



# MASON MOOR

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher News | Friday 20th October 2023

### Happy half term!

Phew! After a very busy half term, we arrive at a short break. The children have worked incredibly hard over the last seven and a half weeks and deserve some well-earned rest! There is lots to celebrate from this week across the school – find all of the information below!

### After School clubs

After the half term break, we see the return of our full timetable of clubs – there is plenty of choice for children of all ages and signing up is really easy! You will have received an email inviting you to sign your children up and the details of the clubs are just below:

#### **Monday**

Cooking Yr 5 & 6 with Mrs Cooper  
Football SFC Yr 4,5 & 6 with Cam from Saints Foundation  
Board/Car Games KS1 with Miss Frape and Mrs Browne  
Archery Yr 2 & 3 with Mr Bauck

#### **Tuesday**

Gardening KS1 with Mrs Day

#### **Wednesday**

Dodgeball Yr 4,5, & 6 with Mr Bauck

#### **Thursday**

Gardening KS2 with Mrs Day  
Cooking Yr 3 & 4 with Mrs Cooper and Mrs Fontayne

#### **Friday**

Multi-Sports Yr R & 1 with Premier Education

Sign-up here: <https://masonmoore.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

### Phonics meetings for Year R and Year 1

This week and last, we opened our doors to parents from Year R and Year 1 to tell them all about our phonics programme: Little Wandle. There was lots of important information in the presentations, including homework, how to say the sounds, and how best to support your children at home! If you need more information about supporting your children with phonics knowledge, look at our Facebook page for a copy of the presentation. Alternatively, have a chat with your child's class teacher – we are always excited to help our community support our young readers!

### Year 3 Art trip

On Thursday, Year 3 visited Southampton Art Gallery as part of their ancient Greece topic. We visited the art gallery and viewed various art around the story of Perceus and Medusa! We then went up to the top of the gallery to make some clay faces and winged sandals. We really enjoyed our day out and you can see plenty of pictures in our photo section!

### TTRS Half Term competition!

This half term, we are launching a Times Table Rock Stars competition between year groups! The year groups that do the best in the battles will win **chocolate milk and cake** on the first Friday after half term! Get logged in and practise to help your year group defeat the others: how many questions can you answer?!

**#teammasonmoor**

**Mr Constable-Phelps | Executive Headteacher**

### Swimming after half term

You will all have received an email telling you about Active 360 and the swimming lessons that will take place after half term!

Years 3 and 4 will be in weeks 1-3; years 5-6 in weeks 4-6; years 1-2 in week 7!

We are very lucky to have so much swimming for the children at Mason Moor and we hope the daily lessons are going to turn our children into fish!

Please remember to pack swimming costumes each day for those weeks – check your letters and emails for any information that you need.

### Vertical tutoring

This week in Vertical Tutoring, we have spent a lot of time reading with our peers and enjoying some more team building games. The various groups have been completing more activities around their chosen Team Name, with banners being produced and art work beginning to emerge! Most of the tutors have now planned very carefully for the work that they need to complete after half term and are looking forward to producing statues, stadiums and a variety of other structures celebrating their Team Heroes!

### Chosen charities

Over the last week, the children across the school have chosen a charity to support on non-school uniform days. Their choices and reasons, provided by the school councillors, are below:

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Our charity and why</b>
R	<b>Family Fund</b> – “We want to help children and families that don't have very much money. We want everyone to have a happy life.”
1	<b>Children in Need</b> – “We want to help children our age when they are struggling and need help.”

2	<b>Crisis</b> – “Our class wants people to have food and drink. We want people to be safe.”
3	<b>NSPCC</b> – “We care about other children and we know that the NSPCC have been in our school to help us learn about being safe.”
4	<b>WWF</b> – “WWF helps animals and we don’t want animals to be unsafe, hurt or trapped. Hopefully we can help animals in the jungles.”
5	<b>Make a Wish</b> – “Sometimes people aren’t very well and Make a Wish helps children feel better. Some people we know are helping the charity and want to make people’s lives better.”
6	<b>Cool Earth</b> - “I want the Earth to be cooler. At the moment, the water is rising, and this is causing flooding. If we don’t get the world cooler, we won’t be able to enjoy lots of the things we like now – it is important to help the planet.”

### Trip post-half term

Straight after half term, we have some trips! Not only do we have swimming to think about but Year 2 will be off to London Zoo on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

This trip will leave school at 9am and we are expecting to welcome the year group back at 5.50pm. On the day, we will keep parents informed with all of the important details.

Not only will year 2 be off on their trip, but Year R will be too. Year R will do a day visit to Tanners Brook Primary School to see a performance of ‘Peace at Last’. This will be a day trip and the children will be back in school by normal pick up time.

