

7th February 2025

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Friends,

We had a surprise visitor to start the week this week, with an escapee gingerbread man running around Reception! (The video- CCTV footage can be viewed on our Facebook page!) The children have spent the week retelling the story of the gingerbread man, writing 'WANTED' posters and making replacement gingerbread cookies, in the hope that they might find the



gingerbread man who left a trail of crumbs! They have built some great traps for him in the construction area and followed a recipe using their reading skills when buying ingredients at the shop to do their baking. We have heard that some of them have even set traps at home in the hope that he might run there next!! What a great week in EYFS!

The whole school watched 'Inside Out' yesterday and explored different strategies we use in school, and could use at home too, to support the children in understanding their emotions and staying mentally healthy: listening to music, spending time in the outdoors, using breathing techniques and the worry box were all shared as part of our afternoon to focus on Children's Mental Health week. The children were all superstars and made some great contributions.



Forest School/PE Changes

On a Wednesday afternoon **after half term**, it will be Forest School for **Year 5**. **Year 3** will need to wear PE kit on a Wednesday. Our Forest school and PE clothing is:

PE KIT	FOREST SCHOOL KIT
Moorside PE Hoodie (initial one will be provided by School)	Old clothes- tracksuit 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 Plimsolls or Trainers	Wellies
In cold weather: Tracksuit Bottoms/jogging bottoms/leggings	In cold weather: Hat, gloves, snood A warm base layer under clothing or an extra layer of clothing – leggings and long sleeve top (or football skins or thermal base layers)

School Uniform


Unless children are doing PE or Forest school, they must be in school uniform. Our school uniform is:

Winter:	Summer:
School Sweatshirt / Cardigan (logo preferred)	School Sweatshirt / Cardigan (logo preferred)
Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress	Grey trousers or grey shorts
White polo shirt / blouse	Blue/White checked dress
Appropriate school shoes (no trainers please)	White polo shirt / blouse
	Appropriate school shoes (no trainers, open toe sandals or flipflops please)

Please ensure that children are wearing black shoes when in school uniform.

Attendance

Our attendance this week has been 96.49%. This is SUPER!! Each class has been as follows:

 w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
06/01/25	98.79%	100%	95.74%	99.45%	100%	94.44%	97.84%
13/01/25	96.23%	100%	98.33%	100%	98.52%	98.07%	98.65%
20/01/25	84.02%	95.04%	98.57%	96.15%	84.19%	100%	100%
27/01/25	90.14%	90.26%	94.44%	99.57%	98.89%	98.55%	90.67%
03/02/25	94.91%	97.39%	90.56%	98.72%	98.15%	99.52%	95.62%

Well done to Year 5 with 99.52%! AMAZING!!!

No Phones in School



Please can I remind all parents that children must not bring mobile phones to school. There is a national discussion at present about a future ban on mobile phones for all schools. Unfortunately, even with a ban on phones on our premises, we spend a lot of time dealing with concerns raised by children and parents relating to the safety of children on phones. This impacts on pupil well-being.

Safety Week

Next week we are having a safety week in school.... It is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, but we are also learning about:

- Road safety (including being safe on bikes)
- Stranger danger (being outside alone)
- Drugs & alcohol
- Risky behaviour (being coerced outside of school)
- First Aid (asthma / choking / calling 999 in an emergency)
- Safety in the home (fire safety / electrics etc.)
- Safety around water (outside)

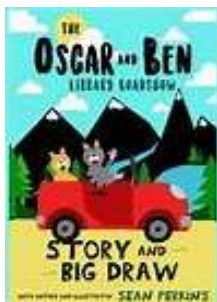
Safer
Internet
Day 2025 | Tuesday
11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Road Safety Talks

We are looking forward to welcoming Lauren Doherty back to Moorside on Tuesday afternoon, to speak to the Key Stage two children about Road Safety.



Author Visit

On Wednesday 12th February, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 have the pleasure of hosting author Sean Perkins, who will be visiting our school to read from his latest book, *Oscar and Ben – The Sleepover*. This exciting new release is the third instalment in the popular Oscar and Ben series. An order form has been sent home today for children to order a copy of the book if they wish, which they can get signed by the author on Wednesday!

World Book Day - 6th March

On 6th March it is World Book Day, which is a National celebration! We will be having a Mr Men themed lunch on that day and children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (and bring the book if they have it)!

There will be more information in our Month of Reading Madness poster and a lunch menu to follow so that you can sign up your child to take part if you wish.

Homework

We have had some amazing homework challenges coming into school... we have been so impressed by the time and effort put into them and love to display all the work that you have been doing at home. If you are unsure of the challenges that your child has been set, please look at our website at:

<https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/home-learning-and-websites/>

Well done everyone!!

Just a reminder to keep reading 5 times per week too!

I hope that you all have a relaxing weekend ahead and keep warm!!!

Thank you for all your support as always.

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher



Diary Dates:

w/c 10 th February 2025	Safety Week
Wednesday 12 th February 2025	Author Visit for children in Reception – Y3
Friday 14 th February 2025	Break-up for Half Term Holidays
Monday 24 th February 2025	Return to School after Half Term Holidays
w/c 3 rd March 2025	Month of Reading Madness
Thursday 6 th March 2025	World Book Day
w/c 7 th March 2025	Science Week
Tuesday 11 th March 2025	Reading Cafe
Friday 4 th April 2025	Break-up for Easter Holidays at 3pm
Monday 21 st April 2025	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Children return to School

World Book Day Menu

6th March 2025

MR MEN MUNCH

*Little Miss Splendid's
splendid fish fingers*



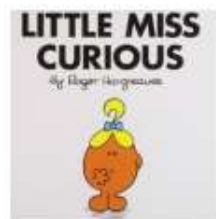
MR. SKINNY

By Roger Hargreaves



Mr Skinny's skinny fries

*Little Miss
Curious's ketchup*



MR. BUMP

By Roger Hargreaves



Mr Bump's baked beans

*Little Miss Sunshine's sunny
sweetcorn*



MR. JELLY

By Roger Hargreaves



Mr Jelly's Jelly and ice-cream