



# MASON MOOR

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher News | Friday 6th October 2023

### Black History Week

What a week! This week, we have spent a lot of time investigating all things related to Black History Month! We have discovered a lot about many famous Black people, looked at Windrush and how people were welcomed to the UK. We have created art in tribute to prominent people of colour and some of us even produced music. The learning from the week culminated in our displays of the great work - parents visited to watch Year 2 perform their music work, and Year 4 parents were excited to hear their children's performances of poetry. After school, we opened our doors to the wider school parents so that they could appreciate the work that has been completed by other year groups. Thanks for visiting and taking the time to appreciate the children's efforts!

### After School clubs

Next week sees the launch of some of our after school clubs. Letters were given out and some people have been allocated spaces. We had a lot of demand, and we are certain that the children will have many opportunities to participate in clubs after school and during the school day across the year. After half term, we will have the following clubs in place:

Day	Morning	Lunch	Afterschool
Monday		Times Table Rockstars (In Y4); Calm club (In Y3 classroom) - Mr Precious	Cooking - Mrs Cooper Football - Saints Outreach Board/card games - Mrs Browne
Tuesday		Times Table Rockstars (In Y4); Calm club (In Y3 classroom) - Mr Precious	Gardening - Mrs Day (KS1)
Wednesday			
Thursday	Maths - Y6 Mr Precious		Gardening - Mrs Day Cooking - Miss Fontayne
Friday	Maths - Y6 Mr Taylor		

### The success of maths mornings

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, we opened our doors to parents to find out all about maths at Mason Moor. All parents present were shown how we create our maths curriculum, and the companies that we work alongside to support maths planning and outcomes for the children. We then got to sit in maths classes, look through our children's books and celebrate the work that they are doing! It was great to see the maths in the books and we were delighted with how much the children are learning - it's amazing just how much the children at Mason Moor know!

#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.

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**

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

**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	97.2%
Year 1	87.7%
Year 2	95.4%
Year 3	88.4%
Year 4	93.1%
Year 5	87.5%
Year 6	92.9%



**Year R** Well done to Year R children - a brilliant 97.2%. 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!



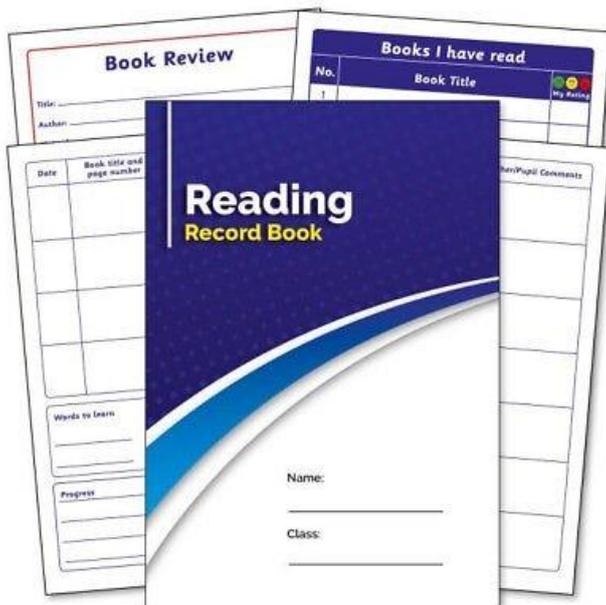
### Top tips for encouraging reading:

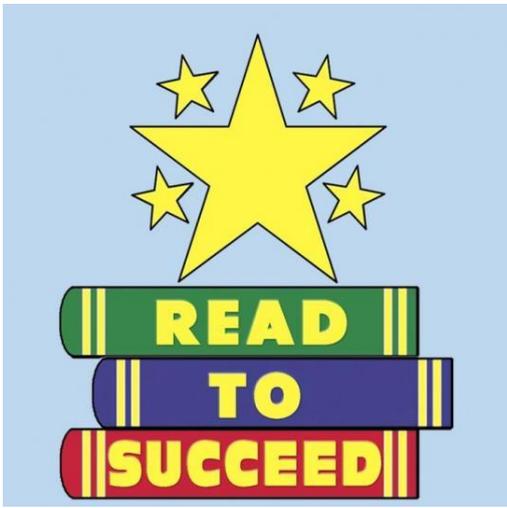
- **Read yourself!** It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in – if you're cooking, could they read the recipe?
- **Give books as 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	Evolet
2 Blue	Robin
3 Blue	Maya

#### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Panasche
5 Blue	Charles
6 Blue	Mia

## Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

#### EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Layla
2 Blue	Micah

#### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Kavya
5 Blue	Alex

3 Blue

Levi

6 Blue

Millie

# READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

## EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
1 Blue	Zayd
2 Blue	Karen
3 Blue	Nathan

## Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Freddie
5 Blue	Izaak
6 Blue	Deacon

### Key dates/events for next week:

- Wednesday 11th October English Class for parents Spare Year 6 classroom
- Thursday 12th October Phonics Parent Workshop Year 1 9-10am

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!

**Let's get moving this Walktober!**  
Get moving for our wellbeing, our community and our planet

**WALKTOBER 2023**

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**SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**

### PE Star of the Week

KS1 - Oscar (Y1)

KS2 - Lily (Y5)

### 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:

### RECEPTION

This week in reception we have been learning about Black History. We have watched an episode of Jojo and Gran Gran where Gran Gran talks about her journey to England from St Lucia and the special item she brings with her. We then brought in or spoke about special items we have at home and school. We have also learnt about Kente patterns and made our own by weaving paper together as well as collaborating together to make a class one with string stamps we made ourselves.

In Literacy we read the story of HAnda's Surprise where Handa takes fruit to her friend Akeyo. We tried lots of the fruit from the story and thought that the passion fruit was sour and the Orange was juicy

### Year 1



**In year 1 this week, we have been learning about Mary Seacole and why she is famous. The children have made some lovely sculptures out of tin foil which we can wait to show to the parents.**

### Year 2



This week has been black history week. We have been learning all about the civil rights movement, including what Rosa Park did. We also learned about how djembe drums are made. We have been practising our drumming skills and will be doing a performance on Friday to share with everyone what we have learned.

### Year 3



**In year 3 this week, we have been learning all about an artist called Lubaina Himid for Black History Week. We have recreated pieces of her art and learnt new sketching and painting techniques. We are looking forward to showing our parents all of our art work!**

### Year 4



Year 4 we have been learning about poems celebrating Black History like the 'Caged Bird' by Maya Angelou. We have been writing our own poems to be spoken aloud and practising our oracy skills.



In year 5 this week, we have been learning about the Windrush migration during the 1950s, and the challenges the people faced once they arrived in England. We have been writing amazing diary entries on tea-stained paper and creating posters in our history lessons. In maths we have been learning all about factors and multiples, and we really enjoyed having parents in to see us learning on Thursday!

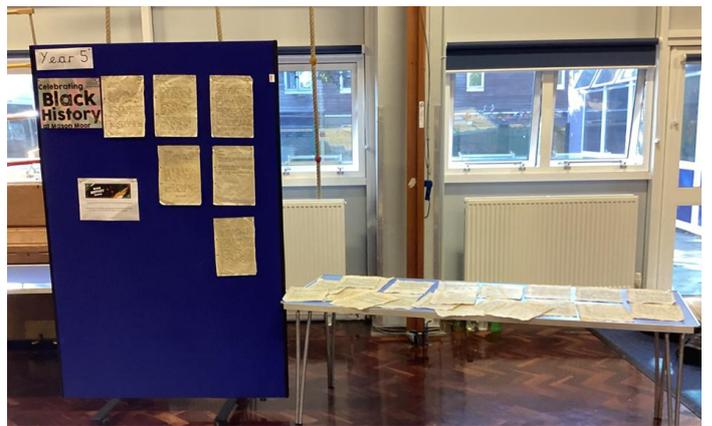


In year 6, we have focused our learning on answering the question 'Is black history sufficiently represented at Mason Moor Primary School?' Children have found reasons for and against this argument and presented their findings in a balanced argument with success. The discussions lead us to learn how diverse our school community is and how this diversity should be celebrated.

## MASON MOOR IN PHOTOS

Plenty of highlights from the week, including our work from Black History Week!





Year 3

Celebrating  
**Black  
History**  
at Mason Moor

