



Moorlands Primary Academy

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Message from Mr Lee

The school has been incredibly busy with plays, services, parties and Christmas Dinner, not to mention Ofsted Inspectors! The term has flown by as usual but there have been many highlights along the way, especially the excitement that has been created by the relaunch of our house point system and we should know soon who has won this term. I'd also like to pay tribute to The Friends of Moorlands, led so ably by Alex Hemp. They have made a huge impact on the life of the school and really helped to develop our sense of community. Big thanks as well to Rosie and her team at All Saints, who continue to provide the school with fantastic support. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ofsted Visit

Ofsted visited us on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. A big thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the online Parent View questionnaire. We also shared the results of the questionnaire that you all kindly completed at Parents' Evening.

A huge thank you also has to go to the children who, in the final week of term with all the things that were happening, were an absolute credit and we were very proud of all of them.

The report will be published shortly, and this should be before the end of January

Visits



Our children enjoyed several visits this half term. Year 6 took part in the Crucial Crew event again this year which is a multi-agency safety education event. Then, along with Year 5, they spent a very enjoyable day in Cambridge at the Scott Polar Research Institute and the Botanic Gardens. The behaviour on the day was excellent, even when we were held up in traffic for over an hour!

Our reception children had a fantastic time at Gornston Pavilion Theatre watching the pantomime Sleeping Beauty this week. This got their final Christmas week off to a festive start!



Christmas Fair



The Friends of Moorlands Christmas Fair took place on Thursday and was a huge success. There were a great range of festive stalls including a Christmas version of 'Splat the Rat', refreshments, raffle and hot food provided by the Chuck Wagon. The highlight was a brilliant Santa's grotto complete with fireplace and elves!

Thank you to everyone who supported the event, it raised over £1000! We are incredibly grateful to the Friends and all the work they do to support the school. If anyone is able to help and support just contact Alex via the school.



Christmas Events

We hope the children have enjoyed their run up to Christmas. We have tried to ensure that there were plenty of events to get them in the festive mood! A big thank you to Rosie and her team at All Saints for organising some great Christmas workshops over at the church.

In addition to this the children worked very hard on their respective performances which were brilliantly attended. They also very much enjoyed the learning cafe where they made Christmas decorations, the carol concerts, their Christmas parties, the Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper Day!

Finally a big thank you to all of our parents and carers for supporting the school with these events and making them possible!



Iron Age Museum

Our year 3 and 4 children have been looking at the Iron Age this half term as part of their topic 'How Have Humans Changed Our World?' Their work covered a range of subjects, but had a focus on the arts, creating some examples of pottery, printing and model making which were inspired by examples of real iron age artifacts. Their topic culminated in an 'Iron Age Museum' which they put on for parents and relatives. A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend and you can find a small example of their work below.



Notices

- The new term starts on Thursday January 3rd for pupils and staff
- We would like to take this opportunity to say a fond farewell to Mrs Sturgess, thank her for all her hard work and wish her well for the future.
- We welcome our new teacher for Badgers, Mrs Jo Thurtle.
- Just a reminder that we always ask our parents to be 'respectful' of our neighbours when parking to collect or drop off their children. A Christmas performance was interrupted this year as a result of this issue.
- Please only send your children with change for break time snacks, no notes please
- Please ensure you have the school app, SZapp, that can be downloaded from the App and Play Stores. All day to day communication is vis this platform.
- The Friends of Moorlands Spring disco will be on Friday January 18th



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