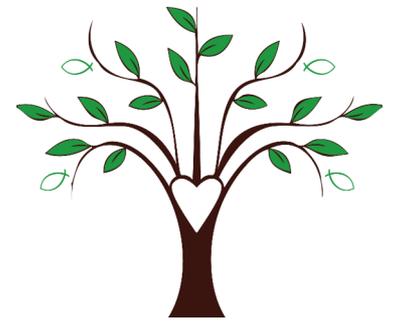




Moorlands Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Lee

As usual, it has been a fast paced and feature packed half-term. January is often seen as being many people's least favourite month but our January was significantly improved by the installation of our new trim trail. This has proved incredibly popular with the children and we look forward to many years of happy use. In February half term we will also be having a new hall floor, which is much needed and will make a real difference both to how it looks and how it is used. I'd like to wish everybody a healthy and happy half-term.

Trim Trail

The new trim trail that the Friends of Moorlands worked so hard to fund raise for has now been installed in the school. It is positioned in the Key Stage 2 playground and it is fair to say that the children have been delighted with it!

We'd like to say a massive thank you to the Friends of Moorlands. We simply wouldn't have been able to have this without their generous support and we are all incredibly grateful.



Ofsted Report



We are very proud of our school, the children are amazing and the report recognises this, as well as the

huge improvements that we have made. We want this report to act as a springboard for the next stage in the story of Moorlands. The report highlights "significant improvements" in teaching, learning and assessment, and the "strong progress" made by pupils, including disadvantaged and pupils with special educational needs. The report states: "Teachers share and understand the school's values and support pupils' personal development well. The school was rated good in all five categories inspected, including early years provision, quality of teaching and personal development. Mary Jane Edwards, CEO of DNEAT paid tribute to the hard work and commitment of the staff and governors, saying: "This report was an absolute pleasure to read and I hope those who have done so much for the children at Belton and their community are pleased with this fantastic result."

Times Tables Rockstars

The school has signed up to Times Tables Rockstars this half term and this has proved incredibly popular with our children. The idea is that it boosts mental recall of times tables which then helps children in all aspects of the mathematics curriculum. It has now become a regular feature in our assemblies and competition is also very fierce amongst the staff!

Currently there are two children who have broken the 1 second per question barrier, George and Sidney, but nearly all children have improved their scores by a massive amount! You can find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TTRockStars/>



House Point Results

It was another closely fought house point competition this half term with a range of different weekly winners and the lead changing places several times. Eventually Mini Grey triumphed and their reward was a non-uniform day on the last day of half term. Good luck to everyone next half term!

Mini Grey - 1667

Coelho - 1580

SF Said - 1566

Cotterill - 1408

Local Fundraiser



Edwin from Otters class, along with his clubmates who attend Jr Body Development's boxercise, all took part in a fundraising event for Ovarian Cancer Action. Edwin was looking forward to the fundraiser and with the help of his sponsors he raised some funds which went into the grand total of over £800 raised for a relatively unheard of charity.

Edwin said he was proud to attend the event as it would help other people and raise awareness. Congratulations to Edwin and Jr Body development on the completion of the fundraiser, along with everyone's hard work and determination.

Learning Cafes

We had a range of learning cafes this week that were well attended by both our parents and also a range of family members which was lovely to see!



All of the cafes were around the theme of 'empathy' and children and adults took part in a whole variety of activities including looking at definitions of empathy, making butterflies, writing down memories of grand parents, decorating cup cakes and writing on kites how you overcome difficulties. Parents commented that it 'was the best cafe ever, with everything feeling more



interactive'. Children also really enjoyed the mornings commenting that 'I liked the cafe because my teacher got to know most of our parents' and 'I really liked the cafe because we got to do creative things with our parents.'



There will be further cafes throughout the year and the dates will be added to the app as they are confirmed.



Notices

- There will be two parents' information evenings on Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th February
- The last day of this term will be Friday 5th April, and children return on Tuesday 23rd April
- **Thanks to all those parents who have updated their contact details. If you have not already done so, please ensure that the school have your most up to date contact details. This is a quick and easy process and can be done via the 'Update Contact Details' tile in the app, or via the link which can be found on the home page of our website**
- We will again be supporting Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March and will be selling red noses at £1.25 from Monday 4th March
- To get our most up to date messages please ensure you install our app, SZapp, which is available on the App and Play Store



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