



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Parents evening

A very big thank you to the huge number of parents that turned up to parents evening! As a school, we are so thankful for your time, effort and engagement. The children were all very proud to have their work shared and to hear where their successes and next steps lay. We have an SLT morning on Friday, which would be another great opportunity to stop by the school and get a feel for what's going on on the ground!

Mason Moor Museum

This half term marks the return of the Mason Moor Museum! Here are some details to familiarise yourself with the set up:

- This is a home project to completed by everyone! Parents, guardians, grandparents, dogs, cats – everyone can get involved!
- Each year group has a theme. This might be 'China' in Year 3, or even Romans in year 4!
- The school will support with some resources to get projects off of the ground. More details will be shared about this next week.
- We will open the doors to the museum on Friday 15th December to celebrate everyone's great efforts!
- There will be prizes handed out to those designs considered the best. We will be offering

Communicare

This week, some of our delightful Year 6 children had the opportunity to support a local group of pensioners at Millbrook Christian Centre. Once we have finished walking down, we had the chance to play boardgames (some of us are very good at Scrabble now!), make puzzles, eat cake, drink squash and, most importantly, spend time interacting with some very friendly members of the local community!

Deacon in Year 6 said, "It was fun and I really enjoyed the cake! I'm looking forward to doing it again!"

Swimming continues

For years 3 and 4, the swimming journey comes to an end. It has been a fantastic three weeks where we have all learned so much: some of us had never been confident enough to swim before, some of us have mastered some important water buoyancy skills, and some of us have really progressed with our strokes!

China Day

Wednesday was China Day for Year 3! They had a fantastic day developing a rich knowledge of Chinese culture and history. The children had an opportunity to enjoy some of the traditional foods of the vast country, as well as explore inventions and many of the legacies that live on to improve our lives to this very day!

Year 1 VR

Year 1 got stuck into the class VR headsets this week! They spent so much time exploring the Earth from space! They were able to walk around the planet, look at the oceans, continents, seas and poles! This great opportunity will lead into their learning in writing, and they will start to make fact files about the Earth soon enough!

Year 6 split

Starting next week, year 6 will be split into two different groups each morning! One class will be supported by Mr Taylor, the other by Mr Turner. The children have all met both of these enthusiastic teachers and have had maths, English and other subjects taught by them over the last few weeks. The new groups will be a great way for the children to get to know other members of the expanding year group and build some new friendships.

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

Swimming

Next week, swimming **starts for the children in Year 5 and Year 6**. Much like the year 3s and 4s, they will have daily swim lessons and have a chance to move from a novice to an Olympic athlete! Children in Year 5 will have their lessons in the mornings, children in Year 6 will have theirs in the evenings.

It's important that all members of years 5 and 6 remember their kits **everyday**. If you have any questions about this, please speak to the year group teachers who will be able to give you more information. Have a restful weekend as you'll need your energy for next week!

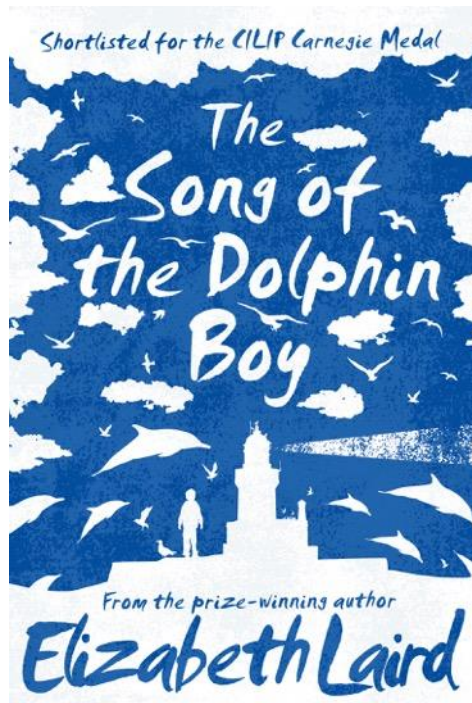
Vertical tutoring

In vertical tutoring this week, we have been designing and making Christmas cards. All of the pupils have been taking time to craft wonderful cards to support the Health & Independent Living Support charity. These cards will be shared with people up and down the country, and there is no doubt that these fantastic designs will put a smile on faces this Christmas!

Children in Need

On Friday, it was Children In Need! We supported the charity by wearing odd socks – even the staff got involved! The money raised will make a massive difference to children up and down the country so your support is very much appreciated!

Book review



Year 5 have been reading 'Song of the Dolphin Boy'. Jack has really enjoyed the book so far and can't wait to read on! He says, "I have really enjoyed the book: the main character realises that he can swim despite never having swimming lessons and that dolphins are magical! There's lots more to read so I can't wait to the next part!"

Reminder: who is teaching my child this year?

