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MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

Year 3&4 did absolutely *'Go for Gold'* in their production last night and it put a smile on my face from the first number! Not only were lines confidently delivered, songs enthusiastically sung and choreography confident, but it was also impressive for the polished way in which scenes and props were changed by pupils during the performance. Thank you to the staff team who worked hard on putting this together - Mr Marshall, Mrs Monteagle, Miss Bailey, Mrs Uddin and Mrs Matthews - we were all extremely proud of our Moorlanders and it was great that so many family members came along to support as well.

Thank you to the Moorlands School Association (MSA) for the very generous donation of an Easter egg for each of our Moorlanders, they were much appreciated! Planning is already well underway for the annual MSA Summer Fair, taking place on Saturday 15th June, please keep an eye open for further communication from them.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Debbie Walton today, who has been teaching our French and Spanish this term, as she leaves to take up a full time post in another school. We wish her every success in this new adventure and look forward to Mr Edward Arkell re-joining us for the Summer Term.

Fortunately we were able to go ahead with our final event of the term - The Foxhill Run - after what seems to have been an incredibly wet few weeks. This is a keenly contested Moorlands tradition, which sees everyone from Foxes to Year 6 compete . . . from running a circuit of The Green with a buddy, to following the 'hare' on a longer, muddier and steeper course through The Hollies! As we do each year, we welcomed back the previous year's winners - in this case Ariana and Ola - to lead and support the races, and it was great to see them. As well as celebrating individual successes, everyone's results go toward the House Cup at the end of the year. Well done to all our Moorlanders!

Yet another term has flown by and I can't believe that we are almost at the start of April and well through the school year. The Summer Term Mini-Calendar will be coming out to families today and there are lots of opportunities to join us in next term for productions, sports days and celebrations so please do pop dates into your dairy.

Whatever you are doing over the Easter break, enjoy time with family and friends and we will look forward to seeing everyone on the 15th April .

With kind regards

Jacky Atkinson

Fire Engine Visit

Early Years had a lovely time when members of the fire service came to school. They enjoyed exploring the fire engine and getting a chance to use the water hose!



Ramadan Assembly

Mrs. Uddin led the Ramadan assembly for our school, fostering cultural understanding and appreciation among pupils. During the assembly, students were encouraged to sample dates, a traditional food often enjoyed during Ramadan. They were captivated by a compelling storytelling session entitled 'Tell Me More About Ramadan,' which shed light on the significance of this holy month.

Aisha eloquently shared insights into the origins of Ramadan, while Adam enlightened his peers about the spiritual practice of fasting and its significance in Islam. Through this engaging assembly, Mrs. Uddin provided a platform for pupils to learn about Ramadan's traditions, values, and practices, fostering a sense of inclusivity and respect within our diverse school environment.



News from Reception

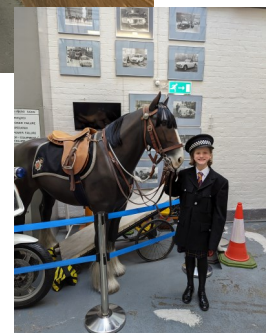
This week in Reception, we had another visit from a parent who spoke to the children about performing surgeries. The classroom was transformed into an operating theatre and with the children dressed in scrubs and prepped to complete their first ever operation. The excitement, and anticipation, of the task ahead filled the classroom. The children had two very poorly teddy bear patients, but thankfully our team of skilled surgeons were able to complete successful operations and we are pleased to report we have two happy and healthy teddy bears who are thankfully on the mend. Well done, Reception!



Trip to National Justice Museum

Last week, Years 5 and 6 visited the National Justice Museum in Manchester. The classes have been learning about crime and punishment through the ages; this was the opportunity to bring justice to life. The children were allocated the parts of individuals in a courtroom: judge, jury, prosecutor, defense, victim, witness etc. Using evidence provided, the children re-enacted the trial of a young girl accused of robbery. Pupils created questions from the evidence, interviewed their witnesses and eventually the jury gave a verdict of ... Guilty!

Pupils also spent time in the old police museum learning how policing has changed over time. Pupil behavior was exemplary and the children were a pleasure to take. Charlotte was outstanding as the prosecutor and may have identified her future career!!



Year 3 and 4 Production



Trip to Harewood House

The Reception class embraced the rain with Intrepide spirit and took full advantage of their minibeast workshop at Harewood House



Cardboard Castles

On Friday, Year 1 and 2 created their own cardboard castles. First they had to choose a box, attach some toilet roll towers, create some battlements and add a moving drawbridge! Next, they mixed their own paint and finally added some flags and arrow slits to decorate! They had a great Design and Technology packed day. Here are some of their wonderful castles!



