



# MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Together We Can*

31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed a positive and successful week. As always, our Moorland children and staff have been busily learning and achieving in all they set out to do.

### School Leaders' Conference

Mrs Carson, our Deputy head was invited to the PiXL School Leaders' Conference in **Westminster London** yesterday to share the success of our improvement journey with leaders from around the country. Presenting to a large crowd in the Great Hall, Mrs Carson proudly shared how Moorland children have continued to **grow and achieve** better outcomes year on year due to the **improved quality of education** provided by our **dedicated team**. It was a very proud moment to see our roadmap of success on the big screen which clearly showed how **before our leadership, in July 2020 only 12%** of children ended year 6 with age related expectations in reading, writing and maths.



We are **rightly very proud** that children now leave Moorland Primary ready for secondary school with the same knowledge and skills of children in other schools around the UK. In **July 2024 60%** of our year 6 pupils reached this expected level – the **same % as National**. No wonder Moorland was invited to share this amazing achievement and who better to do so than our very own Mrs Carson, our **dynamic and inspirational** Deputy Head.



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## Challenge and Empower Workshop by Hazard Alley

**Year 6** children thoroughly enjoyed the visit by the Hazard Alley (Safety Centre) staff yesterday. The workshop was a great visit, with a big focus on challenging gender stereotypes, both male and female empowerment and consent. Here are some words from our year 6 children about what they learnt:

*It was interesting to learn the statistics of how many girls have experienced certain treatment.*

*I enjoyed it because we had to do different puzzles and it was great to learn how sometimes we need to give people space and to ask for consent before doing things like hugging them.*



*It made us acknowledge how all genders should be treated with respect.*

*It was good to learn about the baby experiment - a baby was dressed up as a girl and adults came to play with it, offering it cuddly toys, Barbies and kitchen toys. The same baby was then dressed up as a boy and the adults who played with it offered it footballs, cars and action figures.*

We would like to thank the staff from the Safety Centre for taking the time to explore these very important topics with our year 6 pupils.



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**Does your child like to sing?  
Then why not encourage them to join our  
Singing Club on Wednesdays 3pm – 4pm.**

The Milton Keynes Music Service has organised a Singing After School Club for us on Wednesdays and it is a wonderful opportunity for children in Years 3 – 6 to find their voice. Erica attends our school assembly regularly and the children absolutely love singing as a group with her. The songs are all modern, pop or well known tunes that the children LOVE to sing and harmonise too.



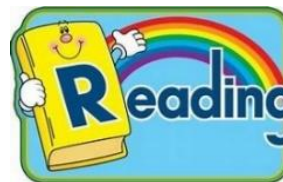
**Singing is good therapy for the mind and the body.  
It's fun and the After-School Club is free.  
So why not give it a go?**



**Welcome a new team member to the office**



We are very pleased to share with you that Ms O'Hanlon will be joining the office team next week. She will be our new receptionist/ administrator. She brings with her lots of experience of working in a school, but will need a little time to get to know you all. So please be patient as she settles into her new role. I am sure you will make her feel very welcome.



**Drop in Reading Clinic – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month**

We are delighted to introduce our new monthly Drop-in Reading Clinic on Tuesdays with Mrs Maxwell and Mrs Norfolk. This is a wonderful chance for parents (or children) to ask any questions in relation to reading... no appointment necessary!

**The first one will be on Tuesday 4th February from 3pm -3.30pm in the Reading Garden but you are welcome to come along on any of the following dates:**

Tues 4 February at 3 - 3.30pm	Tues 4 March at 3 - 3.30pm
Tues 1 April 3 – 3.30pm	Tues 6 May at 3 – 3.30pm



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## Internet Safety Workshop for Parents – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February



We are running an internet safety workshop for parents on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am. This will be a really useful opportunity to find out how to keep you and your family safe from the pitfalls and risks of the internet. We look forward to seeing you. Please look out for the letter being sent home today. Tea and coffee will be available.

## Valentines Movie night! – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Come and watch “Gnomeo and Juliet” and enjoy a hot chocolate and tub of popcorn with Mrs Tompkins and her band of Merry helpers. Tickets will be on sale soon at £3 per child. More details to follow next week.



## Valentines sale! – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 3.00 – 3.30pm

Moorland School Councillors are hosting a Valentine’s sale on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February on the playground. Please come and support them & buy something nice for your someone special.

The School Council will then meet to decide what to spend the proceeds on to help improve the school environment. Thank you for your support!



## School dinners

A reminder of the deadlines for ordering school dinners. You can of course get ahead and order school dinners for the rest of the Spring Term. 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 February. **If you miss these deadlines, your child must bring a packed lunch from home. Meals are prepared to order and there is no guarantee that there will be anything spare if you forget your child’s packed lunch.** The office will phone you if your child has no lunch which is an inconvenience for you.

Deadline to place order	For meals the week beginning:
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March



## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a temporary midday supervisor. Details about the vacancy and how to apply are on our website. If you are interested, why not have a look? The closing date is 10<sup>th</sup> February.

<https://www.moorlandprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Join+our+Team&pid=33>













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



**Well done Squirrels for your amazing attendance this week!**

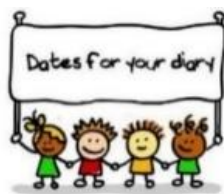
With just two weeks to the end of term, we would like to see a real boost to attendance. Some classes have been really affected by illness again this week, so we hope that the weekend will see everyone feeling much better.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	
 Ladybirds ~ <b>93.4%</b>	 Owls ~ <b>92.8%</b>
 Hedgehogs ~ <b>84.8%</b>	 Squirrels ~ <b>99.1%</b> 
 Foxes ~ <b>93.8%</b>	 Badgers ~ <b>86.9%</b>
 Falcons ~ <b>91.3%</b>	 Skylarks ~ <b>94.1%</b>
 Whole School ~ <b>91.8%</b>	



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Date	Event
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 3.00pm – 3.30pm	Reading Drop in Clinic for parents
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00am	Internet Safety Morning for Parents
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 4-5.45pm	Gnomeo and Juliet Movie night – Year 3,4,5 & 6 Details to follow
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 3.00pm	School Council Valentine's Table Top sale – bring some pennies to treat a loved one
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 3.00pm	Term Ends
<b>Half Term Holidays</b>	
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8.30am	Children return to school
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb School hours	Al Sylvester – Polar Explorer Visiting Year 5 and 6
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00am Nursery and Reception parents	Coffee Morning. The School nursing team are visiting to offer advice and information about dealing with headlice – <b>Forewarned is Forearmed!</b> Always better to get the advice and information before you need it
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery parents Stay and Play
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Details of theme for dressing up to follow
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> March Year 1 to Year 6 parents	Coffee Morning. The School nursing team are visiting to offer advice and information about dealing with headlice – <b>Forewarned is Forearmed.</b> Always better to get the advice and information before you need it.
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception families Story Café
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photos and Year 6 Individual photos

## Take a look at what's going on in Woughton...

After the morning school run...

Starts Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb... **TEA & TOAST** ...at our new building!

Every Mon, Tue, Wed & Thur  
→ from 8.45 onwards   
No.99 Jonathans, Coffee Hall

For more information please call our Youth team on 01835 395 684 or email [gemma.simmons@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:gemma.simmons@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

**No hidden fees!**

Do you want to be part of a **BRAND NEW, ORIGINAL** musical?

**Ouch!**

A dead-good Musical is looking for performers aged 10-17 to be chorus, understudies and additional roles.

Come along to our free workshop to find out more and get involved!

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm-6pm  
Eaglestone Activity Centre, MK6 5BZ

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