



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 8th December 2023

Swimming continues This week marked the end of Year 5 and 6 swimming! The children have had a fantastic time, learning so much about themselves and swimming. They are all so much more confident in the pool and have learned many more skills that will keep them safe as they get older. "I think that swimming has been really good, and I have learned a lot!" one Year 5 pupil told us.

Next week, Years 1 and 2 will be completing their swimming across the week. Make sure to bring in your swimming kit this coming week and you will all have the opportunity to get in the pool and learn some swimming skills!

Nativity

Wow, what a show! There were laughs, some great acting and plenty of fun had by all! I am sure that parents and guardians will have been delighted with the spectacle that was our Nativity, and you will have been amazed by the great efforts of the children. They did so well to remember their roles, their actions and their lines - there's so much to remember and the children did themselves proud! A very well done!

Movie night

Movie night was great this week - lots of food, drink and laughs were had by all who attended! The children really enjoyed the slapstick in the movie and the room was full of festive cheer and laughter!

Reading with year groups

We continue to welcome parents and guardians into the school to read with their children on Thursday and Friday mornings. Some year groups are bursting at the seams as children talk through their books and learning, whilst we all sit down and enjoy breakfast alongside the reading! Please continue to support the children's reading - this makes a massive difference to the children's learning and gives them access to so much across the curriculum!

Mason Moor Museum

Mason Moor Museum opens its doors to the school community next week. We have already seen plenty of fantastic items for the museum and we are really excited to see the final pieces at the end of the week! Don't forget, we show these off on Friday 15th December from 1pm onwards.

Church visit

After a long walk down to the church, we were welcomed by Reverend Claire Robinson who illuminated our imagination with a Christingle service! The Mason Moor school children sat in awe as we created a giant orange (see the picture below!) using marshmallows, cocktail sticks and ribbon! This exciting service really added some context to Christmas

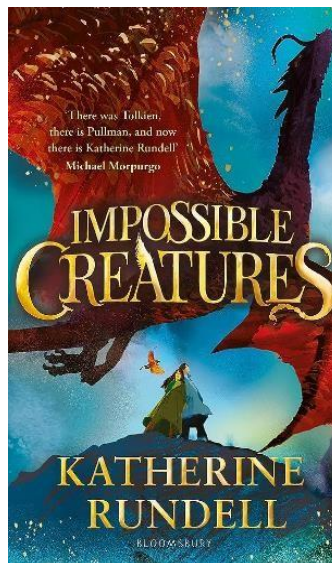
and the celebrations that we celebrate around its edges.

Christmas dinner

This coming week, we have Christmas dinner! We will be adorning our festive jumpers, paper hats and pulling apart crackers over the scrumptious meal! Make sure that you have placed your order with the office before the day. If you need more information, contact the office who will be more than happy to help!

Katherine Rundell

Years 5 and 6 were lucky enough to join a Waterstones-inspired author talk! The children had the chance to listen to Katherine Rundell - author of Impossible Creatures - talk about her process of writing and what had inspired her work! She talked at great length about her passion for hands-on experiences and how she drafts, re-drafts and publishes her fantastic books. I have no doubt that our pupils will have been totally inspired by her work and will have taken plenty of ideas for their next pieces of writing!



Year 4 Communicare

On Thursday, some lucky Year 4 pupils hopped into the minibus and drove on down to King's Church in Lordswood. Once there, the children had the opportunity to play board games, eat some cake and have some squash. The best part was putting a smile on the faces of some members of the local community! Many people commented on the fantastic interactions between the young and old. There will be many more times throughout the year for our young pupils to have a positive impact on the guests at Communicare and I know that they are looking forward to this!

Mason Moor Funfair

On Tuesday 12th December we are inviting our parents and carers to join your children at the Mason Moor Fair in our playground. The fair opens at 12.30pm and closes at 3.25pm. Children can go on a ride and try and win a prize on the inflatable basketball game. Children will be served Hotdogs or pizza at 2pm. Come along and enjoy some time with your children, staff and friends



Swimming for Years 1 and 2!

