



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 5th January 2024

What a wonderful start to 2024! It has been lovely to meet all the children and families this week, and I want to thank everyone for their warm welcome. We have also welcomed Mr Herring to Year 4 and Ms Guagliumi to Years 2 and 3.

We have had a fantastic visit from Little City Hampshire. The Ark and Year R experienced a “mini city” and explored the different roles and jobs they could aspire to. This supported their Understanding the World learning and will develop their ambitions and social skills. We look forward to seeing what this inspires them to do in the future!

New topics have begun! Across the school, we have been moving onto new units of learning. It was amazing to see children in Year 2 and 3 experiencing their learning through VR headsets – well done to them!

Wet weather reminder! A reminder to wear sensible shoes and a waterproof coat over the coming months! This is essential for after school. If the rain is too heavy, children will stay inside, however, fresh air is important all year for learning! Please ensure coats are coming to school every day throughout the winter.

Let's get reading! To foster a love of reading, the winner of the “Reader of the Week” award will choose a book from the vending machine the following Monday. The children were excited by this announcement, and we hope they continue developing this passion for reading!

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 9th January at 9am – English lessons for parents

Wednesday 10th January at 9am – KS1 Topic Event in class

Thursday 11th January at 9am – SEND Coffee morning with Miss Kennett

Thursday 11th January at 9am – KS2 Topic Event in class

Have a fantastic weekend!

#teammasonmoor



Miss A Kennett | **Senior Assistant Headteacher and SENCO**

Weekly Attendance Monitoring - Our Target is 97%

Remember: we will not authorise ANY absence during term time. Please make sure your child attends school on-time every day.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



MASON MOOR ATTENDANCE: 92%

Class Cake Winners



Year R

Well done to all the children in this class - we are proud of each one of you.

Monday Morning Milkshake Winners



Year R and Year 2

Whole School Attendance figures:

	This Week
Year R	95.8%
Year 1	85.1%
Year 2	93.1%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	87.3%

Top Tips for improving your child's attendance:

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.

If you need support, please speak to Mrs Deltrieu.

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



GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
The Ark	Olivia
R Blue	Farahnaz
1 Blue	Ianis
2 Blue	Isabella
3 Blue	Lexi

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Panashe
5 Blue	Alex
6 Blue	Cody K

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Tymon
1 Blue	Noah
2 Blue	Abigail
3 Blue	Faith

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Fahd
5 Blue	Safwan
6 Blue	Lorenzo

READER OF THE WEEK **AWARD WINNERS**

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Evelyn
1 Blue	Benjamin
2 Blue	Karen
3 Blue	Matthew P

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Kalum
5 Blue	Alex
6 Blue	Katherine

PE Word of the Week:

skill

Example:

A skill is the learned ability to act with determined results with good execution often within a given amount of time, energy, or both.

PE thought of the week.

'Success is not in what you have but in what you believe you are...'

PE Days

Children will need to wear PE kits to school on the days they have PE.
A reminder that a PE kit is a white t shirt, black or navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms, trainers.

Monday:

Years R, 1, 2 and 3

Wednesday:

Years 4, 5 and 6



Learning at Mason Moor this half term:

Nursery

Next week we welcome our Nursery children to Mason Moor!

They will be exploring who they are and what makes them special.

The Ark

This week in the Ark we are exploring role play on 'People who help us'. We have Little City Hampshire visit to support our learning and exploration.
For the rest of the half term our topic will be 'Dinosaurs' and we have a lot of fun activities planned which will include all areas of learning through play.

Year R

This half term Reception will be exploring Dinosaurs. We are going to be learning about Capital letters, finger spaces and adjectives in writing and exploring numbers. We will be learning about representing different numbers using a variety of techniques as well as secure previously learnt knowledge.

Year 1

This term we will be learning about our senses in science. Children will then be using this knowledge within our writing lessons to describe the setting from the book 'Robin Hood'. In Geography we are learning all about the British Isles, we have already learnt the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and had a look at their individual flags.
In other news - Please bring welly boots in a separate bag for next week as we will be going outside into the wooded area every morning. Children should still wear normal school shoes to school.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have all really enjoyed coming back to school! We have used the VR headsets twice this week to fully immerse ourselves into our learning. We explored what Chinese New Year looks like in China which links to our new writing unit on poetry. We have written a poem about Chinese New Year in our best handwriting. Then we used the VR headsets in science where we explored things that occur naturally for example the ocean and things that are man-made.

Year 3

Welcome back Year 3! We hope you all had a very restful and enjoyable 2-week break.
This half term will be a thrilling journey of discovery! From diving into the captivating world of 'Outlaw' during reading sessions to unravelling the mysteries of rocks in our science lessons. In history, we will delve into the fascinating era of the Plantagenets.

Year 4

In this half term, Year 4 we are learning about an area of science on sound. We will be learning about what is meant to be pitch - high and low sounds, what is meant by volume and how we can measure the difference between pitch and volume. We are looking forward to learning this and in doing so will help us be more informative about writing.

Year 5

In Year 5 this half term we are learning about an area of history that really interests us! We will be learning all about World War Two, the impact of the Blitz on the United Kingdom and the evacuation of children from cities into the countryside. We are really looking forward to learning about this important part of history and using it to inform our writing.

Year 6

Welcome back after the Christmas break! It was wonderful to welcome back smiling faces as I'm reunited with the class since my maternity leave. They have truly met up to the challenge of their presentation and behaviour within the classroom. We have been begun looking at the book called 'The Rabbits'. It has explored how other rabbits invaded their land and culture and how this was like what happened within the World. We've began our topics in History of the Civil war and in Geography looking at human features and physical features of the USA.

Maple Class

This week in Maple class all pupils have settled quickly after the Christmas break. We went swimming at Springwell main site and all the pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In English this week we have introduced our new topic which is poetry. We have been exploring the key features of an Acrostic poem, Limericks poem, Picture (concrete) poem and Simile poem. We then read lots of different poems and reviewed them in a group and independently. In Maths this week we have been focusing on time. We have been practicing our skills in tell o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to times. We then moved onto looking at different intervals of time, We are all looking forward to participating in a competition won by Springwell where we will go to main site on Wednesday and build large train tracks and be able to ride on the track built.

Our Week In Pictures





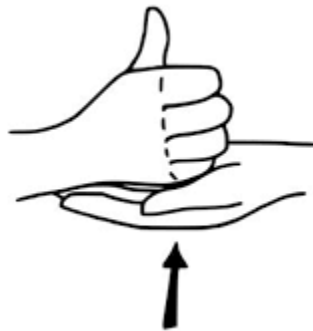
Sign of the Week

Makaton is a visual way to develop communication skills, which helps stimulate sounds and words.

Makaton is used across Early Years settings, as well as with children with SEND and those who need to build up their confidence.

Sign of the week:

Help



Family Hub



Being a Parent



6-week course for parents and carers of children aged between 2-11 years.

Supporting parents to learn practical communication skills to enable our children to be confident, happy and co-operative.

The Ashby Centre Family Hub

Date: 16 Jan – 19 March

Time: 12.30 – 2.30pm

Creche Available

Stratton Road, Southampton, SO15 5QZ

023 8054 0135

To book your place visit:

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