



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can



25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term

We are delighted to be back for the summer term – how quickly the weeks and months fly by! It was wonderful to see all the children bright and early Tuesday morning settled back and focusing on their learning.

If you can remember back to our last day before Easter, Years 2,3,4 &5 held a special Afternoon Tea party for family members. It was such a success and both sittings were full. The children and staff all worked incredibly hard to spoil their loved ones and with Mrs Bull's delicious scones and cream alongside the children's home made pizzas and sandwich making, no-one left the school hungry! Thankyou to all of you who supported this event and of course the team who made it happen.



The Easter holidays were as busy as always in school with lots of children attending the HAF activities. We also had Astro Turf fitted in the EYFS play area, a long awaited project that we have been saving up for years to complete. The children loved the bright, soft surface to play on this week.



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SUMMER LEARNING

A positive term ahead of us

There are lots of special trips and exciting learning opportunities planned for the children this term. The summer term is always a busy one, with important SATS tests for our Year 6 children before they move up to secondary school, and less formal but still very important assessments in all other year groups. Of course, we have lots of exciting trips and Oscar winning performances to look forward to, as well as the transition days to help prepare the children for their next year groups. It is an incredibly important term!

Nursery – Ladybirds

Welcome to all of our new nursery children and families who joined us this week. It was wonderful to see you begin your learning journey with us. As you can see from the photos below, the Ladybird's garden is looking beautiful and being well cared for by the children. The sunflowers are growing in school and Mrs Morley would love to see photos of any of the sunflowers you took home to grow before Easter. Ladybirds will be enjoying the stories "**The lonely cloud**" and "**Incy Wincy Spider**" this half term.



Reception – Owls



Owl's start this half term immersing themselves in the wonderful story "**Commotion in the Ocean**" alongside some non-fiction, fact finding books that will teach the children more about water. The project "**Splash**" will help them learn more about floating and sinking, water safety and why it is important for living things to stay hydrated.

They then move onto the project "**Sunshine and Sunflowers**" where they will share the stories "**The Tiny Seed**" and "**The crunching Munching Caterpillar**" and learn more about how to grow seeds. There will be lots of outdoor learning and the children will continue to learn how to care for the plants and animals in their local environment and how to stay safe in the sun.



Ladybirds and Owls will be visiting **Thriff Farm 11th June** – please remember to make your payments for this trip asap.

Hedgehogs- Y1

Hedgehogs have made an eager start immersed in the story of the **“Jolly Postman”** this week and have been busily writing and posting letters. In maths the children are learning to multiply and divide numbers using lots of practical and written methods.

Science focuses on **“Plant parts”** and in History the children will learn lots about **“School days”** from the past with a special visit from our Victorian teacher!



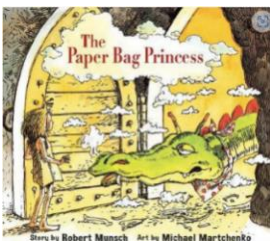
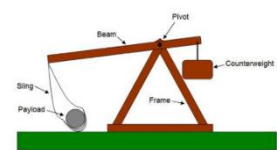
A trip to **Ashland lakes** on 25th June and a visit from Dave Sharpe **“Raptorxotics”** will support the children’s learning this term.

Squirrels- Y2

Squirrels started off the week exploring and making a **“Trebuchet”** in English. They will use this and other practical experiences to develop their instruction writing.

Maths learning will teach the children more about **Fractions**, with lots of practical and written methods to find whole and parts of numbers.

Trebuchet



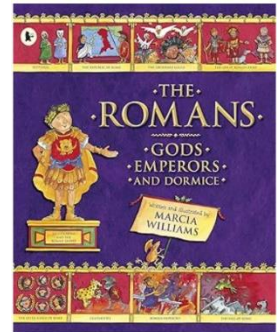
“The Paper Bag Princess” is a fun narrative which supports the children's project **“Magnificent Monarchs”** whilst in Art the children will be learning more about **“Portraits and Poses”**. **“Animal Survival”** will be the focus for science and **“Stitch and join”** will see the children practicing their sewing skills in DT.

On 4th July the children will be enjoying a very special **“Kings and Queens”** Experience day.

Foxes- Y3

Year 3's project for the Summer term is called "**Emperors and Empires**". The children will be learning about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.

Our model text for English is called "**The Romans: Gods, Emperors and Dormice**" by **Marcia Williams**, our writing focusses will be poetry and balanced arguments. In Maths we are continuing to focus on **Mass and Capacity** before moving onto **Fractions**. In Science we will be learning about "**Plant Nutrition and Reproduction**". We are all very excited for this half term's learning!



