



**Moorlands Primary Academy**

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Lee

As we approach Easter, we head into a very important part of the year for schools and colleges up and down the country.....exam season. This affects Primary School pupils as much as it does older children. Year 6 are of course building up to the SATS in May and we also have assessments across the school. I'm often asked to give advice on preparation and I always say things along the line of "Make sure you don't overdo the revision but also ensure you don't do too little." It is often best to revise in 20 minute focused bursts and to do these regularly. For parents, the best advice I can give is to ensure that your children get as much rest as possible during this time and to not promise them big rewards for 'success' as this just puts undue pressure on the child.

## KS1 Improvements

We are lucky that we have been supported by the generosity of the Norwich Town Close Estate Charity, whose donation provided the vast majority of the school library. With their most recent grant we have been able to make improvements to the key stage 1 outside area, with tables, seating, fencing and a story telling chair, and more improvements are to follow. The children have really taken advantage of this area, particularly at the recent science cafe.



## Goldfield Ensemble



The school were very fortunate to have been able to offer two free performances this half term. The first was a theatrical presentation of Alice in Wonderland by M and M Productions, a very well respected provider of theatre-in-education. Then years 1, 2, 3 and 4 were treated to some live classical music and shadow theatre in the shape of the Goldfield Ensemble's performance of Bogles, Marsh Sprites and Green Mists: Three Fenland Tales. Goldfield Productions are a nationally recognised music group aiming to present music and art in different ways in order to enrich lives. Our children were captivated by the performance and Goldfield were very impressed with how well they engaged. A huge 'thank you' must also go to Bill Richmond who provided the JGI for the performance.

## Easter Fair

The Friends of Moorlands have been very active this half term with a Mother's Day shop, support with improving the courtyard and a fantastic Easter Fair. This raised an incredible £776! These events not only contribute a significant amount of money to the school, but also play an important part in developing a sense of community and responsibility. However, the current committee are desperate for more help, especially with the upcoming Summer Fair. This does not need to be a big, or even regular, commitment but just to help spread the load a little. If you are able to help then please contact Alex Hemp via the school, or on the Friends Facebook page.



## House Point Results

The house point competition was again very close but eventually this half term's winners, by just 33 points, were Coelho. Congratulations to them and it was nice to see them in non-uniform today.

Mini Grey - 1529

Coelho - 1611

SF Said - 1578

Cotterill - 1494

## Easter Workshops



A big thank you must once again go to Rosie and her team at All Saints Belton for organising and supporting the school with a range of activities this half term. There were Easter workshops at the church for all of our children in key stages 1 and 2 where they learnt more about the Easter Story. Our EYFS children enjoyed a Messy Church in the hall which was also well attended by parents.

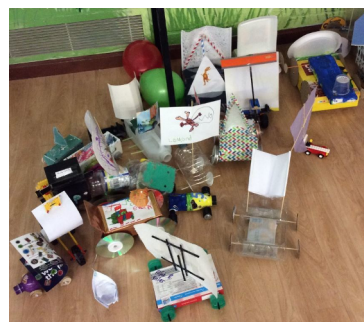
Finally we had a lovely Easter service at the church on the last day of term where the children were a real credit. They sang well, listened attentively and learned a little more about the Easter Story.

## Science at Moorlands

We pride ourselves on how well our children engage with reading and books and this is something visitors to the school always comment on. However we have also been working hard on developing the wider curriculum across the school and this term we have had a particular focus on science.

This has been led by Mrs Burrell, who has

asked teachers to focus on a practical, investigative approach to the subject. Classes have shared these investigations in assembly to help raise the profile of science, and have included looking at light and the properties of materials. We have also had a whole school science investigation, into a wind powered vehicle with all the vehicles being weighed and tested. Key stage 1 also held a science cafe looking at how materials may effect how high a ball bounces. If you want to find out more about science at Moorlands there is a short video on our Facebook page



## Notices

- Children return on Tuesday 23rd April
- Please note that children should only come into school via the front office in the morning after 8:50
- There will be a range of clubs after Easter including rounders, art and choir. Please check the website for further information
- **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.**
- To get our most up to date messages please ensure you install our app, SZapp, which is available on the App and Play Store, and subscribe to your child's class
- **If you are having any problems at all with the new payment system, ParentMail, then please come into school where someone will (hopefully) be able to help!**



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