

# MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was the start of the Usborne Sponsored Read. We hope you have all managed to raise a little money for our target of £600. Please could all money be sent into school before the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

On Friday, we will be hosting the Big Book Swap. Please have a look through any books you have at home that you no longer want, that your child could swap with another child in their class. The book should ideally be age appropriate and of a reasonable quality. Children love this day and really enjoy having a new book to read at home.

### Competition Winner

Well done to Faye Burd, the winner of our healthy packed lunch poster competition that was organised by Mellors. The Cooks said it was very difficult to judge, as so many of the entries were really good. Please could parents put healthy food in lunch boxes? Too much sugar and salt can lead to health issues as children grow older, including tooth decay. Let's make sure all our children develop healthy eating habits.



### Today's Assembly

Our theme today was 'friendship'. As adults we know the importance of good friendships and relationships. It's really important that we support and model to children how to create and maintain their relationships with others.

The children were asked to think about:

- Do you have enough good friends and family relationships to ensure that you will have a happy life?
- Who are you a friend to, or relative of, and how can you ensure your relationship with them makes them happy?

We talked about how a good friend makes you feel and then had some fun checking out how much friends knew about each other.

The key message for the children was to understand that a great friendship is one where we feel valued, loved and cared for. Where we can be ourselves. Where we feel trust and the other person can be relied on. Great friends – provide support and encouragement.

## Moorside Junior School Update

We have had two visiting headteachers to our school today. Mrs Brown, from Thorpe Willoughby, and Mrs Cuddy, from Kirk Smeaton. They have spent the day reviewing our work to improve the outcomes for children who receive the disadvantaged funding grant. If you would like to know more about how we spend this grant, you can find our Pupil Premium Strategy on the school's website.

## Staffing Update

Great news – we appointed our new School Receptionist, Mrs Baxter will be starting later this week.

## Safer Internet Day

This was a super day and helped to raise the profile of how careful children need to be when using the internet. Thank you to all the parents who attended the evening sessions, we hope you found these helpful.

Children are being given access to the internet through phones and tablets – as protective adults it is vital that we keep a close eye on what they are watching and who they are communicating with. YouTube, is really popular with a lot of young children, but many of the films link to others that may not be suitable. Some images often frighten children or send out the wrong messages to them.

Social media sites all have guidance on the minimum age to sign up for an account. The youngest of these is 13+. Children at primary school age should not have accounts. Please check your children's devices regularly to see that they haven't set one up without your knowledge.

## School Uniform

I've started to notice a number of children wearing nail varnish in school. This is not part of our uniform and I would ask that parents check it is removed before children come to school. We do have wipes in school and these will be offered to children to use if they are found wearing nail varnish.

We also ask that children wear school shoes and not trainers. I am aware of individual children who are temporarily wearing trainers, as parents of these children have notified the school.

## Red Nose Day – 24<sup>th</sup> March

It's a non-uniform day on Friday, please come to school dressed in red. Children will be able to buy raffle tickets, the winner in each class will have the opportunity to face paint a teacher or style their hair for the day! We will also be selling raffle tickets for an M&S hamper that has been donated, in the playground, at the end of the day. Raffle tickets will be £1.00 each.

## Abacus

Well done to 3/4B, 5/6 and Year 6 for increasing the percentage of children who have logged onto Abacus last week.... Unfortunately, as you can see, some of our scores have dropped! Can we beat Year 6 with their 89% next week?

	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	3/4A	3/4B	4/5	5/6	6
06.03.17	65%	15%	20%	75%	45%	21%	64%	59%
13.03.17	35%	35%	15%	33%	28%	25%	64%	74%
20.03.17	30%	20%	15%	33%	34%	25%	68%	89%

## Class Updates

FSU – FS1 and 2 will be learning all about Growth this week. We are keeping a close eye on our caterpillars and frogspawn to see how they are changing. Some of the seeds that we planted last week have already started to sprout and we can't wait till the weather warms up and we can plant them outside!

Year 1/2 - In Class 2 we are going to be talking about Healthy Eating and making fruit smoothies. We will be writing instructions for someone else to follow to make their own smoothies. In Maths, we are going to be solving real life addition and subtraction problems.

Year 3/4 - In Year 3 and 4 the children will be developing their knowledge of USA and looking at the different time zones. We will be editing our reports on American sports using conjunctions to add depth and detail. In Maths, our focus will be on Geometry.

Year 4/5 – Multiplication and division written methods are on the menu for Maths in 4/5 this week. We will be using concrete resources such as place value counters and cuisenaire rods to support our learning and understanding. In our topic work, we will be gathering information about North America to write a report in Literacy.

Year 5/6 & 6 - This week the Y6 children are completing a practice SATs week. Hopefully this will help to alleviate any concerns they may have.

Also this week, we are learning more about materials in Science and writing diary entries for Literacy. Time will be a focus of our Maths sessions.

## Attendance

To date:

Reception (FS2)	Mrs Goss	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Hunton	Mr Price	Mrs Burland	Mrs Taylor	Miss Ryder	Mrs Plummer
93.08	96.47	98.16	96.39	96.27	96.98	97.00	94.64	96.87

Last week:

Reception (FS2)	Mrs Goss	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Hunton	Mr Price	Mrs Burland	Mrs Taylor	Miss Ryder	Mrs Plummer
97.81	98.26	96.67	89.47	99.20	95.33	97.86	97.83	97.41

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Class Photographs
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Parents Consultations
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Moorside Spring Festival/Holi – details to follow
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for the Easter holidays at <b>3.00pm</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	School Re-opens after the Easter holidays
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> & Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Years 1 – 5 Parents Consultations