



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 15th March 2024

We have come to the end of another busy and action-packed week at Mason Moor. The showery rain was eventually replaced by some sunny spells so children have been able to enjoy learning outside as well as in, and in the Lodge.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from our SCC School Improvement Officers who were pleased to report notable improvements against the targets set at their last visit in the autumn term. During this visit, our visitors spent time speaking to children and staff across the school about their learning and accomplishments and were impressed to see that all children are able to speak more confidently about their work and they know clear next step targets of what they need to do to improve. As always, our children represented the school impeccably and we are incredibly proud of them all.

Over the course of this week, our Year R and 1 children have enjoyed time on the playground with Pedal Power who have come to Mason Moor to teach them Balance Bike skills. The children have played games and sung songs, all while perfecting the skill of balancing on a bike. This will give them the skills and confidence to soon move onto a pedal back. Our Year 4 children have this week been perfecting their pedalling skills on pedal bikes and have started working on signalling and changing direction safely. A huge thank you to Pedal Power Training Ltd for giving our children this fantastic experience – action photo shots are within this newsletter!

There are many events in the diary for next week, so please make note of these and we look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 18th March: Parents' Evening Year R, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Blue 1:30pm-5:30pm (Hall - Appointments to be made via School Cloud). Year 6 Green has been postponed to a later date (TBC) due to staff sickness/absence

Tuesday 19th March: English Class for Parents 9am-10am (Hall)

Wednesday 20th March: Year 6 SATs Information Session 9am-10am (Hall)

Wednesday 20th March: Parents' Evening Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 (Hall) 1:30pm-5:30pm (Hall - Appointments to be made via School Cloud)

We wish all our families a relaxing weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back in school safe and well on Monday.

#teammasonmoor

Ms A Brooks | Deputy Headteacher

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.

WARNING

MASON MOOR ATTENDANCE: 92%

Class Cake Winners



Year 1

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

Monday Morning Milkshake Winners



Year 1 and 6!

Whole School Attendance figures:

	Last Week	This Week
Nursery	89%	91%
Year R	89.3%	90.7%
Year 1	92.7%	96.3%
Year 2	84.46%	84.3%
Year 3	93%	90.4%
Year 4	97.2%	94%
Year 5	94%	89.2%
Year 6	95%	95.7%
Whole School	96.3%	92%

Top Tips for improving your child's attendance:

1. Send them in every day - except if they have sickness, diarrhoea or chicken pox. 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 Children

Nursery	The Ark	R Blue
Sebastian	Muntasir	Habila

Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Harper
2 Blue	Iris
3 Blue	Hila

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Inaya
5 Blue	Ebony
6 Blue	Sahin
6 Green	Lana

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Lily
1 Blue	Jimmy
2 Blue	Rosie
3 Blue	Nathan

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Mikey
5 Blue	Jack
6 Blue	Lillie
6 Green	Sakena

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Bear
1 Blue	Ianis
2 Blue	Reg
3 Blue	Matthew P

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Poyraz
5 Blue	Aaron
6 Blue	Isali
6 Green	Ingrid

Spotlight on PE

PE Word of the Week:

WELLBEING

Definition:

The state of being comfortable, healthy and happy

PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1	Tifa	KS2	Panasche
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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 1, 2, 3, 5

Wednesday:

Years R, 4, 6



Learning at Mason Moor:

Nursery

This week the children have found a deeper meaning to the story 'Goldilocks and the three bears' through exploring the emotions of the characters and connecting them to their own feelings. The children have really enjoyed this story and have explored all areas of learning, both indoors and outdoors.

The Ark

This week we have enjoyed moving to stage 2 of Attention Autism which has involved dripping paint and splatting shaving foam!! In the hall we have had fun playing with a parachute.

Year R

Reception have enjoyed the exciting experience of Bike ability this week. They have been amazing listeners and shown great determination and improvement across the sessions. In Maths we have been exploring halving and doubling whilst in Literacy writing lessons we have been describing the main characters from our class story 'The Way Back Home'. We have been trying to up skill our vocabulary by finding different and more interesting ways to describe our characters feelings. We went from scared to worried to frightened and terrified. We then used our fantastic phonics to try writing these big words!