On July 2nd the Foxes will be venturing off to **Wrest Park**, a 19th century mansion.

Badgers- Y4



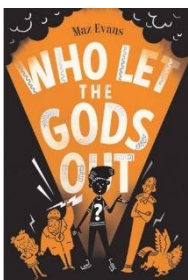
Badgers continue to explore biographies and will be writing their own biography about **Howard Carter**, a British archaeologist and Egyptologist who discovered the intact tomb of 18th Dynasty Pharaoh Tutankhamun.



They begin a new text, "**Secrets of a Sun King**" By **Emma Carroll** which also links beautifully with their History project "**Ancient Civilisations**" and "**Tomb Builders**" in DT. Art will see the children learning more about "**Statuettes and Figurines**" In Science the Badgers will explore "**Electrical circuits and conductors**".

On 17th June the Badgers travel over to Oxford University's **Ashmolean museum** to see **Ancient Egyptian Mummies** and take part in lots of archaeology based activities.

Falcons- Y5



Falcons project "**Ground breaking Greeks**" will be supported by the text "**Who let the Gods out?**" by Maz Evans. The children will be exploring and writing their own **Biographies** in English. In maths the Falcons are focusing on **Shape, Angles** and **direction**.

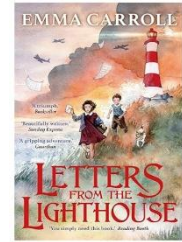
In science the Falcons will be learning more about "**Properties and Changes of Materials**".

On Wednesday 7th May the Falcons are off to **Manor Farm**, a working farm in **Cheersley, Buckinghamshire**.



Skylarks- Y6

Skylarks continue to work incredibly hard to prepare for the upcoming SATS in May and have been consolidating all previous maths learning. The children are totally engaged in their project “**Britain at War**” and will be writing their own newspaper reports entitled “**War declared**”. The class text “**Letters to the Lighthouse**” is a story based in 1941 about two evacuees sent from London to Devon to escape the bombing raids.



Year 6 adventure itinerary

DAY 1

- Walk to Caldecotte
- A day of archery, high ropes, raft building & stand up paddle boarding
- Walk back to school
- Shared evening meal
- Movie night & popcorn
- School sleep over in the hall

DAY 2

- Shared cooked breakfast
- walk to Xscape
- complete Escape Room
- Walk back to school
- Afternoon activities at school

In Science the Skylarks will be exploring “**Light theory**”, with “**Distortion and Abstraction**” in DT and “**Make and Do**” in DT.

Skylarks will be ending the year and time at Moorland Primary on a high with a very special **2 day adventure** On Mon 30th June and Tues 1st July.

School trips, visits and visitors

The children are all excited about their upcoming trips and special days. These experiences all promise to be fantastic opportunities for the children to learn, explore, and create lasting memories. However, we understand that covering the cost may be challenging for families. Unfortunately, the school does not have additional funding available to subsidise these trips as school funding has become an increasing challenge for us.

As you know, our Moorland team work relentlessly to support families and to give our children the very best we can. Our community partners Tesco support us with free uniforms, toiletries, toys and essentials for families throughout the year. Gifts for all families during Christmas and Easter are also always generously given to you all. All of these are given free to school to make the lives of our families easier. However, as much as they would like to fund trips and visitors into the school they are unable to.

So please help us ensure all children are able to enjoy their special day by paying the contributions needed. We do not make any profit on these trips and never have done. If you sign and commit to pay we must ask you stand by this please.

Unfortunately, if we do not receive the contributions needed we will have to cancel the trips. We offer the option to pay in instalments and break the cost up for all trips so please do pop into the office and discuss any outstanding payments.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to enriching your child's learning experience.



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Important Dates for next week

Monday 28th April – Class photo day so please wear full school uniforms including school jumpers or cardigans.

Friday 2nd May - Dress like a superhero for Emily's star Charity...

Emily's Star Charity

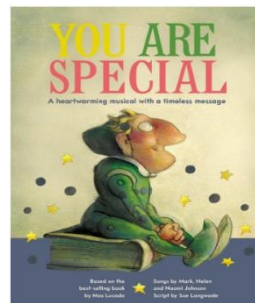
Emily's Charity is a local support group for 0-25 years olds in Milton Keynes who have life limiting conditions. It is a wonderful charity who support neonatal units in the UK and Milton Keynes Hospital. Mia.C in Owls class (Year 1) and her family are taking part in a **Superhero run** in May and are hoping to fundraise lots for this worthwhile charity – they would really love your support. If you would like to sponsor them, please come to the office and add your name and donation. Thankyou in advance for your support. It really will mean a lot to the family.

