

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Friends,

We have got through probably the coldest half term of the year with the dark mornings and evenings... there are lots of signs that Spring is on the way! However, it is a bit of a chilly start to the holidays – I keep hearing rumours of more snow! This week has been as busy as ever with lots of learning about SAFETY in school.



We had our Safer Internet Day assembly with Mr Price for the whole school on Tuesday and also a visit from Lauren Doherty BEM from Road Safety Talks to share her story and important messages about road safety with Key Stage 2. They have written her some lovely thank you letters that we hope she will enjoy reading.

Reception have been busy creating their own POP Art this week, inspired by the artist Andy Warhol. They looked closely at his repeated images of famous people where the colours change on different parts of the portrait and then used coloured pencils to colour their own portraits with different combinations of colour on each picture.

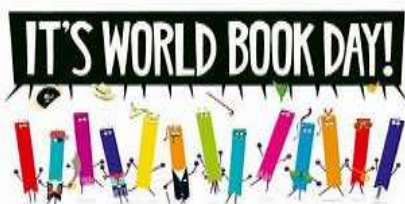


Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from author Sean Perkins on Wednesday. He brought along his new book from the 'Oscar and Ben series' which he read aloud to the children, bringing the story to life with Oscar and Ben puppets - who were very mischievous! The children also had fun singing songs to Sean's guitar, adding a further layer to his storytelling. They laughed out loud at his jokes too. Sean enjoys his time at Moorside so much that this was Sean's second visit! We are hoping he will visit us again soon with his next new book release. Thank you to everyone who bought one of his Oscar and Ben books.

We have lots more reading events coming up during our **Month of Reading Madness** in March. This year's theme is 'Let's TALK about reading!' Please see further details on our flyer at the end of this letter.

Reception would like to invite their parents to their 'Come and Read with Me' session on **Tuesday 4th March at 2.40pm**. We love sharing stories at Moorside!

### World Book Day 6th March 2025



World Book Day brings stories to life and ignites the imagination of our young readers! On Thursday 6th March, we invite everyone to come to school dressed as their favourite book character - from Harry Potter to Matilda to the Gruffalo! The children can bring in the story they have chosen their character from too! Sharing stories and characters fosters a sense of community and excitement. We can't wait to hear about the

wonderful books that inspire our children. It is always a great opportunity to promote and celebrate a love of reading at Moorside!

### Key Stage 1 Dance Competition

Our children in Key Stage 1 will be taking part in a dance competition on Wednesday 12th March. Everyone will need black or navy joggers or leggings, a white t-shirt and their Moorside sports hoodie. They will also need to wear their trainers and bring a water bottle and their coat. The Friends of Moorside are very kindly funding the bus to this fantastic event at Outwood Secondary School. Thank you to Sporting Influence for all their organisation.

### Forest School Spring 2

Forest school after half term will be for the following classes:

**Wednesdays** – Year 5

**Fridays** – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 4

The weather is still cold so please ensure that your child is well equipped for the forecast and have their wellies and waterproofs in school with them!



### Golf Half Term Fun!

Don't forget.....there are free golf sessions available for pupils who are aged 9-11 during half term. Please see the flyer below! The Y6 children had a great time during their golf workshops in school and we were so impressed by their concentration!

### Attendance

Our attendance in school this week has been 95.91% with Year 2 being the winning class with 98.89%.



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%
10/02/25	95.83%	97.81%	98.89%	96.6%	93.41%	96.77%	92.69%

Lots of classes in the **GREEN** again with over 96% this week. I am really impressed by everyone's efforts to be in school – even with antibiotics and Calpol! We hope that everyone feels rested and recovered after a week off.

The first Monday back after the holidays is a school day as usual **NOT AN INSET DAY** so we are looking forward to seeing you on the 24<sup>th</sup> February.

I hope that you all have a wonderful half term break!

