



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome Back

Welcome back to School and a brand new term. It's so lovely to see the smiling faces of excited children as they ran through the gate on Tuesday morning. The cold weather has caught us out this week, so please make sure the children are wearing a warm coat, gloves and hat (with their names written in of course!)

The first week of term has already kicked off to a very busy start:

Thank you to Tesco's for their generous support and donations

On Tuesday, we hope lots of you took advantage of all the free school uniform kindly donated by Tesco – please remember to talk to Mrs Nicholls if you could benefit from some new or nearly new items and she will try her best to help you. The local community shop is another great place to pop in to and find a bargain!

Year 1 went on a local walk ...



Our Year 1 children wrapped up warm and went for a walk around Beanhill to see if they could find any local landmarks – they found the Family Centre, the Co-op and of course the Tin Man!



Parent Meetings for SEND Pupils

Parent meetings have been taking place this week for children who have individual provision plans to share and agree targets with their teachers. These will continue next week. Don't forget to join us for the PACA coffee morning on Wednesday 22nd January, particularly aimed at parents of children with SEND, but all are welcome – we would love to see you there.

Nursery Stay and Play – Wednesday 15th January at 9.30am

Next week, our nursery parents are invited to a Stay and Play morning with their children. This time, its Song and Story time. Please come along and join the fun.

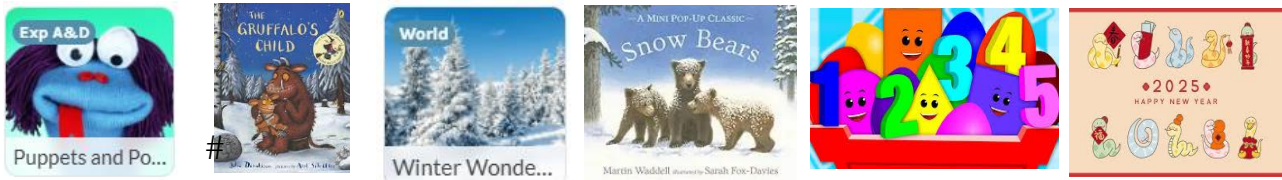


Our RESPECT values: Resilience, Equity, Self-Awareness, Passion, Empathy, Communication, Teamwork



Take a look at what we will be learning this half term...

Nursery and Reception: Literacy / Topic – Ladybirds and Owls will be learning about Puppets and Pop ups– the children will be looking at different well-known stories and creating their own stories through Puppets. We will be moving onto the topic 'Winter Wonderland' and learning all about the icy cold season. We will be looking at different places, animals, signs and new vocabulary around winter and will explore related fiction and non-fiction books. We will be reading a variety of stories about the winter season, 'Gruffalo's child', 'Snow Bears' and The Big Freeze. Chinese New Year is on 29th January and we shall be celebrating and finding out more about the Year of the Snake, In Maths – we will be focusing on learning the numbers 0-5 and different 2D shapes.



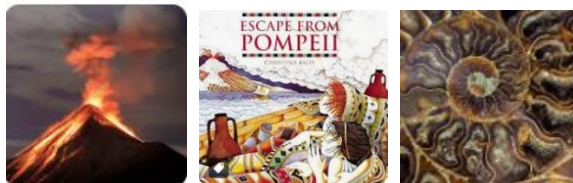
Year 1: In Hedgehogs our main topic is called Bright Lights, Big City. We will be learning about London and writing our own non-chronological reports. We will learn all about landmarks and if they are natural or man-made and even have a go at making our own London taxis! We will look at the weather in the UK and use our art skills to create weather symbols in pencil, paint and print. In Science we will learn all about the four seasons and identify different types of trees.



Year 2: Squirrels are reading 'Katie Morag and the New Pier'. We will use it as inspiration to write our own adventure story. In Maths we will be learning to count in groups of 2, 5 and 10s. Our Art will focus on flower heads. In Science we are learning all about materials and why certain materials are used for certain objects. In Geography we are learning about coastlines.



Year 3: This half term, Foxes will be studying lots of exciting topics! In Geography, our topic is called '**Rocks, Relics and Rumbles**' where the children will be learning about the layers of the earth, fossils and volcanoes! This links beautifully into our DT topic about fossils as well as our English where we are reading 'Escape from Pompeii'.



Year 4: Badgers' Geography topic is called "Misty Mountain, Winding River". The children will be learning about mountain ranges and rivers around the world. This topic links beautifully with our class text in English, "King of the Cloud Forests" by Michael Morpurgo. The adventure story tells the tale of a young boy and his uncle who embark on a journey through the Himalayas. We will be using this as a platform to write our own exciting adventure stories.