Year 1

This week Year 1 have been learning about litres and millilitres, We have found the capacity of different jugs in litres. In History we have learnt about Helen Sharman (the first British person in Space) We learnt about different landmarks in Australia including the Sydney Opera House and the Uluru which changes colour at different times of the day.

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been learning the story of King Arthur and his knights of the round table. We retold the story in small groups learning how to project our voices clearly to a small audience. In maths, we have continued to learn about fractions and can now identify thirds.

Year 3

In Year 3 we have been learning to improve our writing with adverbials of time and continuing to practise our new multiplication strategies in maths. In geography we are learning about different types of settlements, what we might find in each type, and which we would prefer to live in.

Year 4

In Year 4 this week we have been using the VR Headsets to think about the ways we can describe lighthouses. We have been thinking about using more powerful words by up levelling our vocabulary choices. In Art, we have been learning about overlapping to create a collage.

Year 5

This week, we were very lucky to have our final visit from the Winchester Science Centre! We were able to show off our finished satellites in this workshop and put them to the test against heat and vibration to see if they survived. We also really enjoyed presenting all of the work we have been doing recently in our class assembly. It meant that we could talk to parents about all of the workshops we have been taking part in! In our other lessons we have been learning about natural disasters such as volcano eruptions and earthquakes, and how they impact the people in affected areas. We are looking forward to continuing our learning next week, when we will be learning more about the life cycles of different animals in science!

Year 6

This week has been mock SATs week for Year 6 which thankfully are the last set of tests before the actual ones in May. The children all tried hard to do their best, which we are all very proud of. In English, writing has continued through our reading text "The Explorer". Children have been writing setting descriptions using figurative language to describe the plane that came down in the Amazon Rainforest. Fractions have continued in Maths and our history topic of the Inca Civilisation has prompted some good question about their daily lives: where they lived, the jobs they did, the gods and the lives of a commoner. In Science, our topic of Evolution and Inheritance has continued, thinking about Charles Darwin and how humans and other living things have changed and evolved over time.

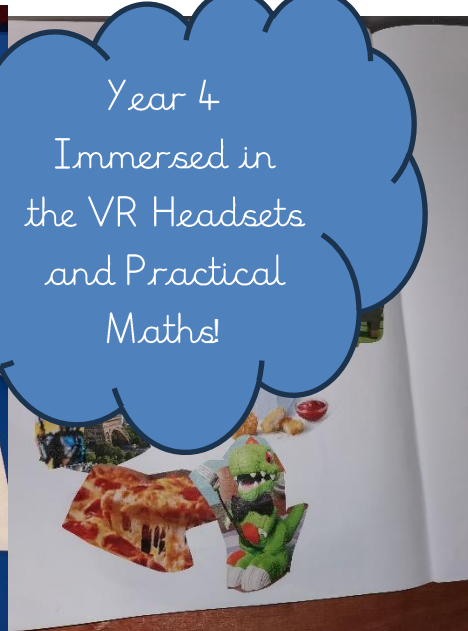
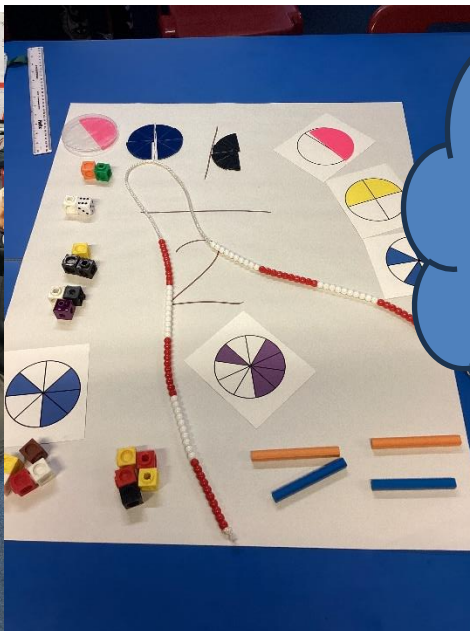
Maple Class