### Book review

This week’s review comes from Numan in Year 4.

He has read a book about Spain.



“I liked this book for many reasons. Firstly, I want to learn Spanish because I want to go to Spain and live there and work there. I want to talk to people in their language and celebrate their culture. The book is great because it builds a lot of knowledge about Spain which will help me when I am older and visit the country. I have learned about the people, some Spanish words and all about their food. One fact I really liked is that Spain is a really good country for new people to visit and stay.”

**Reminder: who is teaching which class – some changes**

<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 Day</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ms Bernice, Mrs Rawlings</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Miss Frape, Mrs Brown, Mrs Tribbeck</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Mr Precious, Mrs Benfield and 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 other 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: 89%

### Whole School Attendance figures

Year R	81.9%
Year 1	89.6%
Year 2	91.2%
Year 3	94.2%
Year 4	90.2%
Year 5	88.6%
Year 6	90.1%



**Year R** Well done to Year 3 children – 94.2%. Highest attendance this week!

All attendance fell this week, so please rest well over half term and we will see you all fresh and full of enthusiasm when you get back.

**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:

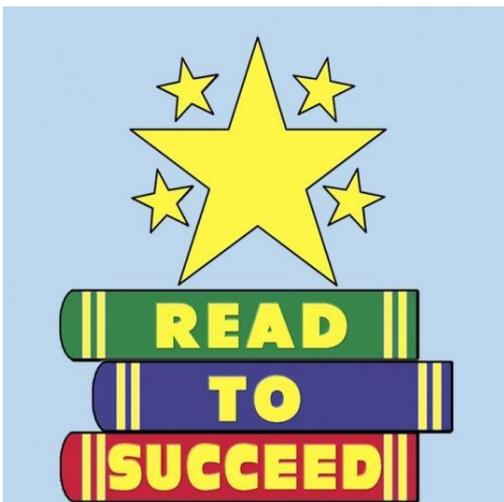
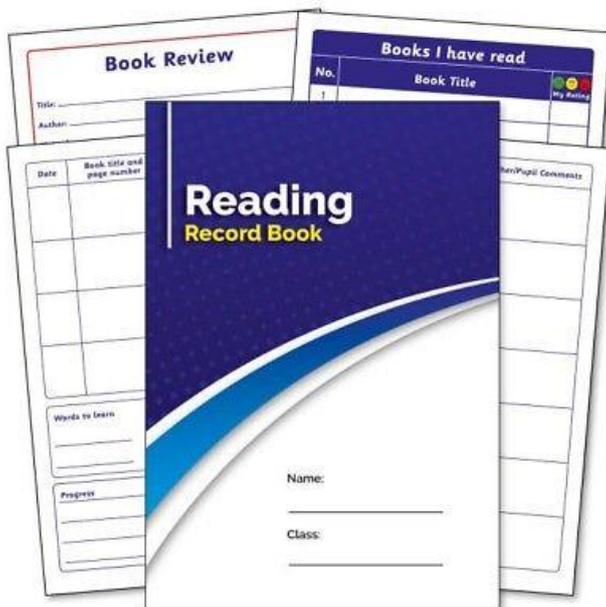
- Read familiar words independently
- Able to predict what happens next in the text
- Read with good expression
- Showed good understanding of the text
- Worked out new words independently
- Worked out new words by sounding them out
- Struggled to concentrate
- He/she made a number of errors because 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	Charlie P
2 Blue	Matilda
3 Blue	Nate

### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Kayva
5 Blue	Scarlett
6 Blue	Saud

# Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

### EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Evolet
2 Blue	Taylin
3 Blue	Willow

### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Panashe
5 Blue	Charlotte
6 Blue	Ingrid

# READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children		Key Stage 2 Children	
Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1 Blue	Curtis	4 Blue	Numan
2 Blue	Abigail	5 Blue	Ebonie
3 Blue	Levi	6 Blue	Vinnie

### Key dates/events for next week (the week after half term!)

- **Challenging behaviour workshop.** Mrs Birkett will be explaining our approaches to behaviour and some of the strategies that we have in place to support members of the school community. This is a great workshop that allows you the opportunity to ask questions and pick up some great hints and tips for supporting behaviour at home.

**This is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, from 9-10am**

- **Movie nights.** The children have voted on their favourite films and we look forward to opening the Mason Moor Movie Theatre doors! Don't forget to return your forms for these and the £2 entry fee early after half term!

