



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | [Friday 29th September 2023](#)

Moors Valley Country Park

This week, the year 6 children had a fantastic day out at Moors Valley country park. They spent the day building bonds and participating in activities to support their relationships with each other. Everyone involved came back with a smile on their face and they all spoke extremely positively about it!

Outdoor learning

This week, we continued with our outdoor learning. Despite some rough winds and rain, children were able to explore the outdoor environment and make links to their learning in class.

Some of the children also got out into the school grounds and started litter picking – this was a fantastic way to help the community and remind those in the school about their responsibilities towards the environment.

Meet the teacher

This week, we started out 'meet the teacher' assemblies. Parents were able to come into school and familiarise themselves with the new faces that are leading their children's classes. There were plenty of questions and everyone that attended will be delighted with the information that was shared to them.

PE with saints

On Monday, we welcomed some workers from the Saints Foundation. Every Monday from now on, they will help run PE sessions and provide learning opportunities to members of Years 4 and 5 through the context of football! In the forthcoming weeks, they will also help run clubs so look forward to seeing the emails coming out soon!

Dogs on site

Please remember that we are a 'no dog' site. If you do have a dog and you walk it to school, please can we ask that you wait at the gates with your pet.

SEND coffee morning - Wednesday 4th October @ 10am

This coming Wednesday, we have an SEND coffee morning. This is a great way to get to know Mr Benfield, our SENDCo, and find out more about the provision for SEND learners at Mason Moor. It's also a great excuse to have a coffee and spend some time getting a feel for the school community.

#teammasonmoor

Mr Constable-Phelps | [Executive Headteacher](#)

Vertical Tutoring

This year, we have started to do vertical tutoring and launched this on our first day back with lots of fun ,ice cream and bouncy castles! It's growing into an important part of our school, so here's a little information about it..

What is it?

Vertical tutoring is a way of encouraging children up and down the school to get to know their peers from other year groups. Each 'tutor' group has a mixture of children from years 1-6. We want to promote positive working relationships between the children and, because we are a smaller school, we want to foster an even better sense of community between our children.

The older pupils will develop an increased sense of responsibility working alongside their younger peers, and our younger pupils will have a larger pool of people to aspire to as they grow up.

These sessions will work on securing our school core values through communication, teamwork, resilience, and respect of others.

Each tutor group has its own name, inspired by trailblazers that have made a difference to the world: Greta Thunberg, Mo Farah, David Attenborough, Rosa Parks, Mother Teresa, and Steve Jobs.

When is it and what might we be doing this term?

Thursday mornings: this will be a shared reading session. The older pupils will be fantastic at helping our younger members make sense of their new reading books.

Friday afternoons: project time. Groups will be creating various art projects in honour of their group name.

Coming very soon: after school clubs!

After school clubs will be starting very soon! There will be lots of different activities, including a selection of sports, gardening, cooking and other fun activities!

Details on how to book will come out next week, so keep your eyes peeled for these!

Usual PE days

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Year group</u>	<u>Day</u>
1	Monday	4	Wednesday
2	Monday	5	Wednesday
3	Monday	6	Wednesday

Reminder: who is teaching which class

Year group	Adults
Year R	Miss Askham, Mrs Slade
Year 1	Mrs Woods, Mrs Bernice
Year 2	Mr Thompson, Mrs Rawlings
Year 3	Miss Frape, Mrs Brown, Mrs Tribbeck
Year 4	Mr Ridout, Mrs Shepherd
Year 5	Miss McKenzie, Mrs Mcgratten
Year 6	Mr Taylor, Ms Plomer, Mrs Cooper

Mrs Day will also be teaching some classes throughout the week.

Weekly Attendance Monitoring - Our Target is 96%

Remember: we will not authorise ANY absence during term time. Please make sure your child attends school on-time every day.

WARNING

MASON MOOR ATTENDANCE: 94%

Whole School Attendance figures

Year R	98.3%
Year 1	90.7%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	93.2%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	87.8%
Year 6	94.9%



Year R

Well done to Year R children - a brilliant 98.3%. Highest attendance this week!

Please help us improve our school attendance by sending your child in every day. We are changing SO MUCH at Mason Moor to make our school the very best it can be!

A reminder: the school does not authorise any holiday during term-time!

Remember: if your child has a cold, please send them in.

Reading Expectations - Please help your child!



Top tips for encouraging reading:

- **Read yourself!** It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in – if you're cooking, could they read the recipe?
- **Give books as gifts.** And encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other – it'll give them a chance to read new stories, and get them all talking about what they're reading.
- **Visit the local library together.** It's always fun choosing new books to read, and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops – children love meeting their favourite authors.

What should I write in my child's reading record?

