

24th May 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What a lovely way to end the first half of the Summer term, with a fun-filled week of exciting activities...!

Walk to School Week

Thank you to all who were able to join in with our Walk to School Week this week! *Watch this space.....* our School Council have collected the numbers from each class and will announce who the winners are with the highest proportion of children walking or wheeling to school, instead of taking the car, after half term! We appreciate that this was not possible for everyone as several of you live too far to walk, but we are aware that some of you parked just that little bit further away from school to get yourself involved... Well done everyone! It looks like lots of you have been enjoying your active journeys to school this week as we have received many fantastic entries into our photo competition! It was a tough choice, but the winner was Charlie Allinson in Year 5!



Key Stage Two Art Week



The children in Key Stage Two have had great fun this week exploring and creating a range of sculptures and three-dimensional artwork!

Year 3 have been busy transforming 2D shapes into 3D sculptures by bending, folding and rolling card in different ways. They also explored ways to join shapes together by using slots, tabs, twisting and balancing. Year 4 have been creating soap sculptures, developing their carving techniques by using a variety of tools: some for shaping large areas and some for creating more finer detail. Year 5 and 6 have been looking at installation art, investigating the use of space and scale and how art can be used to explore the concept of self.

Every child in Key Stage Two has made their very own sculpture this week! We have some super creative children in Key Stage Two. Keep your eyes peeled when in school for displays of their wonderful artwork!

Key Stage One DT Project

We are extremely grateful to all the parents, grandparents and family members who were able to attend our tractor-making session on Wednesday to support the children in Years 1 and 2 with their DT project. The extra hands were a great help, and the tractors were a huge success!



Reading Café

It was fantastic to see so many families at our Reading Café yesterday! The children loved sharing their learning, playing games, completing activities and reading with you. Unfortunately, staff from Ripon Library were unable to attend the Reading Café as planned, to share information about The Ripon Poetry Festival with you, but hopefully you all managed to read about it in last week's newsletter! We look forward to reading some of the poems you create.

EYFS Minibeast Hunt

Reception and Nursery had a lovely afternoon on Tuesday when they went hunting for minibeasts; they learnt the names of lots of minibeasts and worked out where their habitats are and why. The children looked closely at them through magnifying glasses and took photos of them on an iPad!



Trips



Year 4 had a great day at Bland Close Farm learning all about the different animals on the farm as well as gaining an understanding of how the farm works. The children fed and held animals and loved seeing new chicks hatch! We learned about how the land is prepared for crops, how they use Solar Energy and that pigs like nibbling at our shoes! We had such a great day.



Year 5 had an amazing time at Beamish learning all about the influence of the Victorian Era on our lives today.

Our children, as always, were superstars on both trips yesterday!

Holiday Safety

We hope all the children have a well-deserved break next week during the half term holiday but please remember during this time, to keep a close eye on your child's/children's social media, internet and digital device usage:

Social media and other digital platforms play a huge role in the lives of many kids. They serve as virtual meeting places for friends, sources of entertainment or learning tools. But for some, media use can become all-consuming, stressful or even unsafe.

Take a look at the following webpage for some great tips and advice for parents to help their children develop healthy digital habits: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/Tips-for-Parents-Digital-Age.aspx>

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week has been 93.09%. Well done to Year 3 with an impressive 100% attendance this week!



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
08.04.24	94.12%	92.21%	98.81%	92.31%	100%	94.92%	94.9%
15.04.24	83.23%	93.97%	99.07%	95.76%	92.5%	100%	97.22%
22.04.24	96.08%	88%	100%	93.62%	88.56%	94.9%	95.28%
03.05.24	87.18%	91%	95.39%	99.15%	94.5%	95.28%	96.46%
06.05.24	93.28%	90.18%	95.27%	93.44%	94.84%	95.15%	97.97%
13.05.24	88.96%	93.78%	97.42%	96.17%	97.49%	94.32%	98.81%
24.05.24	83.87%	87.06%	96.31%	100%	92.15%	96.59%	92.16%

Next half term...

After the holidays, PE and Forest School sessions will be as follows:

Reception - PE: Wednesday / Forest School: Friday

Year 1 – PE: Monday / Forest School: Friday

Year 2 – PE: Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 – Forest School: Wednesday / Swimming Friday

Year 4 – PE: Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 – PE: Wednesday and Friday

Year 6 – PE: Monday and Wednesday

PE KIT:	Forest School Kit:
Moonside PE Hoodie (initial one will be provided by School)	Old clothes- trackout bottoms and thick jumper such as a fleece
Navy or Black Shorts	Waterproof all in one suit or waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat
White Tee Shirt	Extra pair of socks
Black Pinaolls or Trainers	Wellies
In cold weather: Tracksuit Bottoms/jogging bottoms/leggings	In cold weather: Hat, gloves, anood A warm base layer under clothing or an extra layer of clothing – leggings and long sleeve top (or football skins or thermal base layers)

Please ensure children come to school appropriately dressed in their PE kit on the days they have PE and Forest School clothes (with their Forest School kit in a bag) on the days they have Forest School.

Thank you as always for all your support. Don't forget to have a little look at the dates for the final half term and pop them in your diaries! It's going to be a busy one! Let's hope the sun shines throughout the bank holiday weekend and the half term holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 3rd June.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Jemmett

Deputy Headteacher

(Maternity Leave)

Diary Dates:

Monday 3 rd June 2024	School re-opens after the half term holidays
W/c 3 rd June 2024	Year 4 Multiplication Check
W/c 10 th June 2024	Phonics Screening Tests
Thursday 13 th June 2024	Class Photographs
Monday 24 th June 2024	Armed Forces Day
Tuesday 25 th June 2024	September Reception Starters Parents Meeting (3.45pm)
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	Bags2School Collection
Wednesday 3 rd July 2024	Y6 Trip to London
Monday 15 th July 2024	Y6 Oliver Production (2pm)
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	Y6 Oliver Production (9.30am)
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	Summer Disco (more details to follow)
Wednesday 17 th July 2024	Y6 Strawberry Fair (2.00 – 4.00pm)
Thursday 18 th July 2024	Y6 Leavers Assembly (2.00pm)
Friday 19 th July 2024	Sports Day (more details to follow)
Friday 19 th July 2024	Break-up at 3pm for the Summer holidays