



# MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can













27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week of excellent attendance and time keeping. The torrential rain didn't dampen attendance or spirits. So, well done everyone – we are really delighted. Well done Squirrels who came first for a second week running; but there are some strong contenders who could swoop into first place next week.

### Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 20th Sept 2024

 Ladybirds ~ <b>96.9%</b>	 Owls ~ <b>97.8%</b>
 Hedgehogs ~ <b>96.9%</b>	 Squirrels ~ <b>99.2%</b> 
 Foxes ~ <b>98.0%</b>	 Badgers ~ <b>94.5%</b>
 Falcons ~ <b>94.0%</b>	 Skylarks ~ <b>95.2%</b>
 Whole School ~ <b>96.3%</b>	

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

### Collaborative, Supportive and Ambitious

It has been another busy week and we were delighted that Sarah Mitchell; our Trust CEO spent the day with us on Thursday. Campfire Education Trust continues to be a supportive driving force in our improvement journey and share our core values for pupils success. Mrs Mitchell was particularly struck by the calm and consistent approach to teaching and learning across the whole school. As always, the children were incredibly welcoming and pleased to share their learning with her too. Our new Reading garden is loved by staff and children and is a wonderful space for children to share and enjoy books. In every classroom, the children were 100% engaged in their learning and it was a joy to see. The children can rightly feel proud of their continued efforts and hard work.



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## Emails and text messages to parents

We are delighted with the new website but we are really sorry that we have been experiencing so many problems texting and emailing parents. We are trying to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. However, our newsletters are on the Home page of our website [www.moorlandprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.moorlandprimaryschool.co.uk) so please use this as an opportunity to have a look at the whole website and keep up to date with news and events.



## MacMillan Cancer Coffee Morning Part 2 – Please come along Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 8.45am – 10.00am

Thank you to parents who came along and supported our coffee morning on Wednesday. However, due to the problems with our texts and emails we didn't have our usual fantastic turn out. Therefore, **we are going to re-run the special fundraising MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 8.45am – 10.00am.** We really hope that you are able to come along and support us and if you are able to donate any scrummy yummy cakes which can be brought to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept or Tues 1<sup>st</sup> October, that would be wonderful. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and thank you for your support of this worthwhile charity.



## Artist in Residence and a Visit by the Fire Service

We are truly delighted to share that Moorland Primary School is one of three schools selected to participate in an exciting project to create a collaborative piece of mosaic art for the Blue Light Hub in Ashland. As part of this project the children received a visit from the Fire Service. The children were eager to find out all about the fire engine and the equipment and we are extremely grateful to the crew members who spent the day with us. The artist, Sarah Harper will be working alongside the children at all three schools and the charity Harry's Rainbow to create images of police, fire and ambulance emergency services which will then form the basis of the mosaic project. We can't wait to see how this develops and the final creation.



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## Year 4's Trip to Bradwell Abbey

We hope you enjoy some of the Year 4 photos – you may remember that they spent a day at Bradwell Abbey last week to find out more about the Vikings.



## Year 3 Trip to Pizza Express

Our Year 3 children had a wonderful time at Pizza Express this week, They learnt about the ingredients needed to make pizza and which countries the ingredients come from. Dressed in their chef whites, they prepared their very own pizza with their favourite toppings and eagerly watched them cook- of course the best part was being able to eat them after - that's the best bit about learning to cook. This fantastic opportunity was part of our 'Cook well, Eat Well' Design Technology unit. A big thanks to all the staff at Pizza Express for making this happen.







## Parent and Teacher meetings- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> and Tues 8<sup>th</sup> October

Now's the time to make your appointment with your child's class teacher. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October; We are running two evenings after school and this is an ideal opportunity to see how well your child has settled into school, whether there are any areas of concern and how you can best support your child's learning. Our team really look forward to meeting with you and would love to see you come along. We have also invited the **Scholastic Book Fair** into school so you can browse the books, perhaps buy a gift and really support your child's love of reading. Our Governors have kindly offered to run this for us, so why not come and meet them.



## Hello Yellow in support of World Mental Health Day – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

The children have asked to wear something yellow or other brightly coloured clothing (please don't buy anything especially) on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October in support of World Mental Health Day. A suggested donation of £1 can be made to this worthwhile charity.



## School dinners

Here is a reminder of the 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 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov

Don't forget the school is closed for half term from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Children return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.



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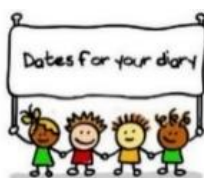
## Year 6 – Starting Secondary School in September 2025

Here is [Milton Keynes Council's Parent Guide to Starting Secondary School](#).

It will help you understand what you need to do to make the right choices for your child. Take time to visit the Secondary School Open Evenings this half term and help your child prepare for the next exciting stage in their education.

Once you have considered the options and made your decision, go to [MKCC's website](#) and submit your application. **The deadline is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.** Don't miss this deadline. If you do, it will affect your child's chances of getting a place in their preferred school.

Gordan Farquhar, the Principal of Milton Keynes Academy and his Assistant head Kristal Watkins would love to meet year 5&6 parents during our coffee morning on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please come along to find out more and arrange a visit to MKA with your child.



Date	Event
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	MacMillan Cancer Coffee morning - 8.45am – 10.00am
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents Evening and Scholastic Book Fair
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents Evening and Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Hello Yellow in support of World Mental Health Day
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	M&M theatre show – Snow White (free for all year groups)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Last day of term
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for their child's secondary school place
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children return to school
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying week
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual pupil photos

Best Wishes

Mrs. Angela Garner  
Headteacher



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