**KS2 (Years 4, 5 and 6) will have their movie night on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**KS1 (Years 1, 2 and 3) will have their movie night on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

#### PE Star of the Week

KS1 - Ruben (Y2)

KS2 - Mela (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'



# WHAT'S ON

**OCTOBER HALF-TERM AND CHRISTMAS**  
Tudor House, SeaCity Museum & Southampton City Art Gallery



To book and for detailed information on any of our activities visit

[www.wegotickets.com/southamptonculture](http://www.wegotickets.com/southamptonculture)

**ART FOR ALL: Watercolour and Wax Autumn Paintings (5yrs+)**  
Mon 23 Oct / 10am, 11.30am or 1.30pm / Art Gallery / £7  
Join us in amongst the paintings at the gallery to create a beautiful mixed media autumn picture using wax crayons, watercolours and collage.



**HANDS ON HISTORY: Frankenstein's Clay Creations (6yrs+)**  
Mon 23 Oct / 10.30am, 1pm / Tudor House / £8  
Venture into Dr Frankenstein's lair and mould your own hideous clay creation to take away with you. The session will also take a look at some other nasty ways people used to ward off ghosts in the past.

**ART FOR ALL: Clay Owls (5yrs+)**  
Tues 24 Oct / 10am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm / Art Gallery / £8  
Twit two! Twit two! Enjoy a relaxing hour and a half, playing with clay to create a seasonal owl sculpture and at this fun and friendly workshop.

**ART SCHOOL: Zombies sculptures (7yrs+)**  
Wed 25 Oct / 10am-3pm / Art Gallery / £28  
Be inspired by the sculptures on display in the gallery to create a macquette from wire before coating with layers of clay to create a spooky sculpture of your choice and a surrounding scene.



**TOUR FOR All: Scary and Spooky Southampton Walking Tour (6yrs+)**  
Wed 25 Oct / 11am, 2pm / Tudor House  
£7 per person, £24 family ticket  
Join guide Andy Skinner in exploring the hidden histories of Southampton by venturing into vaults and scale the town's ancient walls. Discover tales of war, plague, villainy and ghosts! Bring a torch and wear sensible shoes.

**KEY:** Dress for mess 🍷 Bring a snack 🍴 or packed lunch 🍱 Venue/tour has accessibility issues ♿

## SCC CULTURE CLUB

**Southampton Culture Club for Kids (6'-12yrs)**  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 9am-4pm  
(drop off from 8.45am) SeaCity Museum  
£35 per day (£90 for 3 days) 🍷 🍴 🍱

Days of investigation, imagination and discovery for children aged 6's to 12yrs who love being creative and learning through fun activities. Led by the experienced cultural services learning team, at Kids' Club children will explore the past, experience the museum and gallery and make really cool things!

### Halloween

**Mon 23 Oct: SPOOKY SHIPS AND HAUNTED HOUSES**  
Get spooky making your own ghostly ship and haunted house using range of arty techniques

**Tuesday 24 Oct: 2D MONSTER MASH UP!**  
Try your hand at art techniques and create some gruesome pictures of amazing monster from your mind.

**Wednesday 25 Oct: 3D MONSTER MASH UP!**  
Get creative and invent your own monster using recycled toys. A fun sculpture day full of making.



## Halloween at Tudor House

Family Fun Day Thurs 26 Oct  
Museum admission FREE! 🍷 🍴 🍱

friendly spirits in the Banqueting Hall and take part in loads of spooky, fun activities throughout the day! There'll be creepy crafts, gruesome games, face painting and a haunting trail! Join one of our famous spooky ghost tours to discover the stories hidden in the house.

\*Charges apply for some drop-in activities. Tours are pre-book.



## LETS GET FESTIVE

**TOUR FOR ALL: Christmas Lantern Tour**  
Sat 16 Dec / 5pm, 7pm / Tudor House  
£7 per person, £24 family ticket

**ART FOR ALL: Winter Watercolours (8yrs+)**  
Mon 18 Dec / 10am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm  
Art Gallery / £8

**ART FOR ALL: Brilliant Birds (5yrs+)**  
Tues 19 Dec / 10am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm  
Art Gallery / £8

**ART FOR ALL: Print your own Wrapping Paper (4yrs+)**  
Wed 20 Dec / 10am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm  
Art Gallery / £8



**LETS MAKE A: Christmas at Hogwarts (6yrs+)**  
Tues 19 or Wed 20 Dec / 10.30am or 1pm  
Tudor House / £8

**ART FOR ALL: Wire Reindeer (12yrs+)**  
Tues 19 Dec / 11am-1pm / Art Gallery / £22

**ART FOR ALL: Wire Christmas Decorations (12yrs+)**  
Wed 20 Dec / 11am-1pm / Art Gallery / £22

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**Christmas Holidays**  
Monday 18 Dec: CHRISTMAS CHARACTERS  
Tuesday 19 Dec: CHRISTMAS CRACKERS  
Wednesday 20 Dec: ALL WRAPPED UP!