Year 5: Falcons' Class text is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. The children will be writing Persuasive leaflets promoting a new chocolate factory being built in MK. In Maths the children will be mastering their Multiplication and Division and currently focusing on long multiplication (as column method). Year 5's main Topic "Sow, Grow and Farm" – learning all about Farming in the UK, allotments and crops and looking at animals that live on farms (their life cycles and habitats). In Science they will be learning about Human Reproduction and Life Cycles - studying stages and processes throughout human life.



Year 6: Skylarks' geography topic is about 'Frozen Kingdoms'. The children will be learning about the characteristics and features of the polar regions of the North and South Poles, and will look at a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that shape and influence them. In English the children will be reading the book is 'Wolf Wilder' which is about Feo and her mother. Feo's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training - a person who teaches tamed animals to be wild again, to fend for themselves, and to fight and to run. When the corrupt Russian Army threatens her wolves and arrests her mum, Feo is left with no option but to go on the run. We'll be using this to inspire us to write our own adventure narratives.















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

Congratulations Foxes, Badgers, Falcons, Squirrels and Hedgehogs – It's really good to see our attendance bounce back into Green this week. Across the School, our attendance has improved and we hope that everyone who has been unwell this week will feel better soon and we look forward to seeing you all in school next week.











Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 6th January 2025

 Ladybirds ~ 85.4%	 Owls ~ 91.3%
 Hedgehogs ~ 95.3%	 Squirrels ~ 95.7%
 Foxes ~ 98.6% 	 Badgers ~ 96.6%
 Falcons ~ 96.3%	 Skylarks ~ 90.1%
 Whole School ~ 94.6%	

Attendance in the Autumn Term 2024

Well done **Squirrels and Foxes** for getting above the 95% line for the whole of the Autumn term. Many individual children across the school achieved 100% in the autumn term and parents are to be congratulated on their achievement. Overall, as you can see, with lots of Amber scores, there is so much room for improvement and we want all our children to feel a sense of recognition and achievement that they have been in school every day. The autumn attendance slate is wiped clean and the Spring term is a new beginning when you and your child could see themselves achieving 100% attendance.

Attendance for whole Autumn Term 2024

 Ladybirds ~ 92.5%	 Owls ~ 92.3%
 Hedgehogs ~ 92.2%	 Squirrels ~ 95.7% 
 Foxes ~ 95.1%	 Badgers ~ 94.9%
 Falcons ~ 93.4%	 Skylarks ~ 92.4%
 Whole School ~ 93.7%	



Coffee morning - Wednesday 22nd January 9am

PACA MK is an independent voice influencing change by representing what matters to **SEND families in MK**. They are an organised committee of parents and carers who have a steering group which meets regularly. PACA MK works in collaboration with service providers in health, education, social care and leisure services in Milton Keynes. Our aim is to fully include parents and carers in the development and improvement of local services.

Come along to our Coffee Morning on Wednesday 22nd January, where you will be able to find out more about PACA MK and the advice and support they could offer you and your child if they have SEND.

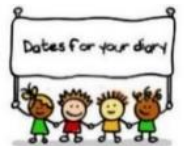
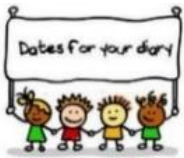


School dinners

Get ahead and order school dinners for the whole Spring Term. Chartwells have just released their new menu with lots of tasty options. If your child brings packed lunches, why not take a look at the menu. Remember that **school dinners are free for all children from Reception up to Year 2 and for older children in receipt of Pupil Premium**. But if you are not in receipt of Pupil Premium, perhaps you could ask your child if they would like a school dinner occasionally.

Here are the deadlines for ordering school dinners for January. **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 14 th Jan	Monday 20 th Jan
Tues 21 st Jan	Monday 27 th Jan
Tues 28 th Jan	Monday 3 rd Feb
Tues 10 th Jan	Monday 10 th Feb



Date	Event
Mon 13 th Jan	School nursing team to see Year 6 and Reception children
Wed 15 th Jan 9.30am	Nursery Parents are invited to Stay and Play in Nursery
Wed 15 th Jan	Deadline for Nursery Parents whose child was 3 years before 31 st Aug 2024 to apply for a school place
Thurs 30 th Jan	Year 6: Empower and Challenge Workshop – a fully funded workshop presented by Hazard Alley. This is taking place in School so there is no cost to parents.
Tues 11 th Feb	Internet Safety morning for all parents
Fri 14 th Feb 3.00pm	Term Ends
Half Term Holidays	
Mon 24 th Feb 8.30am	Children return to school
Tues 18 th March	Story Café for Reception parents and carers

