

MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Friends of Moorlands,



Language opens doors. It unlocks the world of reading and the imagination, the excitement of writing, the capacity to explore new subjects and releases our potential to learn and grow as an individual.

Perhaps not surprisingly, language acquisition and reading are closely linked. The better a child's language knowledge and the richer their vocabulary, the more likely they are to understand the texts they read. Likewise, the more widely and often they read, the greater the number of words and different language structures and patterns they will encounter.

It is why World Book Day is always such an important event within school and the focus of this year's challenge - to come dressed as an adjective! - was very much on enriching language. There were some amazing costumes and even more amazing words . . . fierce, magical, eccentric, idiosyncratic, dazzling, ingenious and even velutinous - we all learnt something new!

As always, the week in school was hugely varied. Monday saw a small group of Year 3&4 pupils head off to Woodlands Coop Academy for an AIM High maths challenge workshop. On Tuesday, Year 3&4 headed off for a visit to Magna, the amazing science adventure centre housed in former steelworks near Sheffield. Wednesday saw an assembly where classes shared their work from the previous week's Arts Day, followed by class photos and Japan Day in Year 3.

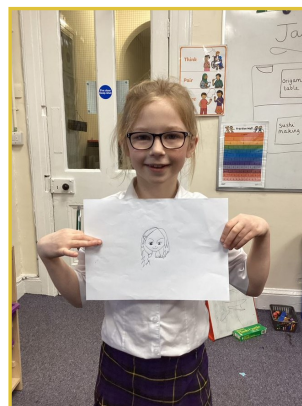
Thursday was World Book Day and finally . . . Friday started with an assembly presented by Mr Holbrough and his brass pupils and ended musically with an excellent concert given by Mrs Laverick's string pupils on the cello, violin and viola - it was lovely that so many family members were able to come along and support.

Amongst all of this, we also had KS1 and KS2 parents in school this week, a valuable opportunity for parents to catch up with class teachers and specialist staff. Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming EYFS parents into school to catch up with staff.

Jacky Atkinson

Japan

This half term, Year 3 have been learning about how to write Haiku as well as learning about tsunamis as part of our Powerful Planet topic in Geography. We thought it fitting that this should culminate with a Japanese Day which happened this week. The children made sushi, had a go at origami, had a masterclass with some Year 6 children on the art form of Manga as well as hearing all about Miss Atkinson's time teaching in Japan.



News From Sports

On Friday the 1st of March, Moorlands headed off for a fixture at GSAL against Froebelian, Gateways and GSAL. Our first game was against Froebelian, we had much of the possession and many chances, but we just could not convert them and Froebelian had some great shots at goal but thanks to Ben in goal they could not score, the game ended 0-0.

Moorlands second game was against GSAL Team 4. This game was extremely competitive with Seb breaking the deadlock with a brilliant finish into the bottom corner followed by a Louis P goal. But then GSAL broke out on a counterattack and made it 2-1. However, Jason then went and scored a great goal which was the goal of the day with a fantastic long range effort, Moorlands ran out as winners 3-1.

The next game was against GSAL Team 3, the game started off quite neutral but then Moorlands got a chance on a corner and with a brilliant header in the top corner from Louis C, the game had a few more chances for both teams but when the final whistle went Moorlands were triumphant winning the game 1-0.

We played our final game against Gateways, Moorlands had lots of possession, mainly in the Gateways half, with Gateways struggling to deal with the high quality football. Moorlands had some brilliant chances to score even hitting the bar! Unfortunately, we could only find the back of the net with the game ending 0-0.

That meant so far this season Moorlands are still unbeaten. My player of the game goes to Jason for some brilliant blocks to prevent counter attacks, brilliant vision and that great goal against GSAL. Thank you to Mr Marshall and Mr Judd for taking us there and for organising us.

Louis P , Football Captain

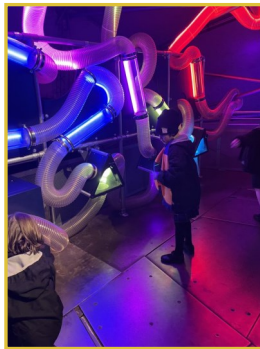
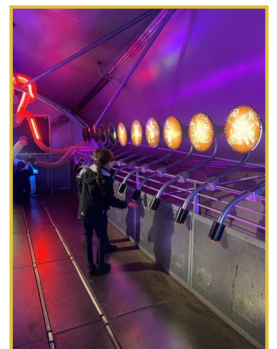
The B team also had a great afternoon at GSaL with two wins and 2 draws. Hugh was solid in defence and proved dangerous on the counterattack. Will S worked tirelessly in midfield making some important tackles and covering every inch of astroturf. Will H was a solid in goal and his brilliant distribution directly lead to a couple of important goals. Well played everyone!

