

19th July 2024

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

This is the last newsletter for the academic year 2023-24 as school is 'out for Summer' and everyone is certainly ready for a well deserved break!

This week has been action-packed! It has been so lovely to see lots of you at the various events that have taken place in school to celebrate the end of the year and to say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 pupils!

At the beginning of the week we were treated to two fabulous performances of Oliver by the children in Key Stage 2, who 'oozed' with confidence as they took to the stage! It was a great opportunity for Years 5 and 6 to conclude their learning about the Victorians through the text, Oliver Twist, and they certainly brought it to life with their super singing and acting skills! Well done to all!



On Tuesday our school disco was a great success. The children were brilliantly behaved and LOTS of fun was had by all. Thank you to the Friends of School for organising cakes, drinks, hot dogs and treats. £547.55 profit was made. A huge thank you to the staff for lights, DJ-ing and games!

Thank you to our FOMS for all their hard work and organisation of ice lolly sales and uniform sales too this term!

Our Strawberry Fair was organised by our children in Year 6 on Wednesday - with a bit of help from staff! Thank you to everyone who supported the event - the children raised £495! Some very lucrative ideas for fundraising - I am sure that we have some young businessmen and women in the making.....!

Yesterday was our Leavers' Assembly for Year 6 which involved some lovely poems, songs, raps, piano performances and memories about their time at Moorside. The staff even popped on their flat caps and sang a slightly 'alternative' version of 'oom pah pah', inspired by our Oliver production! They really have all been a credit to our school and we wish them all well for their bright futures as they transition to their new schools.



Attendance

You may have seen on the news today that the Department for Education has issued new guidance on school attendance for schools to follow:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_applies_from_19_August_2024_.pdf

This will be in place from 19th August and we will be sharing our reviewed Attendance Policy when we return in September, in line with advice from North Yorkshire Council, to respond to the changes. I am sharing this document as there are some significant changes, which you might like to refer to if you are considering booking a term time holiday. Our aim is for our attendance to be at least 96%..... this week it is 92.21%:



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
03.06.24	90%	96.83%	98.33%	93.85%	94.23%	93.33%	97.86%
10.06.24	91.72%	94.74%	93.98%	85.29%	93.16%	98.52%	91.7%
17.06.24	94.44%	91.15%	97.24%	92.18%	93.68%	92.75%	94.49%
24.06.24	96.09%	96.32%	98.61%	97.12%	94.21%	96.58%	97.62%
01.07.24	93.75%	97.62%	98.44%	92.11%	98.21%	95.26%	92.86%
08.07.24	95.17%	96.11%	92.63%	90.61%	97.35%	96.55%	97.63%
15.07.24	96.53%	96.11%	88.58%	88.21%	94.21%	90.23%	92.16%

Well done to Reception who are the winners this week!

PE Kit and Forest School

We will circulate PE and Forest School days for each class on the first day back at school. Please could all children wear school uniform on 3rd September but have PE kit ready for later in the week. Our school uniform is on our website at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/school-uniform/>

Please note that if children have ears pierced over the holidays, they must be able to remove them for PE/swimming - they cannot put tape over them. Many thanks.

2023-2024 Achievements!

It has been lovely to be back at school this week to take part in some of our end of year events. We have had a fantastic year at Moorside and together, as a team, have had a number of achievements that our community should feel proud of. Some of our highlights from across the year include....

September brought us an Ofsted inspection rating of GOOD across all areas...



October.... Our children in Reception took part in their first Harvest Festival performance and our Year 5 children represented our school when Ripon Library received the Library of Sanctuary award.

In **November** our whole school took part in a cluster cross country competition (against 5 other schools) and won!



In **December**, our Key Stage One Nativity made the newspapers and we enjoyed 3 fantastic Christmas performances....



Year 6 had a wonderful outdoor adventure experience at Marrick Priory in **January**....

In **February**, our children in Year 3 set up candle light displays in Ripon Cathedral for Candlemas.



March was our Month of Reading Madness... with every class visiting Ripon Library and World Book Day fun as well as other reading activities!

We had our Inclusion Quality Mark inspection in **April** and achieved Flagship status!

May brought us SATS tests.... we are extremely proud of our Year 6 pupils with 67.8% of them all achieving at least expected or above in all 3 areas - Reading Writing and Maths. This is above National Average which is 61%!



We had a super sports week in **June**.... Our children took part in a new PE activity and enjoyed doing sports every day!

And finally..... **July** has included a school trip for every class, including London for Year 6, a great showcase event for Years 3 and 4 and a great Oliver production for Key Stage 2!



I am sure that you'll agree, 2023-2024 has been very busy but extremely successful! Our children have worked really hard - I hope you enjoyed reading their reports to share their individual successes this week too. I can't wait to see what next year has in store as we welcome new children to join Team Moorside.

A huge thank you to our staff for making all of the above 'happen', to ensure that our children have the very best opportunities and educational experiences and thank you to you all too for all your support! Have a lovely Summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone on 3rd September.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Monday 2 nd September 2024	Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	School Re-opens for the 2024-25 Academic Year