

# MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher's Letter

Dear Friends of Moorlands,

It was lovely to get out of school for a while on Wednesday afternoon with the Year 5&6 Cross-Country Team, who headed over to Belmont Grosvenor for a cross-country meet against seven other schools. The setting was beautiful, the course tough and the sheep on the route problematic at times . . . but our Moorlanders approached it all with their customary determination and team spirit.

We are always hugely appreciative to parents who so willingly give of their time - whether to support at sports fixtures; come in and speak to groups of pupils; volunteer on the MSA or in the classroom or take part in events such as the Year 6 Parents vs pupils netball match - it really does make a difference and all goes towards building the strong sense of community that Moorlands has, so thank you.



With rhubarb being in season, lunchtime today gave our Moorlanders the chance to try out some new food flavours. There was a selection of tasters including rhubarb and white chocolate scones, rhubarb lemonade and . . . rhubarb and custard! Many of the children were intrepid, trying something new and in the process finding something that they liked.



Earlier this year, we undertook a review of our humanities curriculum which resulted in some new topics being introduced and trialled. Year 6 have currently been enjoying learning about 'Crime and Punishment' and are heading over to Manchester on Monday to the Police Museum. We'll look forward to hearing how that goes. Reception are also around and about, looking forward to Harewood House, a visit rearranged from earlier in the term.

A reminder that the last event of our school term, on Wednesday 27th March, is the Foxhill Run and everyone is invited to come along and support on this afternoon. Please note that school closes at 4.00pm on the 27th March, so there will be no clubs or late class. Enjoy the weekend!

Jacky Atkinson

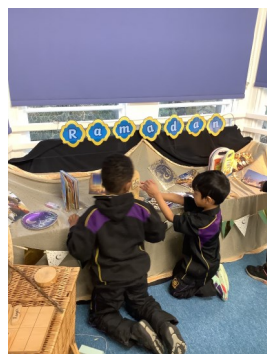
## EYFS Police Visit

The children in the EYs department enjoyed a visit from PSCO's Hetty and Josh. Hetty explained what PSCOs do and how they help the community. The children asked lots of questions and enjoyed dressing up in police uniform. At the end of the talk, Reception class presented Hetty and Josh with a certificate for being an everyday hero and gave them some chocolate to thank them for their visit.



## Ramadan

Thank you to Miss Mehmood for teaching Reception all about Ramadan. The children have fully embraced the meaning behind Ramadan and have enjoy spending time exploring our Ramadan display. Their role playing this week has been centered around sharing meals together and talking about the things that they are grateful for.



## Cross Country

Our Intrepid Year 5&6 Cross-Country team competed over a tough course at Belmont Grosvenor School on Wednesday, a report will follow next week from our Captain.



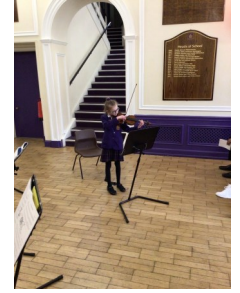
## International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day, a variety of female parents have willingly given up their time this week to speak to children about what it is like to be a female in the modern world, careers, motherhood, educational opportunities, famous people and adventure and exploration. The children have learnt about the challenges of being a female entrepreneur in the technology industry, pioneering women scientists, being a solo traveller and mountain climber, life as a trauma surgeon in a male dominated world, service in the police force, sport and academia and perhaps the most challenging role of all - motherhood. Challenges such as discrimination, maternity, safety, long hours, managing a career and a family, the gender pay gap and breastfeeding have all been discussed. There has been a sense of empowerment for our Moorlanders and inspiration that they can achieve anything they set out to achieve in the future. A huge thank you to all the inspirational women who willingly gave up their time this week.



## String Showcase

Last Friday evening saw Moorlands first ever String Showcase! It was wonderful to see Ms Laverick's pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 perform pieces they have been learning in their lessons as well as the array of instruments on show - violins, cellos and violas! The String Group performed Handel's Water Music, which was absolutely superb and we were treated to a special duet as Miss Atkinson accompanied Ms Laverick on the cello. Ms Laverick's brilliant teaching and enthusiasm showed in the high standards of playing and each performer should feel very proud. If your child is interested in learning a stringed instrument, please email me at [kate.matthews@moorlands-school.co.uk](mailto:kate.matthews@moorlands-school.co.uk) for more information.



**Unicycle** Please join us in our exciting new partnership with Bracken Edge Primary School. We will be supporting their recycle & re-use initiative, 'Unicycle'. We will be accepting clothes donations on a regular basis, keeping you up-to-date with specific needs e.g. upcoming residentials. The current need is for used but good quality underwear, socks, black or grey trousers, coats & shoes. Please leave donations in reception and ensure they are bagged, & labelled "Unicycle". Mrs Munson (Y4) is coordinating this and can be contacted on [laurenmunson@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmunson@gmail.com), if you have any questions.



## Measuring in Year 1

Year 1 have been learning all about measurement over the last couple of weeks. This week they had to use the weighing scales to find out which item was the lightest and heaviest! They all had plenty of fun.

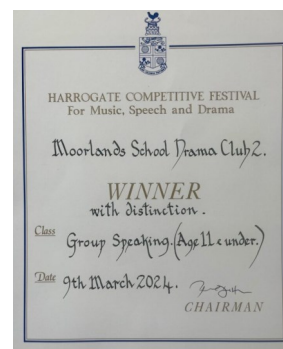


## LAMDA+ Club

Moorlands drama pupils performed brilliantly at the Harrogate Competitive Festival last weekend, with both groups winning their respective categories.

