



Moorlands Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Freeman

Welcome to our first newsletter in quite some time, hopefully this is one more step on a road back to 'normal'. I have been at Moorlands for around five months now, and I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment - you have such a wonderful school. In recent weeks many of you have asked after Mr Lee and it is lovely to know that you care. I have passed on your well wishes and he hopes very much to be back at Moorlands one day soon. In Mr Lee's absence, the Moorlands staff have continued to push hard to make improvements across the entire curriculum. Today's newsletter highlights just a few of those.

Cornerstones Curriculum

In January we launched the first stages of our brand new Moorlands Curriculum. Much of this is based on the Cornerstones Curriculum - a wonderful product that we have invested in which will help transform many of our subjects.

Cornerstones provides the teachers with exciting and engaging lessons for

- Science
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Design Technology

Many of the units are now being delivered in classrooms across the school, and are proving very popular with both teachers and children.

To ensure that your child can make as much progress as possible, we are reviewing and restocking all of the curriculum resources - so far, we have spent a sizable sum on new art and science equipment - other subjects are soon to follow.

If you'd like to know any more about Cornerstones, please feel free to ask.

Physical Education

In PE, we have launched our new scheme - Get Set 4 PE!

Get Set 4 PE provides fun and exciting plans for a wide variety of sports for all year groups across the school, including dance, gymnastics, football, basketball, cricket, handball and many more.

As the scheme becomes more embedded, you will notice that more new sports are introduced.

As with the other subject areas, we will be purchasing new equipment to ensure that all of these fun lessons can take place.

I don't want to get anyone too excited, but we are currently exploring options to reintroduce a wider range of sporting opportunities, including swimming, and a Moorlands football team.



Computing

The 'Teach Computing' scheme has been introduced this half term across the school. As this becomes embedded, your child will have lots of new opportunities with exciting new technology. We already have classes looking at stop motion animation and coding.

Keep an eye out for a new coding club coming soon.

Notices

Parking

Please remember to park respectfully when dropping off and collecting your child. Recently, we have received a number of complaints and have had to contact the local policing team for assistance. Lets see if we can resolve this without further need for intervention.

Dates

Comic Relief - 18th March

Non uniform and donation via Just Giving

Class Photos - 31st March

Includes Year 6 leavers

Easter Holidays - 1st April

Return to school on Wednesday 20th April.

World Book Day

The 25th World Book Day was a huge success at Moorlands. Thank you to all the parents, carers, pupils and staff for making it such a positive experience. There were several events taking place over the day, which included the teachers switching classes for story time and a lunchtime Book Swap. Over three hundred books found their way to a new home! After lunch, each class brought their Book in a Box entries to the school hall and spent time admiring each other's work. It was fantastic to see so much care and attention taken for each box, and choosing the class winners wasn't an easy task. The hall was also opened up to families at the end of the day.

Mr Biddle, our English lead, said, "It's always a pleasure to take part in World Book Day at Moorlands. After not being able to organise it for the past couple of years, it was great to see such enthusiasm and excitement across the school. Our children love reading and it felt like a real celebration of books."

Olive, from Deer Class, said, "I was proud to help at the lunchtime Book Swap. I really liked being able to help the younger children choose their books. They all went away happy with what they had chosen."



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