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates:

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Return to School after Half Term Holidays
w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025	Month of Reading Madness
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Reception Class 'Come and Read with Me' at 2.40pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day
w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Science Week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Reading Cafe
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	KS1 Dance Competition
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 1.45pm	Showcase for Years 1 and 2
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 9.15am	Showcase for Years 3 and 4
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea – further information to follow
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Break-up for Easter Holidays at <b>3pm</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Children return to School



### I Spy You Reading Competition

Our I Spy You Reading Competition is back by popular demand! You are once-again challenged to read in the most strangest places! We are always surprised by your imagination and cannot wait to discover this year's weird and wonderful reading spaces! Please send your photographic evidence to [admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk).

The most imaginative will win a prize! 🎁



### Reading Cafe

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 3.20pm, we invite all our families and friends to join us for our Moorside Reading Cafe where you can join in a range of reading activities with your children, whilst enjoying a lovely cup of tea/coffee/hot choc and a little treat!

The theme of this special Month of Reading Madness Reading Cafe is...

**OUR CLASS AUTHORS!** The children are very excited to **talk** to you all about their class authors and the books they have enjoyed reading!



### The Masked Reader

Can you guess which Moorside staff member in disguise, is reading? On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, we will release a video of some 'Masked Readers'. Your challenge is to **discuss** as a family and work out the identify of each reader for the chance to win a prize! Listen carefully as our staff are very good at reading in role to disguise their voices!

## A Month of Reading Madness!

### LET'S TALK ABOUT READING

*"Keep reading. It is one of the most marvellous adventures that anyone can have."*  
– Lloyd Alexander

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025, Moorside Primary School and Nursery is launching its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Reading Extravaganza!



### The Ultimate Character Champion Battle

During the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> March, all children in school will take part in THE ULTIMATE CHARACTER CHAMPION BATTLE where they will engage in **debates** with their classmates to persuade them why their chosen character is the BEST! The winner from each class will battle it out in a special assembly to crown...

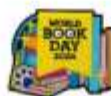
Moorside's Ultimate Character Champion!



### World Book Day!

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

We will be celebrating World Book Day in style by dressing as our favourite book characters and **telling** everyone about our the books we enjoy reading. We will also be enjoying a fun-filled day of book-related activities to celebrate our LOVE of reading!



### Poetry Performances

**Class Performances** To round off the month of Reading Madness – the children in each class will work together as a class team to learn a poem 'off-by-heart.' Each class will **perform** their poem during an assembly on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**





# RIPON CITY GOLF CLUB

JUNIOR GOLF TASTER SESSIONS AND COACHING

## FREE FEBRUARY HALF-TERM TASTER SESSIONS

At Ripon City Golf Club for Children aged 9- 11 years.

**Wednesday 19th February**  
either 10am - 12 noon or 1pm - 3pm

Following the tasters we are offering a Pathway into Golf:  
Weekly Group Coaching Course £12.00 per session.

Sessions led by PGA Assistant Professional with safeguarding training and full DBS.  
Contact us via email or telephone for more information or to register your child:

Call: 01765 603640 (option 2)

email: [cameronsteadmanpga@gmail.com](mailto:cameronsteadmanpga@gmail.com)

# Ripon Ladies Cricket

ALL ages and abilities welcome

COME ALONG, ENJOY a NEW SPORT, HAVE a LOT OF FUN!

**Indoor nets starts 2nd March 3pm-4pm**

OUTDOOR TRAINING SUNDAY MORNINGS FESTIVALS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

For more information contact  
Beckie at [Beckie1410@gmail.com](mailto:Beckie1410@gmail.com)  
Ripon Clubhouse, Studley Road, Ripon, HG4 2QH

## World Book Day Menu

6th March 2025

### MR MEN MUNCH

*Little Miss Splendid's  
splendid fish fingers*

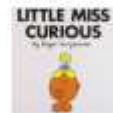


**MR. SKINNY**



*Mr Skinny's skinny fries*

*Little Miss  
Curious's ketchup*



**MR. BUMP**



*Mr Bump's baked beans*

*Little Miss Sunshine's sunny  
sweetcorn*



**MR. JELLY**



*Mr Jelly's Jelly and ice-cream*