Mr Judd

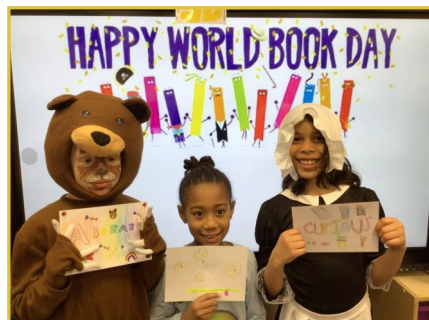
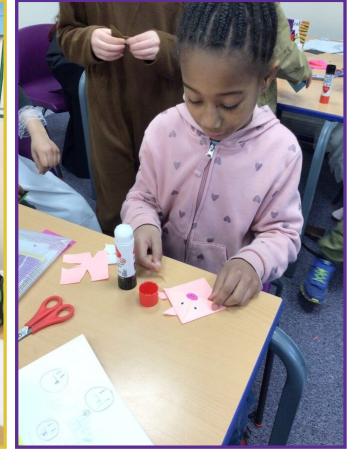
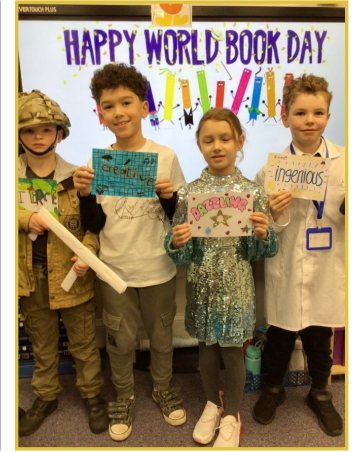


Year 3 and 4 Trip to Magna

This week, Years 3 & 4 went to Magna to support their learning on our 'Powerful Planet.'
We had a great day visiting all the exhibits and doing a workshop on rocks and volcanoes.



World Book Day



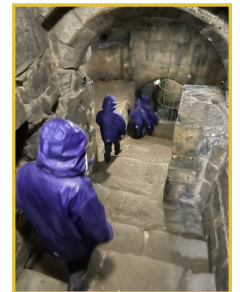
News From Music

This term in music, Year 1 and 2 have been listening to lots of different examples of music from around the world. They have been talking about how the music makes them feel, identifying instruments and periods of time in history. This week, Year 2 listened to piece called Ceylon, which is from India. The music was played on a traditional North Indian instrument called a Taus, which is a bit like a violin, but you play it sat down and it is shaped like a peacock. The children usually work individually on their ideas, but this week they sat round a large piece of paper and drew whatever came into their mind when listening to the music.



Pontefract Castle

Last Friday, Year 1 and 2 were transported back in time to meet Mistress Hope and Mistress Faith at Pontefract Castle. It turned out they were expecting a royal visit and needed the children's help to prepare! After battling the rain to look around the castle, the children settled down to their jobs. Each group had the chance to write a menu, using ink and quills, choosing items such as 'calf's head pie' or 'dish of eels' - not to our taste today! They then needed to use herbs from the garden to make medicines or a version of toothpaste, using sage and salt. There were items from the past for the children to handle and work out what they were used for. Finally, everyone was very brave and took part in a trip down to the dark, dank cellar/dungeon, used to store food or lock up people who didn't follow the castle rules! The children were amazed that Mistress Hope and Faith had never tried lemons and oranges and told them all about some of our wonderful modern inventions such as fridges and photographs! A splendid day was enjoyed by all and we are looking forward to learning more about castles on our return to 'Moorlands Castle'.



Well Being Team



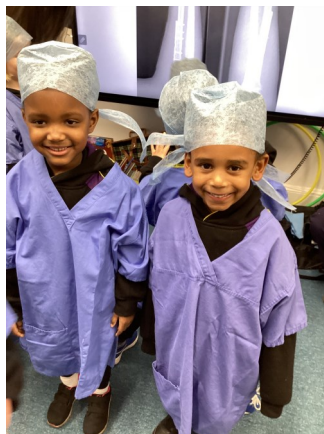
This week the Wellbeing Team put together (and tested out!) some new play equipment purchased with the money raised from the 'Hello Yellow' sponsored Moorlands' Colour Run and donations from the non-uniform day on Children's Mental Health Day.



