



# MASON MOOR

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher News | Friday 3rd November 2023

### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school! it has been lovely to see everyone return for another exciting term at Mason Moor!

Year 6 will be knitting poppies ready for Remembrance Day on Monday afternoon. If you would like to come and support your child with their knitting let their teacher know. We look forward to seeing you on Monday afternoon!

### Swimming – years 3 and 4

This week, years 3 and 4 have started their swimming programme! They have had plenty of fun learning their new strokes and honing their techniques. The children have had lots of fun so far and are making the most of their daily 45 minutes.

A big thanks to parents for your support so far, and thank you for remembering to bring in your swim kits each and every day!

### EYFS outdoor area

The work around EYFS has been completed. This is a really exciting area and the children have had a lot of fun playing in this new space. Make sure that you look at the pictures below!

### Reminder 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/>

### TRS Half Term competition!

This half term, we are launched 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. The year groups that won the TTRS battle were Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6!

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**

### 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."

### Book review



This week's review comes from Hugo in Year 5

I loved how funny this book was, and it had lots of pictures that made me smile. This was a nice book to read, and I would definitely recommend it to my friends because the main character Greg is at school just like us.

The only thing I don't like about this books is that there aren't more books for me to read! I have read all of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books and I love them!

### **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:

### Whole School Attendance figures

Year R	87.7%
Year 1	90.1%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	94.9%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	92.1%



**Year 2** Well done to Year 2 children – 97.7%. 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!



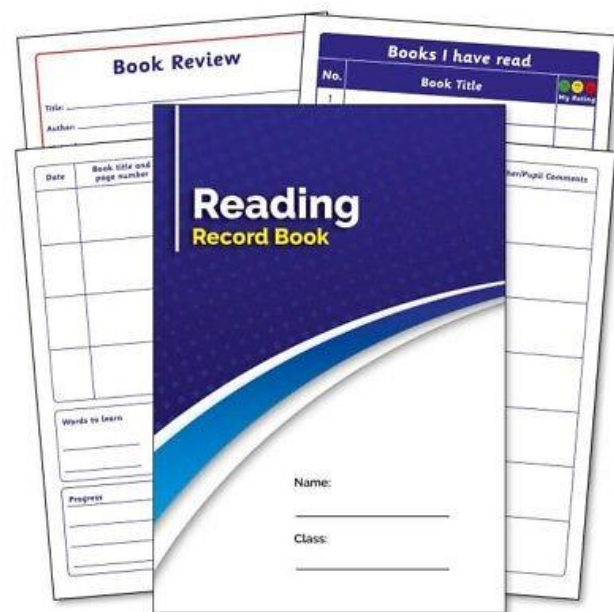
### Top tips for encouraging reading:

- **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	Ianis Popa
2 Blue	Reg
3 Blue	Tifa

### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Kavya
5 Blue	Izaak
6 Blue	Juno

# Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

### EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children


Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Melody
2 Blue	Lilly

### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Panashe
5 Blue	Callam

3 Blue	Leo	6 Blue	Mia
<div> <div>Reader of the Week</div> <div>AWARD WINNERS</div> </div>			
EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children		Key Stage 2 Children	
Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1 Blue	Curtis	4 Blue	Isaac
2 Blue	Robby	5 Blue	Lily
3 Blue	Levi	6 Blue	Jack.P

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<b>Key dates/events for next week (the week after half term!)</b>
<p><b>Week 1 Beginning 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November English Class for parents Spare Year 6 Classroom</li> <li>- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November Challenging Behaviour Workshop 9-10am</li> <li>- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November KS1 Movie and Popcorn 3:30- 5:30 £2</li> <li>- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November KS2 Movie and Popcorn 3:30- 5:30 £2</li> </ul>
<div> <div>PE Star of the Week</div> <div>KS1 - Nathan (Y3)</div> <div>KS2 – Juno (Y6)</div> </div> <div> <div>PE Word of the Week</div> <div>ATTACK</div> <div>Meaning - The team with the ball using tactics to move into a position to score.</div> <div>Example - The team scoring a basket in basketball.</div> </div> <div> <div>PE thought of the week</div> <div>'If you had FUN then you won'</div> </div> <div>  </div>

## New Job Opportunities:

We are looking for two Midday Lunch Assistants to join Mason Moor Primary School. The main areas of work responsibility will be the dining areas, the playground and field or areas of the school used during the dinner break, including areas where the children wait or queue for their meal. You must act as a responsible, caring adult with the health, safety, and welfare of the children always in mind. If you are interested in the role please email [recruitment@masonmoorprimary.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@masonmoorprimary.co.uk) and request a candidate information pack and job application form.

### Learning at Mason Moor this week:



This week Reception have been very busy! We have been working on our writing skills, forming letters and beginning to write words. In Maths we have been learning about finding 1 more and 1 less, we used our fingers and the song 5 little speckled frogs to help us with this learning. In Topic we have been exploring people who help us; learning about the police, firefighters, doctors, nurses and vets. We also enjoyed our trip to see the show Peace at Last.

#### 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.



This week Year 1 has started looking at animals. We have learnt how to classify animals based on if they are mammals, birds or fish. In maths we are working on counting to 20 by making ten and counting on. In writing we are looking at the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers, we are using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our sentences describing Earth.



This week we have been learning about facts and getting ready to write our fact file about Ladybugs. We have been writing some lovely sentences in preparation for our writing outcome.





In year 3, we have continued to write our diary entry based on the book 'Leo and The Gorgons Curse'. We have learnt how to write in the past tense and in first person. We even included adverbials of time in our clauses. In History we started our new topic 'Ancient China'.



Year group paragraph= What a week for Year 4! This week, we have started our swimming and new units in nearly every subject! When we haven't been jumping into the pool and working on our front crawl, we have been learning a little bit more about the Romans, working our on writing and creating substances that are somewhere between a solid and a liquid- how strange!? In maths, we have discovered a little bit more about multiplication and division. We have also started to look at Russia - did you know that this country stretches over two continents?!



In year 5 this week we have been learning all about the British Empire! It has been very interesting after we learned about the industrial revolution last half term. In oracy we have been learning lots of different skills required to start a debate, and in our lesson on Wednesday we had a debate as a class about whether or not pupils should be allowed to wear their own clothes to school!



This week, the children have returned enthused and approached our learning positively. We are exploring new texts (Varmints and Lightning Strike) to support us in writing and reading as well as embarking on new topics of the Victorians in history and electricity in Science.

## MASON MOOR IN PHOTOS

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