This coming week, Years 1 and 2 will be completing their swimming lessons! These will start on Monday and run every day of the week.

Please can you remember to pack a towel and swimming costume each and every day. This will maximise the swimming for your children and will give them access to an excellent opportunity!



E-Scooters on School Site

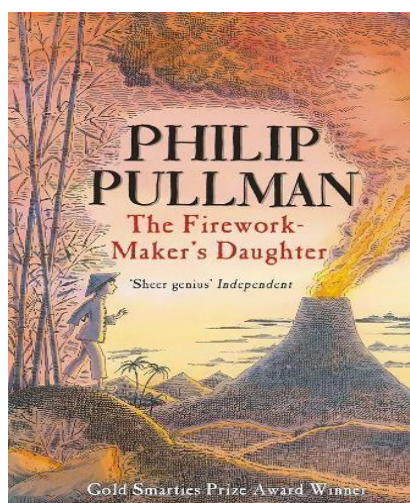
A reminder that we do not allow e-scooters on site at Mason Moor Primary School. If you arrive on site with one, we will politely ask you to leave these at the gate.

It's paramount that members of the school community can walk across the playground safely at each end of the school day so please keep this in mind.



Book review- Year 3

"The Firework-Maker's Daughter" by Philip Pullman is a charming and whimsical journey that will capture the hearts of readers young and old. The story revolves around Lila, a spirited girl determined to become a firework maker, breaking societal norms along the way. Pullman's writing is enchanting, filled with vivid descriptions and light-hearted humour. The characters, especially Lila and her talking elephant companion, Hamlet, add depth and warmth to the narrative. This short and delightful novel seamlessly weaves together themes of courage, friendship, and the pursuit of one's dreams, making it a perfect read for those seeking a magical escape.



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 Miss Slade
Year 1	Mrs Woods and Mrs Day
Year 2	Mr Benfield, Ms Frape and Mrs Rawlings
Year 3	Miss Frape, Mrs Browne 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

MASON MOOR ATTENDANCE

OUR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE THIS WEEK...

91.5%

Our Class Cake winners

Year 4

Well done to Year 3 children - a brilliant 96.8%. Highest attendance this week!



Our Monday Morning Milkshake Winners

Year 4

With a FANTASTIC 100%!!!!!!



DON'T FORGET

Our Bike and Scooter Attendance Reward assembly is creeping closer!

Our Dance Mat Attendance Award is NEXT WEEK!

Whole School Attendance Figures

	Last Week	This Week
Year R	86.7%	74.4%
Year 1	87.9%	92.1%
Year 2	96.1%	92.4%
Year 3	96.8%	94.4%
Year 4	96.7%	95.3%
Year 5	96.1%	91.1%
Year 6	93%	93.2%

Please help us improve our school attendance by sending your child in every day.

Top Tips for improving your child's attendance

If your child has a cough or cold, we are happy to monitor your child in class and we will always call you if

we feel they need to go home.

1. Send them in every day - except if they have sickness or diarrhoea. We can make sure they are looked after.
 2. Don't book holidays during term time. They miss important elements of learning.
 3. Speak to us if you are having difficulties
- We will work with you to help improve your child's attendance. Any concerns please contact Mrs Deltrieu in the school office.

Is my child too ill for school?

Might be a question you ask yourself, please check on the NHS website or bring your child in and we can monitor them.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

**A reminder: the school does not authorise any holiday during term-time!
Please call the schools office before 8:30am to report your child's absence**

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



GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Ruby
1 Blue	Layla
2 Blue	Matilda
3 Blue	Amina

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Edith
5 Blue	Maci-Mae
6 Blue	Mia

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Kobi
1 Blue	Lacey
2 Blue	Abigail
3 Blue	Hila

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Kavya
5 Blue	Charlotte
6 Blue	Saud

ReadeR of The Week AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Habila
1 Blue	Pawel
2 Blue	Lily
3 Blue	Maya

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Ruha
5 Blue	Aaron
6 Blue	Charlie

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

- Monday 11th December - SEND Sports Festival at Staplewood SFC Training Ground
- Tuesday 12th December - SEND Steering Group, 9-10am. Mason Moor Funfair 12.30-3.30pm in the School Playground
- Wednesday 13th December - Basketball Festival (yr 3 & 4) at Solent University
- Friday 15th December - Mason Moor Museum 1pm

PE Star of the Week

Key Stage1	Nate
Key Stage 2	Ivana (Maple Class)

PE Word of the Week:

Cooperation

Meaning:

The action or process of working together to achieve the same goal.