On Saturday morning, our after school drama club - Louis, Clara, Anya, Imogen, Erna and Emily - performed two poems to a judge. They won their group speaking category with a commendation.

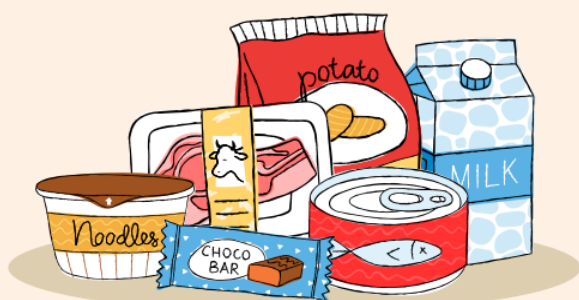
In the evening, 15 Year 6 pupils performed an outstanding version of Roald Dahl's Little Red Riding Hood, winning the 'group speaking age 11 and under' category with a distinction. The judge praised them for their excellent timing, organisation and sense of fun!



Leeds North & West Foodbank

# FOOD BANK COLLECTION

**MONDAY 25TH & TUESDAY 26TH MARCH**



The MSA are excited to announce our termly Foodbank Collection, where we come together to make a positive impact on the lives of those facing food insecurity locally.

**DROP-OFF LOCATION**

School Reception

**TOP ITEMS NEEDED**

- ▶ Tinned Food
- ▶ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ▶ Toiletries
- ▶ Jams/Spreads

For More Information : [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)



## THE LITTLE GYM CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS

Our next camps are in April Half-Term:  
Tues 2nd – 12th April

Scan below to learn more  
or contact: 0113 3359915  
[leeds@thelittlegym.co.uk](mailto:leeds@thelittlegym.co.uk)



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Serious Fun.



# Distance Vision Screening

All children in a Leeds reception class get an important health check whilst in school.

This is called **distance vision screening**.

Issues may affect your child's learning, development and achievements and this is offered so that we can spot any problems.

Your child's results will be sent to you. It will not be shared with the school without your consent. The results will be included in the letter and we will tell you if your child needs further eyesight tests. You may be asked to go to a local optician or your child may be referred to the Community Eye Clinic.

Please note the service does not screen for squints.

If your child is allergic to Durapore (surgical sticking tape), you want more information about eye screening or if you **DO NOT** want your child to have eye screening, please telephone our 0-19 Admin SPA on **0113 843 5683** to tell us.



Information and fun ideas to help your kids stay healthy can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/>

We will be following 'Government Health Protection Team' (formally Public Health England) guidance at all times and may be wearing PPE at the point of contact with your child.

For further information about how we process your child's data, please view our Privacy Notice on our website: <https://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk>

Information about how NHS Digital and Public Health England collect and use information can be found at <https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/our-work/keeping-patient-data-safe/how-we-look-after-your-health-and-care-information> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/about/personal-information-charter>. Information about the organisations NHS Digital has shared information from the National Child Measurement Programme can be found at <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-child-measurement-programme>

**0-19** Public Health Integrated  
Nursing Service



## March

## Dates For Your Diary

<b>Mon 18th</b>	8:30am Rev Drost Easter Assembly in the Dining Hall Year 5&6 to Manchester Police Museum
<b>Tues 19th</b>	1:45pm U9 Football @ WGS EYFS Easter Activity Day
<b>Fri 22nd</b>	1:45pm U11 Netball @ BGS
<b>Mon 25th</b>	9:30am Dress Rehearsal for Year 3&4 Production 9:30am Reception trip to Harewood 4:00pm Year 3&4 Boggle Hole Residential Information Evening 4:00pm Year 6 Residential Information Evening
<b>Tues 26th</b>	2:00pm U9 Football @ GSaL 6:30pm Year 3&4 Production
<b>Weds 27th</b>	2:00pm Foxhill Run 4:00pm Term Ends (No late class)



Moorlands School

EAT THE SEASONS

WEEK STARTING | 18<sup>th</sup> March

### 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- Choc chip cookie  
Tuesday- Lemon drizzle cake  
Wednesday- Jam Flapjack (vg)  
Thursday- Vegan Brownie (vg)  
Friday- Chocolate orange marble cake

### Supper Club

Daily changing, freshly made supper available every evening.

### MAIN DISHES

#### MONDAY

Beef Chilli con carne, Steamed rice, Sour cream and nachos

#### TUESDAY

Spanish chicken with pepper and tomato sauce, Herb roasted potatoes and green beans.

#### WEDNESDAY

Mediterranean meatballs, mash potato, herb gravy and seasonal vegetables.

#### THURSDAY

Moorlands fried chicken, served with spicy slaw and Chips

#### FRIDAY

Homemade sausage roll, seasoned wedges and baked beans

### VEGETARIAN

#### MONDAY

Tofu Thai red curry, steamed rice and smashed poppadom's(vg)

#### TUESDAY

Greek style Halloumi fingers, Herb roast potatoes, Tzatziki and Greek salad.

#### WEDNESDAY

Vegan lasagne, Garlic and rosemary focaccia and Tuscan Salad(vg)

#### THURSDAY

Roast veg goulash, Herb crushed potatoes, Green beans(vg)

#### FRIDAY

Veg sausage roll, Seasoned wedges and baked beans