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# MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Friends of Moorlands

It is widely recognised that young people benefit hugely from participating in arts subjects, not only in developing creativity but also confidence, leadership, team work and a wealth of other transferable skills. There is also ample evidence of the value and importance of creativity in supporting wellbeing and the strength, inspiration, consolation and sense of community which can be gained through shared creative experiences.

Unfortunately, the arts very often get 'squeezed out' in schools but one of the distinct advantages of being 'independent' is that we have the freedom, and specialist teaching expertise, to shape our curriculum to what we feel is important and the focus in Moorlands this week has been very much on the arts!

The Arts Day on Wednesday was a great opportunity for pupils and staff to thread creativity through language, drama, images and dance and learn together. Mrs Matthews and Miss Williams recently attended a course at Northern Ballet, which gave them some excellent ideas to use dance to stimulate language and there were some most impressive results! Thank you to Mrs Spratt and Mrs Matthews for organising this day.



I really enjoy having the opportunity to get out and about, and it was a pleasure to accompany 21 of our pupils to the Orchestra Day at Harrogate Ladies College on Thursday. Music is thriving at Moorlands and we were by far the largest contingent there.

However, what really made my day were the compliments received from other teaching staff on just how outstanding our pupils were, not only in their musical ability but also their manners and general demeanour. It is these moments as a Head that make you particularly proud!

Sadly, Mrs Debbie Walton, who joined us as our Modern Foreign Languages teacher in January, will be leaving at the end of this term. Mrs Walton has been offered a full time role at another school where she works and we wish her well in this. Mr Ed Arkell, who the children are already familiar with, will be returning to teach languages for the Summer Term.

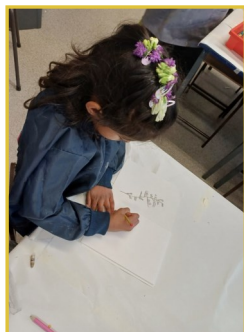
A reminder to families that our annual Class Photos are taking place next Wednesday morning, 6th March, so we will need everyone to be in their smartest uniform and with their best smiles! Rev. Drost will be leading our assembly on Monday, with a theme of 'Spring Cleaning!' and parents are very welcome to join us at 8.40am, if you have the time.

Finally, thank you for the MSA for the fantastic disco last Friday night, including those parents who volunteered to help. It was greatly enjoyed by all who attended!

Jacky Atkinson

## Arts Day

Reception to Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful Arts Day based around David Hockney's iPad drawing - 'Arrival of Spring' which is exhibited in The Salts Mill in Saltaire. The children took part in a carousel of activities including creative writing and Spring poetry, art, dance, photography and digital technology. It was wonderful to see our Moorlanders shine in different areas of learning and was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and children alike.



## Maths

Reception took their maths lesson outdoors this week. They have been learning about length and enjoyed throwing the beanbags as far as they could and estimating how many metres long their throw would be.









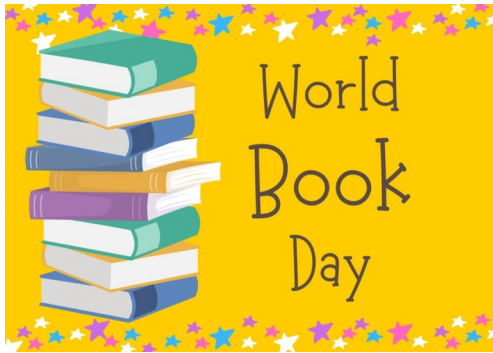
## Pizza Making in Nursery

The Nursery children had lots of fun naming the ingredients they could see before selecting their own pizza toppings ranging from cheese to mushrooms. They spread on the tomato sauce and then added their chosen topping one by one. The Foxes were very excited, waiting for the pizzas to be ready! They ate half of their pizza for a snack and took the rest to show everyone at home. The Foxes said the pizzas were yummy and have already asked to make them again!





## 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! Mrs Doherty

## Everyday Heroes

Dental Hygienist, Zara, came into school to speak to the EYFS children all about oral hygiene. She explained what we use our teeth for and the different types of teeth. We looked at how and when our teeth should be cleaned. The children joined in with cleaning sets of teeth, brushing the bugs away! Once the teeth were clean, Zara gave each child a sticker. To finish, the children had to guess how many spoons of sugar are in different types of drinks and spoon the correct amount of sugar into the container.



## House News

A huge congratulations to Palin House who won the house token total for Spring Term 1. The new house point system is proving a hit and the Palin house members have one a treat day on Friday 15th March. Palin House members may bring a toy to school or wear their own clothes that day! Well done Palin!

Our house poetry winners were announced during Wednesday morning's assembly. Well done to Rageh (Reception) and Anna (Year 4). As Rageh is in Sharman House and Anna is in Adams House, both have earned an addition 10 team tokens for their house as a result of winning the poetry competition. As usual, we had a great response to the poetry competition and thank you to all the children who took the time to learn a poem! Great effort, Moorlands!



## Orchestra Day

On Thursday, 21 of our orchestra members attended a special Orchestra Day at Harrogate Ladies College with other local schools. This was an invitation only event, open to children in Year 4-6, who learn an orchestral instrument and are at Grade 1 or above. The day began with sectional rehearsals for the strings, woodwind and brass before joining to put together the four pieces they had learnt. The day culminated in a wonderful concert for parents. The children really enjoyed making new friends and playing music together.





## News From Sports

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of football at Ghyll Royd School on Tuesday afternoon. Oliver and Leo GC scored some super goals and William M was solid in defence. Well played everyone!



