



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

25th October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Half Term Holidays are here

We have just completed the first half of the Autumn term and we are really proud of how much the children have learnt and all their achievements during the first part of this school year.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been so supportive and on board with getting their children to school on time and every day. Your support really makes a difference to your child's progress.

Thank you to our parents who have joined our **Wednesday Coffee mornings**.

This week's theme was about **Oral Health** and we were especially pleased to see more new faces who went away with lots of information and some dental products for their children. We hope to see you again at our Wednesday coffee mornings.



Record of Appreciation for our Site Manager

During a recent inspection of the school site by the DFE Conditions surveyors the inspectors were incredibly impressed with our site manager, Jamie, describing him as in the top 1% of school site managers across the country for his knowledge and thoroughness. Our site is extremely well maintained and in excellent condition.

A lot of the work that Jamie does is behind the scenes, often in holidays and weekends but we are so incredibly proud of everything he does to make Moorland Primary School a wonderful place to work and learn.

New School Council

The children have elected two class representatives for the School Council and our Assembly today welcomed them into their role, followed by a special meeting with Mrs Carson. We look forward to hearing their ideas and seeing the difference they can make to our school.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Ms Fikri, a SEND assistant who has joined us for this term, working alongside children in Year 1.



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Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 11th – Friday 15th November

The second week of next half term will be devoted to the subject of Anti-bullying. Each day the children will focus on a new theme:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Theme	Anti-bullying	Behaviour	Respect	E-safety	Odd socks
Focus	Courage & Kindness	Behaviour expectations at Moorland	Choosing & showing respect	Cyber bullying & keeping safe online	Celebrating what makes us each unique

On Monday 11th November, OpenView Education, a theatre company will be coming into school for a day of creative learning which will develop our children's understanding of Courage and Kindness.












Some advance notice for our parents:

- Come and join our **Coffee morning** on **Wednesday 13th November**, when we are offering parents advice and information about **children's online safety**
- **Friday 15th November**, children will be asked to **wear odd socks** to help them think about what makes us unique.

Moorland Attendance **HERO** – **Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time.**

Well done Badgers for coming **1st** – Owls, Foxes and Falcons were fighting it out for 2nd place, all over 95%. It's really good to finish the term on an attendance high with all classes over 90%. If your child has been in school every day and on time this half term, then you should be especially proud of your achievement. Well done! Enjoy the half term holidays, have a good rest and recharge the batteries ready for another action packed half term.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 21st October 2024

 Ladybirds ~ 91.0%	 Owls ~ 95.3%
 Hedgehogs ~ 93.8%	 Squirrels ~ 91.7%
 Foxes ~ 95.0%	 Badgers ~ 97.2% 
 Falcons ~ 95.7%	 Skylarks ~ 93.8%
 Whole School ~ 94.5%	



Remembrance Poppies are now on sale at the school reception desk.



Open evening for Prospective Reception Parents and their children – Tuesday 19th November – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

We are having a Stay and Play event for all parents whose children are due to start in our Reception class in September 2025. This is a chance to meet the staff, look round the Reception class and outdoor play area and find out what Moorland Primary School can offer your child. Please come along even if your child attends our nursery.

Stay and Play for our Nursery parents – Wed 20th November

We would like to invite our nursery parents to join us for Stay and Play session on Wednesday 20th November at 9.30am – 11.00am. (please note the change of date from our last newsletter).

Starting Secondary School in September 2025

The majority of applications have been submitted, but there are perhaps one or two outstanding. If you need help making your application, you could go to the drop-in sessions at **Milton Keynes City Council Civic Building on Wednesday 30th Oct between 11.30am – 3.30pm**. The National deadline for all applications is **Thursday 31st October**. Don't be late. This is one deadline you don't want to miss

School dinners



You can now order school dinners just one week in advance through Parent Pay.

Here are the revised deadlines for ordering school dinners for the next few weeks. You can of course order school dinners for the whole term, but if you miss these deadlines, your child will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

Deadline to place order	For meals the week beginning:
Tues 29 th Oct	Monday 4 th Nov
Tues 5 th Nov	Monday 11 th Nov
Tues 12 th Nov	Monday 18 th Nov



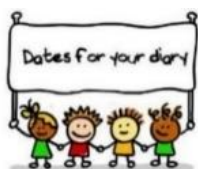
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Half term events in the Woughton Area

There are lots of events being organised by Woughton Parish Council – take a look at the leaflets at the end of the Newsletter for some ideas for things to do over half term.