The Wellbeing Team researched and decided upon the equipment that they felt would be enjoyed by Moorlanders during playtimes - we hope everyone has fun with their choices!

Every Day Heroes

Reception class are continuing with their 'Everyday Heroes' topic and started the week with a visit from Dr Henderson who spoke to them about broken bones and how he fixes them. The class then had the chance to put a real leg cast on Miss Megan Atkinson and an arm cast on Mrs King. The children then visited all the wonderful staff at Moorlands, cleaners, cooks, office staff and specialist teachers and presented them with a little card that acknowledges the important work they do for Moorlands and a little chocolate bar for a well-deserved treat! Being part of the Moorlands family is a very special privilege and we are so lucky to have such a great community of staff and children.



Brass Assembly

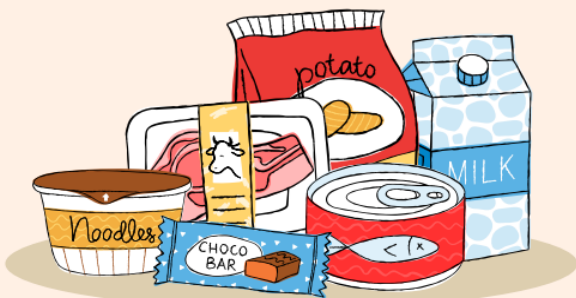
This morning, Mr Holbrough and our brass pupils, including Miss Atkinson, gave a wonderful brass demonstration to school. Mr Holbrough is offering free taster sessions for anyone who is interested in learning a brass instrument, including trumpet, cornet, trombone and French horn, plus others. These instruments are suitable for Year 3 + If you would like to arrange a taster session on any of these instruments or have any questions, please email me on kate.matthews@moorlands-school.co.uk



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



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



The Little Gym
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' (formerly 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

Tues 12th	1:45pm U9 Netball @ WGS
Weds 13th	2:00pm U11 Cross Country @ Belmont Grosvenor 4:10pm-6:00pm EYFS Parents' Evening
Thurs 14th	2.00pm House Swimming Gala, Years 4, 5, 6 4:10pm-6:00pm EYFS Parents' Evening
Fri 15th	1:45pm U11 Football @ Read School 3:00pm Y6 vs Parents Netball
Mon 18th	Rev Drost Easter Assembly Year 5&6 to Manchester Police Museum
Tues 19th	1:45pm U9 Football @ WGS EYFS Easter Activity Day
Fri 22nd	1:45pm U11 Netball @ BGS
Mon 25th	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
Tues 26th	2:00pm U9 Football @ GSaL 6:30pm Year 3&4 Production
Weds 27th	2:00pm Foxhill Run 4:00pm Term Ends (No late class)



Moorlands School

WEEK STARTING
11/03/2024

EAT THE SEASONS

MAIN DISHES

MONDAY

Beef lasagne with homemade garlic focaccia and a spinach and baby gem salad

TUESDAY

Pork sausages with mashed potatoes, carrots and peas and gravy

WEDNESDAY

Chicken and ham pie with roasted baby potatoes, steamed broccolli

THURSDAY

Beef tandoori, turmeric pilau rice, popodoms, mint yogurt and mango chutney

FRIDAY

Moorland's chippy lunch
Battered fish, home made chips, garden peas or mushy peas, tartare sauce and lemon

VEGETARIAN

MONDAY

Mushroom stroganoff with thyme and lemon baby potatoes and sour cream

TUESDAY

Mexican style bean casserole, homemade flat breads and a sweet corn salsa

WEDNESDAY

Classic cheese and onion quiche with a pickled red cabbage salad

THURSDAY

Italian aubergine pepper and tomato bake, chefs' salad and basil pesto

FRIDAY

Sweet chilli tofu with stir fried vegetables and a soy and sesame beansprout 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 chocolate sprinkle cake

Tuesday ginger biscuits

Wednesday vanilla sponge

Thursday carrot cake

Friday chocolate chip cookies

Supper Club

Daily changing, freshly made supper available every evening.