We will be holding a **fundraising day on Friday 2nd May** so come dressed as a **superhero** and bring in your coins for a worthwhile charity.



'You are Special' Performance – Wednesday 21st May at 5pm

Our year 3 and 4 children have been busy rehearsing for their performance of **'You are Special'** on Wednesday 21st May at 5pm. They look fabulous, They sound fabulous and the children cannot wait to perform for you. Tickets cost £1 each. Please see Mrs Bull, our Year 4 teacher.



Parent Pay

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by Parentpay not working properly the last few weeks. We hope that this is back up and running smoothly now and you can pay clubs and trips online.

After school clubs

Tuesday 3.15-4.15	Martial Arts
Tuesday 3.15-4.15	Year 5 Football club
Thursday 3.15-4.15	Year 6 Football club

Singing club has now moved from After school to Friday lunchtimes so that more children can enjoy this free club.













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Attendance Winners this week...

What a **fantastic week for attendance** - as a whole school we achieved **96.0%**. Congratulations to everyone who achieved **100%** attendance this week, you have started the term brilliantly.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 15 th April 2024	
 Ladybirds ~ 98.3%	 Owls ~ 99.4% 
 Hedgehogs ~ 95.8%	 Squirrels ~ 96.5%
 Foxes ~ 98.0%	 Badgers ~ 94.8%
 Falcons ~ 95.2%	 Skylarks ~ 92.4%
 Whole School ~ 96.0%	

School dinners

Please make sure you have booked your child's lunches for **this half term**.

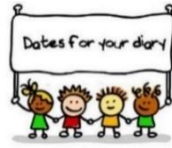
If you miss these deadlines, your child must bring a packed lunch from home. We cannot guarantee spare lunches and if we do have one to offer we will have to charge you for this. Here are the deadlines for ordering school dinners.

Deadline to place order	For meals the week beginning:
Sunday 27 th April	Monday 5 th May
Sunday 4 th May	Monday 12 th May
Sunday 11 th May	Monday 19 th May

Meals are prepared to order - The office will phone you if your child has no lunch which is an inconvenience for you.



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Please see the list of key dates below for all of the wonderful opportunities the children are given at Moorland. Our team work incredibly hard to make the most of every teaching day with your children. Please help us by ensuring they come to school on time every day to benefit from them.

Date	Event
Mon 28th April	School photos – Class photos and Y6 individual photos for leavers book Please wear your school jumpers even if it is a hot day.
Fri 2nd May	Superhero dressing up day to raise funds for Emily's star. Minimum donation of £1 for every child dressed up please.
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday – School is closed
Wed 7th May	Year 5 trip to Chearsly Farm
Mon 12th -Thurs 15th May	Year 6 SATS test – PLEASE make sure your child attends every day as these are National test dates Y6 Special breakfast 8am – All welcome
Wednesday 21st May	Years 3 and 4 children perform 'You are Special' – tickets on sale – £ from Mrs Bull, Year 4 class teacher.
Fri 23rd May – 3pm	End of Term
May Half Term Holidays	
Mon 2nd June	First day back - All Children return to school at 8.30 am
Mon 2nd -Fri 6th June	Year 4 multiplication tests this week (statutory tests)
Mon 9th – Fri 13th June	Y1 and Y2 phonics screening tests (statutory tests) Y3,4,& 5 assessment week
Tues 10th June	Story Café for Reception parents and children – "Ready Steady Grow"
Wed 11th June	Nursery and Reception visit to Thrift Farm
Mon 16th – Fri 20th June	Y2 SATS assessment week
Tues 17th June	Year 4 Trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
Wed 25th June	Year 1 visit to Ashland lake
Mon 30th June & Tues 1st July	Year 6 Adventure days and sleep over
Wed 2nd July	Year 3 visit to Wrest Park
Fri 4th July	Year 2 – Kings and Queens Day
Wed 2nd & Thurs 3rd July	Moorland Transition days whole school & MKA transition days for Y6
Fri 11th July	Year 1 – Raptorxotics visitor in school
Fri 18th July	Reports home
Tues 22nd July	Last day of term for children
Wed 23rd July	Teacher Training day for staff
Summer holidays	



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