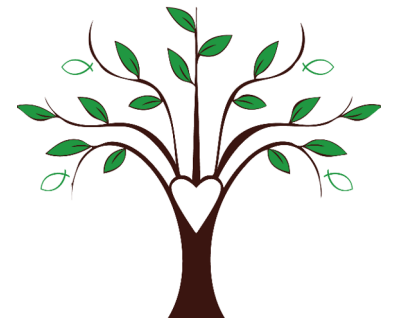




Moorlands Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Lee

This term seems to have passed in the blink of an eye! It only seems like yesterday that we were having our introductory training for our new science scheme, 'Developing Experts' in January. It is now a feature of teaching across the whole school and the children are really enjoying using the resources and learning a lot about science along the way.

The snow in March caused us a few problems and led to the school being closed for three days. This is not something I like doing but, sadly, we had no choice. It meant that the rest of the term was even more compressed!

A real highlight of the term occurred for me on Thursday 22nd March, when myself and Mr Biddle had an extremely early start in order to get down to The Open University in London, where Mr Biddle was presented with a national prize celebrating his work in developing reading at Moorlands. You can read more about this on the second page of the newsletter.

Finally, may I wish you all a Happy Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 16th April.

World Book Day



Unfortunately the weather meant our World Book Day had to be postponed until Tuesday 6th March but this did not effect anyone's enthusiasm. Children came in non-uniform with many of them accompanied by their potatoes that they had dressed as book characters! Each classroom decorated their door as a book cover and the staff read 'The Day The Crayons Came Home' to the children in assembly.

Easter Fair

The Friends of Moorlands organised their first Easter Fair which was held after school on Thursday 22nd March. This included stalls which were organised and run by the children, an Easter bonnet competition and parade, an Easter egg tombola and refreshments. The event was really well supported by parents and raised over £500!

A big thank you to everyone involved!



Empathy Week

During the last week of half term the school held an Empathy Week. This was a culmination of the work with the Empathy Lab and included introducing an Empathy Certificate in assembly and creating an 'Empathy Shelf' in the library. The children used books and stories to help them understand how it feels to be someone else. Some of the activities included inviting the Young At Heart group for afternoon tea and sending postcards to other schools identifying Empathy books.



All the children really enjoyed this, saying it had had an impact on their feelings. Parents were also very positive as Empathy formed a theme for some of the half term's Learning Cafes.

We were able to buy a great selection of books thanks to the generosity of the Village Voice magazine.



Easter Workshops

A huge thank you to All Saints Belton for organising Easter Workshops for all of our children. Key stages 1 and 2 visited the Church and took part in a range of activities that helped them to gain a better understanding of the Easter Story. The highlight was the construction of a button rainbow - a big thank you to everyone who donated buttons. Nursery and reception combined their learning cafes with a Messy Easter Church in the hall.



Trips and Visits



We have been very fortunate to have had a range of trips and visits this half term. Unfortunately reception's visit to Norwich Castle had to be cancelled due to the weather but they now have an exciting trip to Wroxham Barns planned for the summer term.

Year 6 had a day at Gressenhall experiencing what life might have been like during World War I. Many of the children (and staff!) really got involved dressing up in period costume and everyone had an enjoyable and educational day.

Otters and Foxes visited the Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth where they learned about life in Roman Britain, dressed up as Roman soldiers and practised using Roman shields!

Key stage 1 are very much looking forward to their visit to Africa Alive after the Easter holidays.

Teacher of the Year!

We are delighted to announce that Mr Biddle has received a prestigious national award for his work developing a reading for pleasure culture. Not only has this had a huge impact at Moorlands but has also inspired many other teachers across the country to develop similar approaches in their schools. Mr Biddle was presented with the award by the famous children's author and poet Michael Rosen.



Notices

- Please ensure that you have downloaded our school app which can be found on the App and Play Store.
- The school is planning on changing the times of the school day. Please see the letter on our website for more details and email enquiries@moorlands.norfolk.sch.uk to have your say.
- We have cases of headlice within the school. Please be vigilant and check on a regular basis. Many thanks.