## Birthday Parties for kids



If you've got a history fan or art enthusiast at home then why not throw them a birthday to remember at one of our unique venues?

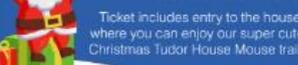
Create a special day for your child full of hands-on activities. From £10 per child. Email [museums.education@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:museums.education@southampton.gov.uk)



## Father Christmas & Christmas Crafts at Tudor House (all ages)

Sat 9, Sun 10, Sat 16, Sun 17, Mon 18 Dec  
£15 per child

Discover the magic of a Tudor House Christmas with your family this year. Enjoy a festive visit to Father Christmas in beautiful surroundings, complete with a traditional gift and craft activity where you can make a decoration to take home.



Ticket includes entry to the house, where you can enjoy our super cute Christmas Tudor House Mouse trail.

Why not add a festive afternoon tea at our café where the whole family can enjoy a range of tasty seasonal sweet and savoury treats while overlooking our beautiful garden. Book in advance. Adults: £17.50 Children: £10.50

## Learning at Mason Moor this week:



Reception have continued to work on their understanding of numbers this week. They have explored counting skills, number recognition and formation. We are seeing some super progress! In Literacy we have been learning around the story of Elmer. We had a fun filled Elmer day where we made 'Elmer' bread and 'Elmer' biscuits as well as celebrating our unique talents. We shared a variety of things from our knowledge of space to our gymnastics skills.



**This week, we have concluded our learning around the Ice Age. We have made some fantastic art – we made cave paintings! We have looked at fact files and thought about how to make our own.**

## Maple Class

In Maple class this week, we have continued to learn about money and how to use this in various places. In English, we have been looking at the book 'The Accidental Diary of Bug'. We have visited Springwell, too, for our celebration day and we saw the Bubble Man.



In year 2, we have concluded our history unit on Mesopotamia and considered how they lived. In geography, we have finished our units on the oceans and continents around us. For reading, we have been focusing on a variety of questions around Paddington.



In year 3, we went on our trip to the Southampton Art Gallery and we have continued to learn about Ancient Greece. This week, we have learned about the Perceus and Medusa story. We made Perceus' wing sandals out of wires and we made clay Medusas!



In Year 4, we have begun to look at writing from the point of view of Duncan from 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. To get into the mood of persuasion, we worked together to ask our teacher for extra break – using our facts and opinions, we just about convinced our teacher to get a little bit more time! We have also been finishing our learning about the beautiful Mediterranean and Electricity in Science.



This week, Year 5 have been learning about how gravity works in our solar system- we now know why we orbit the sun even though it's so far away! We have also looked at our planet and how longitude and latitude lines are used to support time zones and different biomes. Also, does the prime minister have too much power? We debated this and you can see the pictures below!



In Year 6 this week, we have been writing a diary entry from the point of view of a character in The Floodlands text. In maths, we have looked more in-depth at multiplying and dividing. Also, we have looked at the geography in North-West England.

## MASON MOOR IN PHOTOS

Plenty of highlights from the week, including a celebration of the Year 3 trip!



A sneak peek at our upcoming art project!









# WHAT'S ON THIS HALLOWEEN IN MILLBROOK?

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER

## TESTLANDS 4PM - 8PM

TESTLANDS WELLBEING HUB, GREEN LANE WILL BE OPEN WITH A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INFLATABLES, OUR SCARE MAZE, ARTS & CRAFTS, A SPOOKY FILM, NEON DISCO, FOOD & DRINK, SWEET VAN, NEON & GLITTER FACE PAINT AND SPECIAL GUESTS!

FAMILIES & YOUNG PEOPLE

## GREEN PARK 6PM - 8PM

FOOTBALL WITH SAINTS  
12 - 16 YEAR OLDS

## COLNE AVENUE 5PM - 7PM

PASTOR CHRIS DAVIS LEADING A LIGHT PARTY AND OFFER FREE HOT DOGS, DRINKS AND BISCUITS. CAFÉ WILL ALSO BE OPEN.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN & FAMILIES

## YOUTH OPTIONS AT MANSEL PARK 5PM - 8:30PM

MANSEL PARK WILL HAVE A GAZEBO AND LOTS OF LIGHTS. THEY WILL BE HANDING OUT WARM FOOD AND DRINK AS WELL AS GLOW STICKS AND HAND WARMERS. THERE WILL ALSO BE SOME CARD GAMES & ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE!

OPEN TO ALL AGES

## POLICE

YOU'LL SEE A LOT OF OFFICERS OUT AND ABOUT ON THE ESTATE, WHO ARE WORKING WITH OTHER PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS A FUN AND HAPPY TIME. IF YOU SEE US, COME AND SAY HELLO.

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