Parks Trust Events: The Parks Trust organise some fantastic events over half term. Have a look at their website for some ideas to keep your children busy, entertained and having fun. <https://www.theparkstrust.com/whats-on-in-your-parks/>



Date	Event
Monday 28th October – Monday 4th November School closed for half term holidays and Teacher Training Day	
Thurs 31st Oct	Deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for their child's secondary school place
Tues 5th Nov at 8.30am	Children return to school
Wed 6th Nov	Wednesday Coffee Morning
Mon 11th – Fri 15th Nov	Anti-Bullying week
Mon 11th Nov	OpenView Education theatre event for children
Tues 12th Nov	Individual pupil photos
Wed 13th Nov	Wednesday Coffee Morning – advice and information about keeping children safe online – don't miss it.
Fri 15th Nov	Odd Sock Day for staff and children
Tues 19th Nov 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Stay and Play for prospective Reception Parents and their children who are starting school in Sept 2025 – come along and meet the Reception class team
Wed 20th Nov 9.30am – 11.00am (please note change of date)	Current Nursery Parents Stay and Play
Tues 3rd Dec	Story Café for Reception parents

Best Wishes
Mrs. Angela Garner
Headteacher



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Fun Events for all the Family in Half Term

CELEBRATING
HALF TERM **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** **FREE**
FOOD. CRAFT WORKSHOP. EXHIBITION.
"UNsung HEROES"
Tue 29th Oct
Coffee Hall Community Cafe

- **11.00 - 12.30**
Craft workshop
- **12.30 - 2.00**
Lunch

• **"UNsung HEROES" Exhibition**
on display in the cafe all week

Coffee Hall Community Centre
60 Garraways, Coffee Hall, MK6 5EG

Coffee Beans Community Events
HALLOWEEN Bingo
Coffee Hall Community Centre
SAT 26 OCT
DOORS OPEN 6PM
BINGO STARTS 6.30PM

PRIZE BINGO - RAFFLE - CASH BINGO

£6 per book for prize bingo
 £2 per flyer for cash bingo (18+ only)

Prizes for best costume
 Nibbles & Refreshments will be provided

Contact Sharon on 07756 467326
 to reserve your seat!

HALF TERM
 FAMILY AUTUMN FUN
PICK-A-PUMPKIN
 AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN
 Rear of 102 Rochfords. Coffee Hall

30 OCT  **12-2 PM**

CHOOSE, DECORATE OR CARVE YOUR PUMPKIN
 - TOAST MARSHMALLOWS -
 AUTUMN CRAFTS - HOT DOGS

SCAN THE QR CODE* TO BOOK YOUR FREE ENTRY

*Text or call 07983 599279 We are here to help!

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CHRA INVITES YOU TO OUR
HALLOWEEN Party
 Games
 Disco
 Food
 Tombola
 Sweets

£3 per person
 all children need to be with an adult

31st October 2024
 4pm till 7pm
 at
 Coffee Hall Community Centre

For tickets contact
 Lydia 07399495419
 Rachel 07788765209
 or email us on
 coffeehallra@gmail.com

HALF TERM
 FAMILY AUTUMN FUN
PLANT-TO-PLATE
 AT THE COMMUNITY CAFE
 Coffee Hall Cafe. Garraways.

31 OCT **CAFE TAKEOVER** **12-2 PM**

FRESHLY HOMEMADE HOT PUMPKIN SOUP
 - HOT DOGS -
 AUTUMN CRAFTS & SOUP MAKING

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Opportunities for Learning for Parents

Why should children have all the fun of learning, perhaps these might benefit you?



Coming soon Introduction to ESOL

Are you looking to boost your confidence in speaking, writing, and understanding English? Our introduction to ESOL course is designed for adults like you, who want to improve their everyday language skills and communicate effectively at work, home and in social settings.

Cost: Free

When: Thursdays from 9.30am - 11.30am
The first session will be on Thursday 7 November and the course will run for 6 weeks

**Where: Woughton Community Youth Centre
95 Jonathans, Coffee Hall, MK6 5DR**

**For more information please call:
01908 684209**



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SKILLS REACH MK

THE YOUTH CENTRE , COFFEE HALL

 Join us: Tuesday from 9:30 am-12pm

Want to improve your **computer skills**, or get career and training support. Come and join us...

We are running **FREE** digital skills classes and employment support at your local Community Centre every Tuesday morning. Email or drop-in to book.

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**Venue: The Youth Centre, 95
Jonathans, Coffee Hall, Milton
Keynes MK6 5DR**

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