**APRIL**  
**2ND - 11TH**  
CALVERLEY COFE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
10 - 4 PM

**EASTER**

**GO WILD OUTDOORS**

**FOREST HOLIDAY CAMP 2024**

**OUR FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDE**

- OUTDOOR PLAY
- DEN BUILDING
- WOODLAND CRAFTS
- SURVIVAL SKILLS
- WHITTILING
- SOFT ARCHERY
- CAMPFIRE TREATS
- + MANY MORE!

ALL CHILDREN 4+ IN RECEPTION (23/24) ACROSS THE DISTRICT  
ARE WELCOME TO JOIN (NOT SUITABLE FOR NURSERY AGES)

WRAPAROUND CARE + INDOOR FACILITIES AVAILABLE

**£25 PER DAY OR**  
**MULTIPLE DISCOUNT DAYS**

**BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACES VIA-**  
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**EYES**

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

**YOUTH ORGANISATIONS I.E. / SCOUTS + GUIDES**

**F.E + H.E EDUCATION**

**PRIVATE EDUCATION + MANY MORE**

**BOOK FROM OUR SELECT SESSIONS BELOW-**

FOREST SCHOOL	OUTDOOR LEARNING	CURRICULAM LED DAYS	ALTERNATIVE CURRICULAM
SEND	TRANSITION + ENRICHMENT DAYS	AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS	BRAND NEW! SCHOOL GROUP RESIDENTIALS
BRAND NEW! HOME EDUCATION LITTLE GOWILD OUTDOORS ADVENTURES	EVENTS	STAFF CPD	HOLIDAY CAMPS

**ACTIVITES INCLUDE-**

DEN BUILDING/ WHITTILING/ BUSHCRAFT/ ARCHERY/ SOFT ARCHERY/  
SURVIVAL SKILLS/ TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITES/ GAMES/ OUTDOOR PLAY  
+ MANY MANY MORE

**FIND OUT MORE OF OUR SESSIONS + ENQUIRE VIA**  
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BEHIND THE SCENES OUR WEBSITE IS UNDERGOING A MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION.  
MORE INFORMATION ON OUR BRAND NEW SESSIONS WILL BE RELEASED VERY SOON!

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

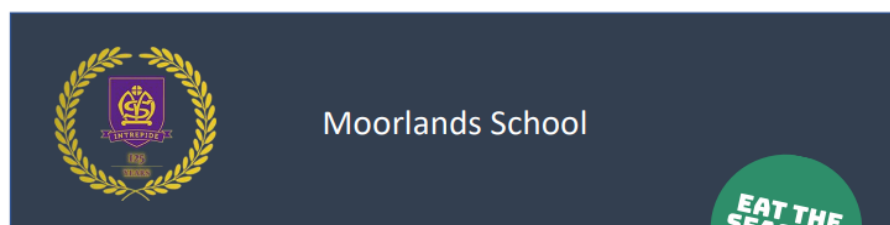
For More Information :  
[www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)



## Dates For Your Diary

### March

<b>Weds 6th</b>	am Class Photos—Squirrels to Year 6 4:10-6:00pm KS1 & 2 Parents' Evening—Including Specialists
<b>Thurs 7th</b>	World Book Day 4:10-6:00pm KS1 & 2 Parents' Evening—Including Specialists
<b>Fri 8th</b>	9:30am Moorlands' Governors Meeting 1:45pm U11 Netball @ Ashville 4:10pm String Showcase in Dining Hall
<b>Tues 12th</b>	1:45pm U9 Netball @ WGS
<b>Weds 13th</b>	2:00pm U11 Cross Country @ Belmont Grosvenor 4:10pm-6:00pm EYFS Parents' Evening
<b>Thurs 14th</b>	2.00pm House Swimming Gala, Years 4, 5, 6 4:10pm-6:00pm EYFS Parents' Evening
<b>Fri 15th</b>	1:45pm U11 Football @ Read School 3:00pm Y6 vs Parents Netball
<b>Tues 19th</b>	1:45pm U9 Football @ WGS EYFS Easter Activity Day
<b>Fri 22nd</b>	1:45pm U11 Netball @ BGS



Moorlands School

WEEK STARTING  
4/3/24

#### MAIN DISHES

##### MONDAY

Beef Bolognese with spiral pasta and home-made garlic bread, Steamed broccoli

##### TUESDAY

Home made chicken meat balls with a sweet and sour sauce, Noodles & Chinese cabbage slaw

##### WEDNESDAY

Macaroni and bacon cheese bits with oregano wedges and a tomato and basil sauce, steamed carrots and peas

##### THURSDAY

Mild Malaysian style beef curry with coconut rice, prawn crackers, sweetcorn

##### FRIDAY

Moorlands loaded fries' bar  
A selection of home-made toppers for your fries, fresh seasonal salad

#### VEGETARIAN

##### MONDAY

Jamaican jerk cauliflower with rice and peas, sour cream and tomato salsa

##### TUESDAY

Tender stem broccoli, pepper and shitake mushroom tempura, sweet chilli dipping sauce & noodles

##### WEDNESDAY

Feta, beetroot and pepper frittata, wedges & a green salad

##### THURSDAY

Tomato and basil risotto, home-dried tomatoes, and a nut free pesto

##### FRIDAY

Moorlands loaded fries' bar  
A selection of home-made vegetarian and vegan toppers for your fries, fresh seasonal salad

#### 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 - Moorlands crumble station with vanilla custard

Tuesday - Choc chip cookie

Wednesday - Jam sponge cake

Thursday - Lemon drizzle cake

Friday - Shortbread

#### Supper Club

Daily changing, freshly made supper available every evening.