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MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands

It was great to welcome everyone back on Monday morning for the summer, which is one of the busiest but also most enjoyable periods of the school year. We are now hoping for some sunshine to dry The Green out a little, so we can get on there for playtimes and enjoy all of the planned sporting fixtures.

The residential visits are a particular highlight of the Summer Term and often create some of the most enduring memories for our Moorlanders. Year 6 and Years 3&4 will be heading off shortly on their respective visits to the Brecon Beacons and Boggle Hole - one of my personal favourites, on the beautiful North Yorkshire coast.

Over the next three weeks, we will also be busy with assessment across the school, from EYFS to Year 6, using INCAs, BASE and ASPECTS. These provide us with a useful benchmark to track both individual and group progress and, as always, results will be shared with parents later in the term.

It is lovely to be able to share with you both pupil and staff success, so please take the time to read later in the newsletter about Miss Mehmood and her EYFS trainee teacher of the year award and Emily's success in gaining a place at Chetham's School of Music. We are very proud of them both!

As always, the term will finish with our Speech Day and Prize Giving and we are delighted this year that Jasmine Harrison has agreed to be our guest speaker. Jasmine is a young British adventurer from North Yorkshire, who has two world records under her belt... being the first woman to swim the length of the UK in 2022 and the youngest solo female to row the Atlantic in 2021 (and one of only 18 women to achieve this feat). Jasmine is a real embodiment of the Intrepid spirit that we try so hard to promote in our Moorlanders and we will look forward to hearing about her adventures and the undoubted challenges she faced along the way.



Lunch today gave an opportunity to be adventurous in a different way and try some flavours of spring . . . with tasting samples of wild garlic bruschetta and wild garlic, spinach and potato soup.

There were lots of willing volunteers and - whilst not to everyone's taste - they were really enjoyed by many!

Enjoy the weekend!

Foxhill Run

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Update on Reception

Thank you to Miss Mehmood for a wonderful lesson on Eid, we had a lovely time celebrating together. On Tuesday, Miss Seaton surprised the class with letters. Each child had their own letter and in it was a clue. The children read the clues and tried to work out what the clue meant. We have come to the conclusion that The Lonely Beast may have returned to Moorlands. Watch this space....



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 laurenlmunson@gmail.com, if you have any questions.





Trainee Early Years Teacher of the Year 2024

Early Years were celebrating today when Roxanna Mehmood was awarded Trainee Early Years Teacher of the Year 2024. Miss Cooper and Mrs King presented Roxanna with the award and the pupils were delighted! Roxanna has been at Moorlands for over 6 years, and her dedication and her passion for teaching go way beyond the classroom and make her a much loved member of the Early Years Team. We are thrilled that she has received this award and grateful for everything she does for our Mini-Moorlanders.





Musical Achievement

Congratulations to Emily, in Year 4, who has been awarded a place for September at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester, which is the largest specialist music school in the UK and attracts students from across the world. Emily has been learning guitar since Reception with Mrs Crawford and is now at Grade 5 standard. She has had to go through several rounds of interviews and this is a fantastic achievement. Well done, Emily!





THE GREAT MOORLAND'S

BAKE OFF

Tuesday 7th May

Confectionery to be brought into school on Tuesday 7th May with winners announced on Wednesday 8th May.

The winner will win a 'one of a kind' Moorland's school apron and baking kit with two baking kits for runners up





Rules for the Bake Off

- Confectionery that is not clearly labelled will not be entered into the competition. Any ingredients that say may contain nuts should not be used. It is paramount that ingredients are checked thoroughly.
- If you would like to take part in the Bake ⊙ff, you
 must sign up with Miss Seaton on Reception this can
 be in person or via email. This must be done by
 Monday 29th April.
 - Confectionery must be brought into school on Tuesday 7th May along with a photograph of you baking it.



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



Ella Williams's JustGiving page



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.

My brother, Louie, currently volunteers at Rudding 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



Dates For Your Diary

Mon 22nd KS1&2 INCAS Assessments This Week

4:00pm Year 5 Parent Residential Meeting

Tues 23rd 1:45pm U9 Cricket @ Bronte

Fri 26th 2:00pm U11 Cricket @ Silcotes

Mon 29th Year 6 Residential to Wales

Tues 30th 2:00pm U9 Cricket @ Highfield

2:00pm U9 Rounders vs Highfield @ Moorlands

May

April

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 and Rounders @ RHS

Mon 6th Bank Holiday

Tues 7th Year 6 Bikeability
Weds 8th Year 6 Bikeability
Thurs 9th Year 6 Bikeability

Year 2 Residential to Kingswood

Fri 10th Year 2 Return from Kingswood

Chamber Choir to Wharfedale Festival

2:00pm Rounders vs Highfield @ Moorlands



Moorlands School

EAT THE SEASONS

WEEK STARTING 22.04.24

MAIN DISHES

MONDAY

Creamy chicken & roast pepper pasta with homemade garlic bread, steamed green beans

TUESDAY ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION MENU

Classic bangers and mash – Cumberland sausages with creamy mashed potatoes, homemade Yorkshire pudding, roasted root vegetables, real gravy

WEDNESDAY

Marinaded pork with stir fried rice, stir fried vegetables and rice. Bok choi dressed with ginger and soy

THURSDAY

Sicilian roasted chicken, homemade flatbreads, Mediterranean roasted vegetables. Citrus and herb dressing

FRIDAY MOORLAND'S FISH AND CHIP SHOP

Battered fish fillets, homemade chips, choice of peas, curry sauce and tartar sauce

VEGETARIAN

MONDAY

Feta & roasted onion frittata with minted new potatoes Steamed vegetables

TUESDAY ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION MENU

Vegetarian sausages and roasted root vegetable casserole. Homemade Yorkshire pudding. Creamy mashed potato

WEDNESDAY

Potato & spinach masala, pilau rice, home made pakora Mint & cucumber yogurt

THURSDAY

Roasted vegetables and halloumi tartlet, roasted new potatoes, Mediterranean roasted vegetables, salsa verde dressing

FRIDAY MOORLAND'S FISH AND CHIP SHOP

Battered vegetarian sausage, homemade chips, choice of peas, curry sauce and tartar sauce

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 - Iced sprinkle cake

Tuesday – Traditional English Trifle

Wednesday - Chocolate rice crispy cake

Thursday - Rocky road bites

Friday – Chocolate chip cookie

Supper Club

Daily changing, freshly made supper available