

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Monday 13th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Month of Reading Update

I'm hoping that all our children managed Challenge 1 to find someone to read to them every day last week. Please send the completed forms into school as soon as possible. We'll be putting all entries into a prize draw in our assembly on Friday 31st March.

This week we are starting our Usborne Ready Steady Read sponsorship. Copies of the letter and Sponsorship forms are on the schools' websites if you've mislaid the copies sent home a couple of weeks ago.

It would be brilliant if we could raise £600 for the school and get an extra £360 worth of books for our school libraries. If each child raised £3.00 we'd reach the target easily. We really do need your help to raise much needed funds for school at the moment.

Moorside Infant School Update

On Thursday, 9th March 2017, the school had a Local Authority Review. Feedback from the LA advisers and Emma Higgins from the North Star Teaching Alliance was really positive. The school was able to demonstrate the progress needed to bring the school out of Special Measures.

Our Nursery was praised and judged to be good. In other areas - Leadership, including Governance, Teaching and Learning, and Safety and Wellbeing, they recognised the systems now in place and agreed that the school needed time to embed these.

Leaders were reassured by the feedback, which acknowledged the disruption that staff turnover has had on the progress. It was agreed that the school was in a good position to continue to improve and be capable of doing so without further intensive support.

On behalf of the Governors and School Leaders, I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff and parents of Moorside Infant School, for their support and hard work in taking Moorside Infant School back to being the great school it is – day in and day out.

Staffing Update

I'm sure those whose children are in Mrs Plummer's class, will have noticed that her maternity leave will be starting soon. Mrs Plummer will hopefully be with her class until the end of SATs but just in case she needs to put her feet up sooner, we have appointed her maternity cover to begin after the Easter break. Miss Rogan was appointed on Friday and we are delighted to have an experienced Year 6 teacher join us.

It will be Mrs Philpott's last day on Thursday – we all wish her the very best on her new venture.

We are interviewing for a School Receptionist later this week and will hopefully be able to let you know who will be joining our Administration team.

E-Safety Information Session Thursday 16th March

A reminder about the E-Safety sessions on Thursday – we encourage as many parents as possible to attend so that you are aware of the potential risks and how to manage them. We are running two sessions at the Infant School – one at 3.30pm (childcare provided) and one at 5.30pm (no childcare provided). We hope to see you there. Letters have gone out about this, if you are planning to attend, please complete the reply slip and return to school so we have a rough idea of numbers, thank you.

Magnificent Tree Planting

Following the success of our School's Green Flag Award, members of the Infants Eco Team and former teachers, joined forces on Monday 6th March to plant a wonderful tree.

Last Summer Mrs Jones, Mrs Hornsey and Mrs Wilkinson donated a *Liquidamber Styraciflua* tree to help the children learn about seasonal change and to develop our school grounds.

"The tree will provide magnificent colour in Autumn and shade for the playground in the Summer" said Mrs Taylor-Connor - Eco-Schools Co-ordinator. "We are very grateful to Mrs Jones, Mrs Hornsey and Mrs Wilkinson for the gift of this lovely tree." Thanks must also go to Mr Taylor who dug the hole! The Eco Team will now be keeping an eye on the weather and watering the tree if there isn't enough rain.



Abacus

Well done to Class 2, 4/5 and 6 for improving the percentage of children in the class who have logged into Abacus last week.

	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	3/4A	3/4B	4/5	5/6	6
6.3.17	65%	15%	20%	74%	45%	21%	64%	59%
13.3.17	35%	35%	15%	33%	28%	25%	64%	74%

Year 6 are the overall champions though with 74% - let's see if we can beat them this week.

Class Updates

FSU – We are exploring Springtime and planting vegetables. We are hoping to look at frogspawn from our pond.

Year 1/2 - We are reading the story of Lost and Found and writing our own endings to the story and making puppets. In Maths we are continuing our work on addition and subtraction. It is National Science Week so we are looking forward to lots of exciting science activities this week. Class 3 are working on place value in Maths – one more, one less; 10 more, 10 less.

Year 3/4 - Year 3 and 4 are planning a non-chronological report about America this week, which combines knowledge gained through topic lessons.

Year 4/5 – We will be celebrating Science Week, finishing off our rocks and soils topic with a lesson about evolution. We are starting some research about North America to gather content for their non-chronological reports.

Year 5/6 & 6 - This week we are undertaking some fun science experiments focusing on materials and their properties. In Maths we are solving ratio problems and constructing and interpreting pie charts. In Literacy, we are writing diary entries and persuasive letters.

Juniors are looking forward to a visit from author Andy Seed this week. Andy is the winner of the Blue Peter book award 2015 and will be reading from his new book *The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff* - a collection of fun info, jokes, amazing lists and wacky true stories.

Attendance

To date:

Reception (FS2)	Mrs Goss	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Hunton	Mr Price	Mrs Burland	Mrs Taylor	Miss Ryder	Mrs Plummer
92.86	96.40	98.22	96.67	96.13	97.06	96.96	94.50	96.85

Last week:

Reception (FS2)	Mrs Goss	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Hunton	Mr Price	Mrs Burland	Mrs Taylor	Miss Ryder	Mrs Plummer
93.75	97.08	98.89	86.32	97.60	97.67	99.29	96.09	97.78

Diary Dates

Thursday 16 th March	E Safety Day & Parents E- Safety Talks – 3.30pm & 5.30pm
Fridays 17 th March	Bags2School collection – 9am
Tuesday 21 st March	Class Photographs
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day – details to follow