

I am married to Michael, and we have two teenage boys. Our eldest, Will, has just finished school and is now travelling in Australia. Our youngest, Ollie, is in U6 at Giggleswick School, and he will be leaving to work and play rugby in Vancouver, Canada in August this year. We also have two lovely labradors, Lexi & Ella.

How long have you been involved at Moorlands?

I have personally been involved with Moorlands since 2016 when I had responsibility for Human Resources at both Woodhouse Grove School & Moorlands School. During this time, I had the opportunity to meet many of the staff and to visit the School. But my knowledge of Moorlands really started with my husband, who is an ex-pupil, with wonderful memories of his school days. In fact, I smile each time I come up the stairwell at Moorlands and see his name under the 'Cricket Captains Honours Board'. He tells me that he is also on the Rugby Board, but I am yet to find this one! I did spot his photo in the recent Moorlands Centenary Booklet, which was really nice.



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

My day job as Deputy Bursar and Head of HR at Giggleswick School takes up most of my time. In addition to this, I run a Dog Walking & Cat Feeding business in my home town of Ilkley, so I can often be found walking up on the Moor at weekends or feeding cats before my commute to work. When I am not working, I love spending time relaxing with friends and family.



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

I don't think I really have any secret talents, but when I am not working, I love travelling in my campervan, wild swimming and last summer I started walking the Wainwrights...so far I have only ticked off 13% of them – which is 27 of the 214 total. My next adventure is a two week solo trip to Vietnam, which I am really excited about.

House Poetry

Over the February half term holiday, we would like children from Reception to Year 6 to learn a poem (or part of a poem) by heart. This will then be performed in front of their own class throughout the first week back.

You will need to be ready to perform your poem to your class on Monday 19th February.

A winner will be chosen from each class and they will receive 10 house tokens. These class winners will then perform in assembly and an overall winner will be chosen.

The winning house will gain 60 competition points towards the cup!

Steps to success...

- You need to know your poem by heart
- You need to speak in a loud, clear voice
- You need to add lots of expression to make it interesting
- You need to have eye contact with your audience
- Remember you are performing, not merely reciting!

Good luck!

Miss Williams, Mrs King & Miss Jackson.

World Book Day

World Book Day is almost upon us again and we will be celebrating this special day on Thursday March 7, with a host of activities in school. The theme for this year is 'amazing adjectives' and pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite adjective or wow word.

Hopefully this won't too onerous as most fancy dress or own clothes can be adapted to a great word!

For example: any type of *villainous* costume could be *menacing*, *ferocious* or *surreptitious*. How about *mystical*, *ethereal* or *whimsical*? Pupils wearing their own clothes could be *idiosyncratic*, *flamboyant* or *iridescent*... Pupils could dress as *stately* or *regal*? *Loathsome* or *crotchety*? *Dishevelled* or *unkempt*? *Resplendent* or *splendiferous*? *Roarsome*, *scaly* or *timid*?

After half-term, pupils will come home with an A5 piece of card on which they need to draw their 'wow' word - complete with its definition - so they can share it with their class on the day. I will send a reminder and example with the sheet of card nearer the time. House points for the most inventive word and costume!

We have decided not to host a book fair this year - due to parents' evening - but donations of good quality books for class libraries are always welcomed. Your child will be given a £1 World Book Day voucher which can be redeemed at most local book stores.

Happy wordsmithery!

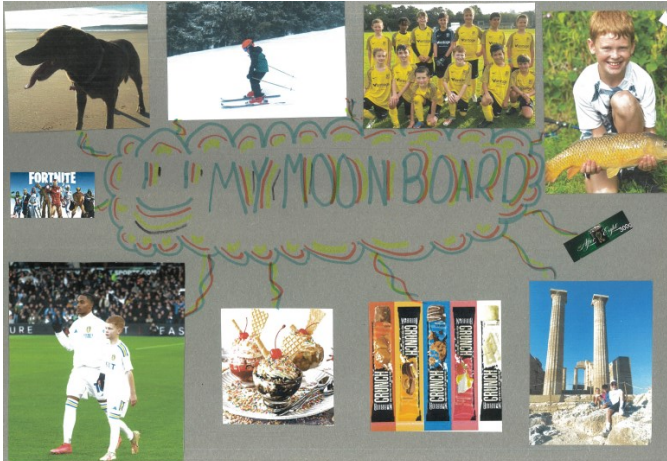
Children's Mental Health Week

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 11 FEB 2024

My VOICE MATTERS

WE'RE TAKING PART IN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk
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Reception Class and 'The Great Outdoors'

Reception class have been learning all about the great outdoors, they have made their own movie which summarises all the wonderful learning.

Scan the QR code or follow the link below to see what they have been up to!

[Great Outdoors final - YouTube](#)



MOORLANDS MSA

SCHOOL DISCO



FREE ENTRY

FREE FOOD



**SCAN HERE TO RSVP
BY 16TH FEB**

**JOIN MR SHUFFLES &
SHOW OFF YOUR
FREESTYLE MOVES**

23RD FEBRUARY * 4-6PM * KS1 & 2

CHILDREN PLEASE BRING DISCO CLOTHES TO SCHOOL

February

Dates For Your Diary

Mon 19th	EYFS start their 'Everyday Heroes Topic!'
Tues 20th	1:45pm U9 Netball @BGS
Weds 21st	a.m. Class Photos for Squirrels to Year 6
Fri 23rd	2:00pm U11 Netball vs Huddersfield Grammar @Moorlands 2:00pm U11 Football vs Lady Lane and Brackenfield @ Lady Lane 4:00-6:00pm MSA Pupil Disco
Tues 27th	2:00pm U9 Football @ Ghyll Royd
Weds 28th	Arts Day for Reception to Year 6
Thurs 29th	HLC Junior Orchestra Day for Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils
March	
Fri 1st	KS1 to Pontefract Castle 2:00pm U11 Football @ GSaL
Weds 6th	4:10-6:00pm KS1 & 2 Parents' Evening—Including Specialists
Thurs 7th	4:10-6:00pm KS1 & 2 Parents' Evening—Including Specialists
Fri 8th	9:30am Moorlands' Governors Meeting 1:45pm U11 Netball @ BGS 4:10pm String Showcase in Dining Hall



Moorlands School

WEEK STARTING | 19th February 2024

EAT THE SEASONS

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 sprinkle cake

Tuesday apple and cinnamon crumble with custard

Wednesday pineapple upside down cake

Thursday chocolate chip cookie

Friday lemon drizzle cake

Supper Club

Daily changing, freshly made supper available every evening.

MAIN DISHES

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Pork sausage with mashed potatoes and gravy with carrots and sweet corn

WEDNESDAY

Mexican pulled chicken with spiced wedges, guacamole and sour cream

THURSDAY

Honey roasted gammon served with new potatoes, braised red cabbage and a herb gravy

FRIDAY

Moorland's chippy lunch, battered fish, home-made chips, mushy peas or garden peas, tartare sauce

VEGETARIAN

MONDAY

Mexican bean casserole, home-made flat bread, salsa and sour cream

TUESDAY

Mushroom stroganoff with pilau rice, roasted carrots, green salad and pickled vegetables

WEDNESDAY

Cheese and onion quiche with chefs' salad and herb mini jackets

THURSDAY

Sweet potato and spinach Rogan josh, fragrant rice and home-made onion bhajis

FRIDAY

Vegetarian shepherd's pie with steamed carrots and broccoli and a roasted root gravy