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Adults</u>
The Ark	Ms Meenaghan, Mrs Cooke, Ms Harding and Mr Benfield
Year R	Miss Askham and Mrs Slade
Year 1	Mrs Woods and Mrs Day
Year 2	Mr Benfield, Ms Frape and Mrs Rawlings
Year 3	Miss Frape, Mrs Brown and Mrs Tribbeck
Year 4	Mr Precious, Mrs Benfield and Mrs Shepherd
Year 5	Miss McKenzie and Mrs McGratten
Year 6	Mr Taylor, Mr Turner, Ms Plomer and Mrs Cooper

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: 93.35%

Whole School Attendance figures

Year 1	85.9%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	93.6%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	92.7%



Year R Well done to Year 4 children – 96.7%. Highest attendance this week!

Attendance fell this week, so please make sure that children are staying clean, washing hands and getting plenty of fresh air – even in this cold!

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

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

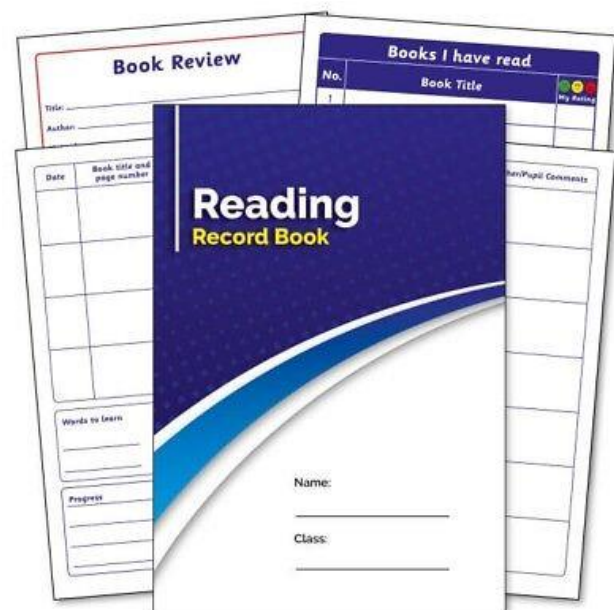
Every lesson builds upon prior knowledge and ensures that children have the building blocks of knowledge and skill to progress in all subjects. One missed day is a crucial building block to your child's education.

Reading Expectations - Please help your child! Reading log need to be bought in daily



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	Lily
3 Blue	William

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Poyraz
5 Blue	Grace
6 Blue	Jannat

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Melody
2 Blue	Rosie
3 Blue	Maya

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Lordina
5 Blue	Hugo
6 Blue	Sahain

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
1 Blue	Curtis
2 Blue	Matilda
3 Blue	Matthew P

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Charlie
5 Blue	Anton
6 Blue	Izabela

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

- Swimming for years 5 and 6 gets started! Please remember swimming kits each and every day!
- SLT parent forum on Friday 24th November. 9-10am in the main hall.
- Year 2 trip to London Zoo – Wednesday 22nd November. Remember: this trip will return back to school about 6pm!

PE Star of the Week

KS1 - Levi (Year 3)

KS2 - Poyraz (Year 4)

PE Word of the Week

AGILITY

Meaning - The ability to move and change direction and position of the body quickly and effectively while maintaining control.

PE thought of the week

'Every winner was once a beginner'



Learning at Mason Moor this week:

RECEPTION

This week, Year R have been learning about the seasons! You should see our wonderful art work – we have drawn trees and coloured the leaves to match the correct season! We have also been reading the stories Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs!

Maple Class!

This week, we have been learning about past tense in English. We have been using this to write our 'writing to inform' topic! In maths, we have been discovering fractions. We've also had the opportunity to do reading in the afternoons and this has been fantastic!

Year 1



This week, we used the VR headsets to explore Earth from above! We have used our new knowledge of the Earth to explore and describe the wonders of our world!

Year 2



This week, we have been learning about measure – did you know that weight is measured in grams?! We have been reading more about our ladybug book and looked at all of the adjectives we can use to describe the insects.

Year 3



All about China! This week we have submerged ourselves in Chinese culture and had lots of food, danced and looked at their greatest inventions! All of our learning has linked to this: we have been learning about the history of China and their inventions as well as looking at where China can be found on a map! Also, we've very much enjoyed the end of our swimming unit!

Year 4



So much has been learnt in Year 4 this week! We have looked at the various biomes of Russia, how solids turn to liquid, how the Roman political systems were formed, and even learned about stereotypes! We've also ended our swimming which has been an absolutely fantastic experience!

Year 5



We have been learning all about the Royal Navy and how this conquered the world! We have also been looking in-depth about the effects of plastic pollution – we can make a massive difference if we work together! In maths, we have begun to look at fractions – lots to learn here!

Year 6



In year 6 this week, we have been learning about fractions and how to find equivalence. We have also looked at simplification of fractions. In writing, we have been writing an alternative ending to the Varmints story. In science, we have been learning a bit more about electricity and drawing circuits!

MASON MOOR IN PHOTOS

So much to celebrate this week!

Some of the photos from Communicare:



Highlights from last year's Mason Moor Museum!



Year 2 making pyramids!



Year 6 visiting the swimming pool!



VR in Year 1!

