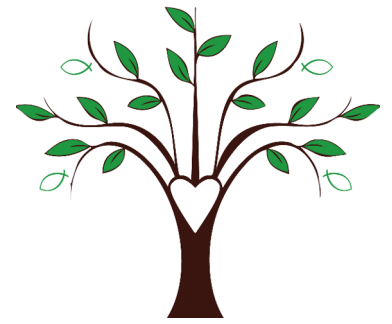




Moorlands Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Lee

This half-term seems to have gone by in the blink of an eye, so much seems to have happened in such a short time! Our new house names are now embedded and the refreshed team points system seems to be having a big impression on the children and the authors who we have named the houses after. The competitive nature of the authors is clear on Twitter, where team songs and motivational videos have been posted! I'm delighted to say that our very youngest children have settled into school really well and we are all so pleased that they are now part of the Moorlands family. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Harvest

We provided a bumper crop of food for the village pantry as part of their Harvest Festival. Part of the school's work around Empathy is understanding how people feel when they have not got enough food to eat and the fact that there are people in our own community for whom this is the case. Deputy Head John Siddles, said "We are bowled over by the generosity of our children and their families. This will make a real difference to people in our own community."



Reading 4 Pleasure

Moorlands recently hosted the second day of a five day training course about improving reading in schools. There were over twenty teachers present from several local schools, as well as five staff from Moorlands. The first session was led by Dr Wayne Tennent from the University of London, and had a focus on comprehension. The second session was delivered jointly by Professor Teresa Cremin from the Open University and Mr Biddle, and was based around creating school reading cultures. We are delighted that the feedback received so far has been extremely positive (It is sessions today that remind me why I wanted to be a teacher in the first place!!). A great speaker, a great bunch of teachers and a great bunch of children!). The next session takes place soon after half-term and will be led by the author and poet Joseph Coelho. We're already seeing the impact of the sessions in lessons across the school.

Thank You Friends!



As we are sure you are aware, the Friends of Moorlands continue to go from strength to strength and we wanted to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all of the volunteers who are working so hard to raise funds for the pupils at Moorlands. The friends, led so ably by Alex Hemp, have become a highly organised and creative force who are raising significant amounts of money for the children. The latest event was a sponsored walk, where children had to walk three laps of the grounds. All money raised will go towards the new trim trail. If you are interested in joining the Friends, you will be most welcome, there is a form to fill in that can be collected from the front office.

Belton Poetry Drop



For the third year in a row, Moorlands children chose and wrote a selection of poems to deliver around the village, in an event that has become known as Poetry Post. The idea is a simple one; children select a favourite poem, write it out, illustrate it, place it in an envelope and then deliver it to random houses in the village. The concept behind it is to simply make somebody's day. One person wrote:

"This is a fantastic idea to share the children's work with the local community, my mother-in-law just received this poem through her door and told me that it made her day. She said the poem is so bright and vibrant with lots of imagination, and best of all it made her laugh, so a big thank you!"

Relaunch of Housepoints

After listening to feedback from our children we relaunched our Houses this half term and have renamed them after the four authors who visited Moorlands last year. The house teams are now:

- Red: Cotterill
- Blue: Coelho
- Green: S.F. Said
- Yellow: Mini Grey

It's been great to see the authors getting involved in the competition. They have tweeted and also sent several video messages!

House points have been awarded during this half term to individual children, but also for contributions to Harvest, money raised from the sponsored walk



The winners this half term are.....Cotterill!



We are looking forward to the competition starting again next half term. This will get underway with the housepoints from the sponsored walk!



and by each class nominating a house of the week. House points will be updated in Monday's celebration assemblies as well as on the home page of the website. There will also be some inter house competitions - watch this space for more details!!



Notices

- Our First Parents Information Evenings will be on the 6th and 7th November
- Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair for head lice and then if required treating accordingly
- There will be flu vaccines for YR to Y5. Please ensure you return your consent forms as soon as possible
- Individual and sibling school photos will be on 14th November
- Please ensure you download the school app for all day to day communication



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