PE thought of the week

‘If at first you don’t succeed, try something harder’



Learning at Mason Moor this week:

RECEPTION

Reception have immersed themselves in the Nativity story this week. We have been working on retelling and sequencing the story in our writing lessons. In Maths we tackled the really tricky topic of 3D shapes and their properties. We have learnt some new words such as vertices and Surfaces and have worked together to sort the shapes by their properties. We are very proud of the fantastic effort that they have made whilst exploring this tricky topic.

MAPLE CLASS

This week in Maple class, we have been looking at time in maths and we have also been looking at fractions in our number sessions! In English, we have been looking at prefixes alongside planning our diary extracts which links to our topic of writing to inform!

Year 1



This week we have been writing stories about rockets and space! These have been great fun to write and we have really enjoyed adding in our newly learnt features. In geography, we have been learning about the Galapagos Islands and the transport that people use to travel around when they are there! This was really exciting and we are keen to travel there ourselves!

Year 2



This week year 2 have been working really hard on their independent write and have worked hard to apply their knowledge from the week into this write. In addition to this year 2 have been looking at the advent wreath and how it links to the Christmas story and then Easter. Some of us didn't make the link between the baby Jesus and the Jesus that we hear in the Easter story.

Year 3



This week year 3 finished writing their non-chronological reports about China. They were able to utilise their knowledge from their Geography and History units to create a wonderful piece of writing. We have just begun our money unit in maths - looking at different coins and adding them together. Year 3 did themselves proud this week with their impeccable behaviour whilst visiting the church for a lovely Christingle celebration!

Year 4



Year 4 have had lots of fun this week! We started the week with VR headsets, looking at the structure of volcanoes and the terrible destruction that occurred at Pompeii in 79AD. That's just our writing! In maths, we have begun to look at fractions - we've looked at equivalent fractions which is very intriguing! Some of us were lucky enough to go to Communicare, which was a very rewarding morning!

Year 5



This week, we have wrapped up our swimming - it's been a great three weeks and we have learned so much! In maths, we have been measuring angles using a protractor! This is a great skill and we are becoming increasingly confident! In writing, we have been continuing our newspaper writing journey. We are looking forward to next week's Mason Moor Museum!

Year 6



Not only has our fantastic swimming journey come to an end but we have been learning so much in class! We have continued reading our novel; have spent time learning more about perimeter and written a newspaper article in writing! We also spent a lot of time considering our Mason Moor Museum projects - we're really excited to share our work next week!

MASON MOOR IN PHOTOS

There is so much to celebrate this week!

Christingle Service at St Peters Church



VR Across The Year Groups



Christmas Nativity Play



Author workshop



Music this week



Year 3 and 4 Cookery Club!



Communicare Y4 visit!



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You're invited:



Mason Moor Museum

Friday 15 December at 1pm

We need YOU to create an entry!



We would like your child to create an entry for the Mason Moor Museum. It should represent the learning from the current term.

Entries could represent study in Art, History, Geography, English, Maths, Science – anything at all! Resources available from school.

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Best wishes,

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A THANK YOU from HILS!

We would like to express our thanks for your participation in our Christmas Card Project this year! We have started delivering your cards to our clients already and those who have received cards so far have been absolutely delighted to have received such thoughtful creations.

We hope that you had fun creating the Christmas cards this year, and we invite any feedback you might have about the process. If you have any suggestions, please respond to this email.

A huge thanks again from everyone at HILS, these cards make a huge difference to our clients, especially those who may not receive many other cards at Christmas.

Many thanks



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