



Moorlands Primary Academy



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Message from Mr Lee

As always, there have been many highlights this half-term, including the visits of The Bishop of Norwich and author Sita Brahmachari. We've also opened our lovely bird watching area, supported by the mental health charity MIND. The first half-term is also always a joy getting to know our new children, they have settled in really well. The absolute highlight for me though has been our Monday assemblies, where we have celebrated the achievements of many of our children. I never tire of hearing about what they have accomplished or how they have demonstrated our core values, it is both affirming and inspirational.

Harvest

Today saw the children from years 1 - 6 walk over to All Saints Belton, despite the weather, to take part in the Harvest Service.

Everyone has been fantastically generous in donating food items for the Village Pantry, so much so it couldn't all be carried over! Thanks to Rosie and her team for organising this event.



Visit from The Bishop



Moorlands had a very special visitor on Thursday 26th September, when they welcomed The Rt Reverend Graham

Usher, The Bishop of Norwich, or simply Bishop Graham as the children were encouraged to refer to him. During the visit, the newly appointed Bishop took part in collective worship, answered the children's questions about being a Bishop and planted an oak tree in the school's grounds. The children had lots of questions about the life of a Bishop, including the nicest things and the hardest things about his job. The school also presented Bishop Graham with a specially decorated wooden cross, which the children had designed and decorated.

National Poetry Day

In recognition of National Poetry Day on 3rd October, children from Year Five and Six created Poetry Post to deliver round the village. The children enjoyed selecting their favourite poems, writing them out and then decorating them. Their poems were all put in envelopes and then delivered to houses around the village. Within a few hours, we had received lots of wonderful feedback via Facebook, Twitter and email. When we shared the feedback with the children in assembly, they were absolutely delighted to see the impact of their poems. Each class also shared and performed some of their poems in a special assembly on 9th October and also shared them in their Learning Cafes.



House Point Results

The house point competition was again well fought, especially with all the harvest contributions, but this half term's winners were Cotterill. Congratulations to them and again they got to wear non-uniform today.

Cotterill - 1907

Coelho - 1791

Mini Grey - 1668

SF Said- 1657

Author Visit



On Wednesday of this week we were very lucky to be able to welcome the author Sita Brahmachari to the school. She won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize with her first book *Artichoke Hearts* and is one of the most interesting and important voices in children's books today.

She entertained our Y5 and Y6 children with the story behind her latest book, *Where the River Runs Gold*. The children engaged brilliantly and had an opportunity to have their books signed afterwards. It was also lovely to welcome Edward Worlledge and Peterhouse to the event also.

Learning Cafes

This half term we held Learning Cafes in nearly all of our classes and were absolutely amazed by the fantastic support for these events, with over 100 parents attending in total!

Years 1 and 2 shared their class book *Beegu* with its uplifting message around kindness and acceptance. It was an opportunity for the classes to share their Talk 4 Writing approach and everyone then loved making a range of spaceships! Years 3 and 4 shared some of their favourite poems and then completed a variety of activities around their dreams for the future. These cafes were particularly well attended and we are now looking at maybe holding them in the hall in future in order to ensure there is enough space! Finally years 5 and 6 used their class novel *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgwick to inspire them to create some brilliant charcoal pieces of art.



Notices

- Children return on Monday 28th October
- Reminder that Parents Information Evenings for all classes except Foxes will take place on Monday and Tuesday after half term
- A reminder that Mayday Bank Holiday this year will take place on **Friday 8th May**, NOT Monday 4th May
- **Thanks to all those parents who have updated their photographic permissions. Without this we will not be able to use images of your child in future**
- Individual Photos on November 5th
- Our new behaviour policy has worked well this half term, however after reviewing it with staff there is an issue with the fact sometimes parents are not being informed when their child receives a behaviour slip. From next half term, this information will be sent out via the App, although parents are obviously still welcome to come into school to discuss this.



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