Listed below are some comments which may help you when writing in your child's Reading Record Book to describe how your child has read at home. It is important to record both positive and developmental comments:

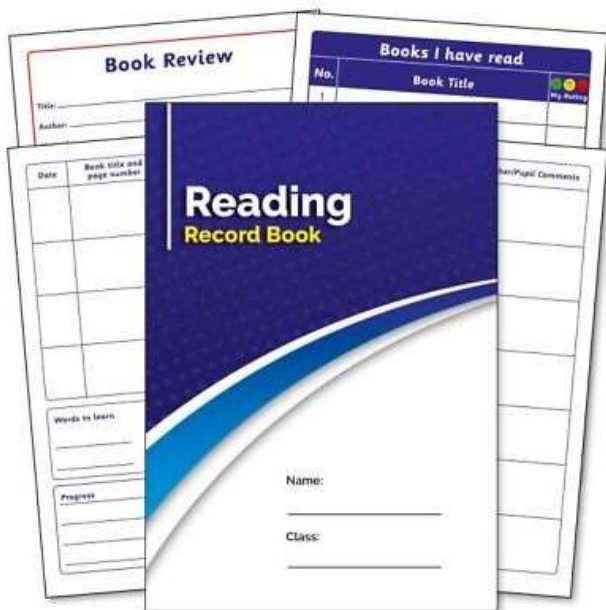
- Read familiar words independently
- Able to predict what happens next in the text
- Read with good expression
- Showed good understanding of the text
- Worked out new words independently
- Worked out new words by sounding them out
- Struggled to concentrate
- He/she made a number of errors because he/she was not looking carefully enough

How often should my child read?

Your child should read every night as part of the home-school agreement and to ensure that they are developing their **fluency - which is their ability to read with speed, accuracy, expression and precision.**

We know that children who do not read every night do not develop a love of reading and this can prevent them from accessing the curriculum and achieving well in life.

We recommend that children read for 15-20 minutes each day.



Mason Moor Award Winners - Presenting the Pride of Mason Moor...



GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Noah
2 Blue	Rosie
3 Blue	Faith

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Jameela
5 Blue	Leighton
6 Blue	Jack R

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Layla
2 Blue	Ana
3 Blue	Hila

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Miles
5 Blue	Ed
6 Blue	Lorenzo

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children		Key Stage 2 Children	
Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1 Blue	Marnie	4 Blue	Mikey
2 Blue	Karen	5 Blue	Scarlett
3 Blue	Tilly	6 Blue	Miracle

Key dates/events for next week:

- Mon 2 October Year 3 Class Assembly/Meet the Teacher Event 9am Hall
- Mon 2 October Year 5 Class Assembly/Meet the Teacher Event 10am Hall
- Tue 3 October Year 1 Class Assembly/ Meet the Teacher Event 9am Hall
- Tue 3 October Year 6 Class Assembly/Meet the Teacher Event 10am Hall
- Wed 4 October English Class for parents Spare Year 6 Classroom
- Wed 4 October KS1 Maths Morning Event 9-10am Hall
- Thu 5 October KS2 Maths Morning Event 9-10am Hall

As a school we are taking part in Walktober this term!

By travelling actively and/or sustainably throughout October, we can all get moving for our wellbeing, our community and our planet. We hope as many of our pupils and staff as possible can get involved by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting and using public transport more often.

Keep a look out for competitions and challenges to get involved with throughout October. We hope you enjoy being part of Walktober!



PE Star of the Week

KS1 - Abigail (Y2)

KS2 - Charlie (Y4)

PE Word of the Week

ATTACK

Meaning - The team with the ball using tactics to move into a position to score.

Example - The team scoring a basket in basketball.

PE thought of the week

'If you had FUN then you won'



Learning at Mason Moor this week:



What a busy week! In year R, we have been discovering all about 2-d shapes! WE have been learning their names, where we can see them around the school and we have even used them to make pictures! We've also continued to learn about emotions using our book, The Colour Monster!



In year 1 this week, we have been writing setting descriptions on the Ice Age and we have been using Microsoft Paint to create pictures of our families!



In year 2, we have welcomed the new chicks into our class. We've continued to look at Paddington and begun to write our character description. In science, we have been learning about the life cycle of chicks and how they are hatched into the world. We look forward to watching the chicks grow next week!



In year 3 this week, we have learned about the important skills of addition and subtraction in maths. We have now written our Medusa character description and edited this - we are very proud of our final pieces of work! We have also continued to study the Ancient Greeks. We are very much looking forward to next week's mini-unit to celebrate Black History Month!



Year 4 have had a great week - we have completed writing our letters (we are very proud of these), and we have continued to look at the Romans as well as learn more about the various Hindu gods! We've also been looking at the contrast in climate between us and Mediterranean countries - oh to be in Italy right now!



In year 5 this week, we have been writing setting descriptions after exploring our own senses in relation to the settings.

In science, we have been exploring how philosophers proved that the earth was spherical. And in geography, we have looked at using coordinates to find different items and break codes.



In year 6, we enjoyed a lovely visit to Moors Valley. In writing, we have written excellent setting descriptions following our work looking at flooding and the devastating impact this can have on people. Speaking of impact: in history, we have looked at how the industrial revolution forced change upon the communities of north east Britain.

MASON MOOR IN PHOTOS

Plenty of highlights from the week, including outdoor learning and the trip to Moors Valley!