DNA Lesson

This week, Year 6 were treated to a wonderful science demonstration from Clara's mum, Dr Gomez, who is a lecturer of microbiology at Leeds Beckett University. The class were taught about DNA and performed an experiment where they were able to extract DNA from a banana. Did you know that we share 90% of our DNA with a cat, 85% with a mouse, 80% with a cow and 60% with bananas and chickens? Thank you, Dr Gomez, it was a fantastic opportunity for us all!



Leeds Marathon Fundraising

Miss Williams is running the Leeds Marathon in aid of the Golfing Society on May 12th 2024. This is a national charity that works in the heart of communities, delivering bespoke sessions for those living with dementia, Parkinson's disease, depression and other mental health conditions.

There are over 20 Golf Clubs in England and Scotland hosting twice weekly 2 hour sessions for those living with such chronic illnesses and really importantly, giving the persons' carer (often their spouse or partner) much needed twice weekly 'time off' for respite from their caring duties.

'This charity is close to my heart as my Grandpa was diagnosed with the early onset of dementia aged 59 years and as a family, with unwavering care from my Grandma, we supported him for 15 years until he passed in 2019. I feel this is such a cruel disease, not just for the individual, but those trying to do their best to care for them, who literally get no respite and have to be steadfast, resilient and resourceful.'



Ella Williams's
JustGiving page



'My brother, Louie, currently volunteers at Ruding Park Golf Club twice a week, as this is one of the centres that host 'Golf in Society' sessions. When he returns to Loughborough University in September for his final study year, he has arranged to lead the 'Golf in Society' sessions at his local golf club too (Charnwood Forest, Leicestershire).'

If you can donate, to help this wonderful charity and individuals living with such chronic illnesses, please do so. Miss Williams would be extremely grateful for any support. Please follow the QR link. THANK YOU



ROB BURROW

LEEDS MARATHON

News From Sport

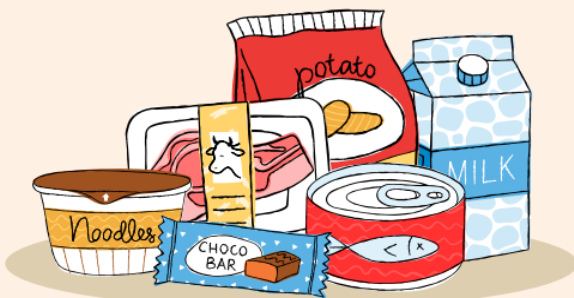
Congratulations to Sharman, who were victorious in the 2024 House swimming gala. Palin House pushed them all the way in a thrilling contest. Our U11 football finished off their season as champions at the Read School tournament with 3 wins and a draw.



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



Leeds Community Healthcare
NHS Trust

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/>

0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service



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>

Dates For Your Diary

Half term Weds 27th March-Mon 15th April

April

Mon 15th	Term Starts 4:00pm Year 2 Residential Information Evening
Tues 16th	National School Offer Day
Thurs 18th	Open Event for Prospective Parents
Fri 19th	2:00pm U11 Rounders vs Highfield @ Moorlands
Mon 22nd	KS1&2 INCAS Assessments This Week 4:00pm Year 5 Parent Residential Meeting
Tues 23rd	1:45pm U9 Cricket @ Bronte
Mon 29th	Year 6 Residential to Wales
Tues 30th	2:00pm U9 Cricket @ Highfield 2:00pm U9 Rounders vs Highfield @ Moorlands

May

Weds 1st	Year 3&4 residential to Boggle Hole
Fri 3rd	Year 3&4 return from Boggle Hole Year 6 return from Wales 1:45pm U10 Cricket @ Brackenfield



Moorlands School

WEEK STARTING | 15th April

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 – Lemon drizzle cake

Tuesday -Ginger snap biscuit

Wednesday-Apple and cinnamon sponge

Thursday -Fruit flapjack

Friday-Chocolate sprinkle cake

Supper Club

Daily changing, freshly made supper available every evening.

MAIN DISHES

MONDAY

Chilli con carne, Rice, Nachos and sour cream and guacamole

TUESDAY

Chorizo and red pepper and basil pasta, Homemade focaccia and steamed veg

WEDNESDAY

Katsu chicken curry, braised rice and steamed broccoli

THURSDAY

Mexican pulled pork, with spiced wedges and sweetcorn

FRIDAY

Beef lasagne ,fresh ciabatta and garden peas

VEGETARIAN

MONDAY

Feta and red onion Quiche, Salad and herb new potatoes

TUESDAY

Mushroom stroganoff, Braised rice and tender stem broccoli

WEDNESDAY

Beetroot falafel burrito, lettuce, red pepper hummus and potato wedges(vg)

THURSDAY

Mexican bean casserole, Sweetcorn salsa, rice and sour cream(vg)

FRIDAY

Vegetable shepherd's pie, Roast carrots and root veg gravy(vg)