



# MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to our families who joined us for our MacMillan Cancer Support Fund-raising Coffee Morning on Wednesday and for the donations of lots of lovely cakes. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying a coffee and a chat. We will let you know next week how much we raised. Thank you to everyone involved.



### Hello Yellow! – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

We will be participating in Hello Yellow again this year to raise awareness for Young Minds and children's mental health and wellbeing. Staff and children can come into school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October wearing yellow. Please do not buy anything new – just wear something yellow even if it is just socks or a hairband. We suggest a donation of £1, but children can wear something Yellow and join in the fun without.



### School Council

We are delighted to welcome our new School Council members who were voted in by their class peers:

Early Years - Mia C and Romero

Year 1 - Sophia A and Alfie T

Year 2 - Chase and Julia

Year 3 - Ruth and Oli P

Year 4 - Emily and Connor

Year 5 - Eric Joshua and Taya

Year 6 - Fatimah and Elliott



We are looking forward to working alongside the children and developing their ideas for the School.



## Year 4 Trip to Bradwell Abbey

Year 4 had a wonderful time at Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre. They spent the day learning all about life in Anglo- Saxon and Viking times. It really brought their History topic "Invasion" to life! The children were kept busy all day, making shields and swords, learning how to weave and they even met a real-life Viking Warrior!

Here are some of the children's favourite parts of the day.

I love learning about the weapons the Vikings used

Connor



I liked it when the Viking warrior spoke her language

Renesmae



I enjoyed learning all the different facts about Vikings

Emily



I found the Viking grave artefacts very interesting

Omari



## Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Ladybirds have been learning the story of Goldilocks and what happens when she goes to the house of the Three Bears. As part of their learning, they visited our forest trail to help Goldilocks and the Three bears. This helped the children remember the names of the story characters, learn new vocabulary from the story as well as beginning to develop their understanding of positional language. This was the nursery children's first visit to the newly renovated forest trail and the children can't wait to go back soon!



## Labelling School Uniform and Coats

With over 200 children wearing school jumpers and the only way of distinguishing them is their size, you can perhaps understand **the importance of making sure your child's school sweatshirt has a name label**. At the end of the school day, children are given time to collect their belongings from the coat hook or the box in the classroom where they can put their sweatshirt if they are too warm.

At school collection time, the school staff are focused on making sure that all the children are collected safely. If your child has forgotten something, it is not always possible for a member of staff to leave the playground or classroom to look for it. **If an item of clothing, a bookbag or water bottle has been lost, then it can be found and reunited with its owner the next day, provided it has been labelled with a child's name**. Don't forget that this includes lunchboxes, coats, hats, scarfs, wellies and gloves. Your help with this would be really appreciated. You can help your child, by teaching them to look after their belongings – **please don't get cross with the adults** as I am sure you can imagine it is quite a feat to organise 30 children!

## Getting ready for the autumn weather

Talking of coats, please ensure that your child has a warm coat with a hood and sturdy shoes to wear to school as the weather starts to get colder and wetter. The children spend time playing outdoors every day and if they walk to school, it will be very uncomfortable for them if their school uniform is wet. We may have to phone you to ask you to bring in some spare clothes which might be difficult if you are at work. The local community shop might have some second-hand children's winter coats in stock so that is worth a look.

## Flu Immunisations

Children, whose parents returned the permission form, had their flu immunisation today. We will let you know if the Flu Immunisation Service is running additional clinics, so you can book an appointment if you would now like your child to have their flu immunisation another time.

## Moorlands Family Centre

Moorlands Family Centre runs a host of activities which might interest you or if you have a young child or baby. Please contact the Moorlands Family Centre for more details:

Day	Time	Session
Mondays	9.30am – 11.00am	Baby Disco
Tuesdays	9.30am – 10.30am	Keep Fit Class
Tuesdays	1.45pm – 3.15pm	Baby Group
Wednesdays	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Stay and Play
Wednesdays	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Study Club (access to computers and printers to help with school homework)
Thursdays	9.30am – 10.30am	Soft Play
Thursdays	1.30pm – 2.45pm	Messy Play
Thursdays (until 30 <sup>th</sup> November)	11.30am – 1.00pm	Mindful Crafts (please contact the Centre to book a place)
Fridays (Term time only)	9.30am – 10.30am	Music and Movement for children under 5

Most of these events are free and unless otherwise stated, you can just turn up and join in. The whole activity Calendar for the Moorlands Family Centre will be sent separately.

## DIARY DATES:

Date	Event
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Deadline for ordering school meals for Wk. Beginning Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> October.
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	M&M Performance of Robin Hood – this has been paid for by school
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Deadline for ordering school meals for Wk. Beginning Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> School closed for Half Term Holidays and Teacher Training Day	
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	School Re-opens at 8.30am
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Individual School Photos



## Attendance

There is no getting away from it – attendance was not good this week across all year groups. Lots of children and staff have been unwell. We hope that everyone is feeling much better now and we look forward to seeing you all back in school next week.

### Attendance for week 26<sup>th</sup> Sept



Ladybirds ~ **92.1%**



Owls ~ **93.7%**



Hedgehogs ~ **92.1%**



Squirrels ~ **85.0%**



Foxes ~ **94.3%**



Badgers ~ **92.9%**



Falcons ~ **92.9%**



Skylarks ~ **89.0%**



Whole school ~ **91.5%**

Best Wishes

*Angela Garner*

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Headteacher