On Monday Maple class came to Springwell main site to watch a theatre performance of The Wind and the Willows. It was a great show and all the pupils enjoyed watching the performance. At the end the actors allowed the pupils to explore the props and this included some of the puppets. On Friday Maple class will be coming over to main site again to watch Prizin Hands Easter performance. In maths number we have been focusing on using the grid method to answer multiplication number sentences and we have also been looking at arrays. In English we have been looking at using bullet points to form a list, our phonics sound that we are working on for this week and relative clauses. Some pupils have had the opportunity to learn a new skill of riding a bicycle and focusing on road safety. All the children that took part in this worked really hard on their balancing skills and avoiding obstacles. Well done Maple class!

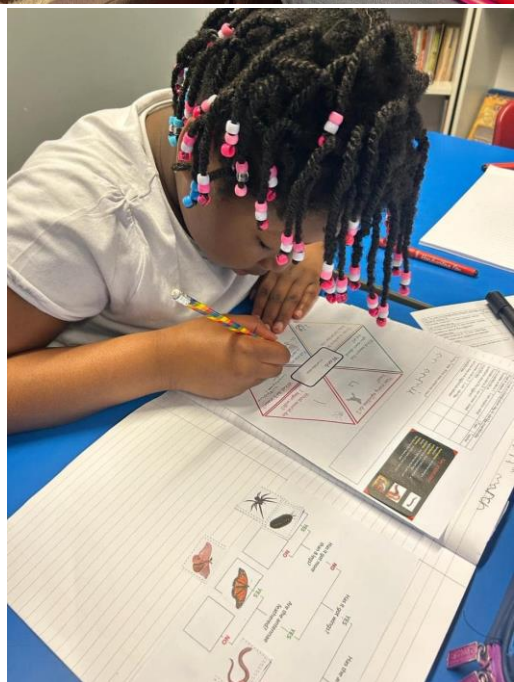
Mason Moor in Pictures



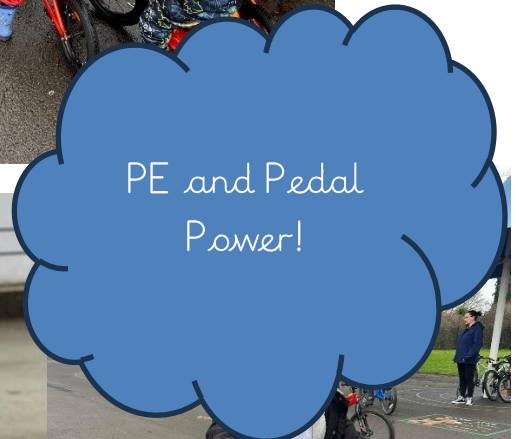
Nursery
Discovery Time,
indoors and
outdoors!



Year 2 enjoying
a concert at the
Turner Sims
Concert Hall last
Friday.



Year 4 using
classification
keys to classify
different insects,
including
invertebrates.

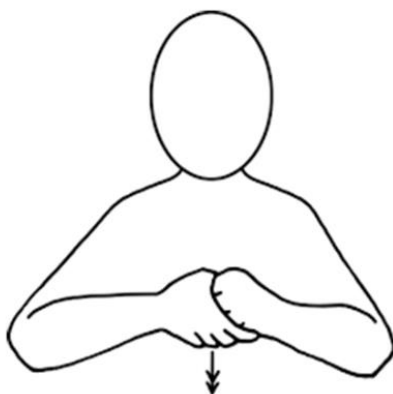


Sign of the Week

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.

Signs of the week:

Friends



Year 6 Saturday School!

To support them with their upcoming SATS, we will be offering Saturday School to Year 6 each week.

We will provide additional support and teaching in each subject, as well as snacks and play time!

Please speak to Mr Turner, Ms Benfield or Ms Brooks to sign up!



Reading

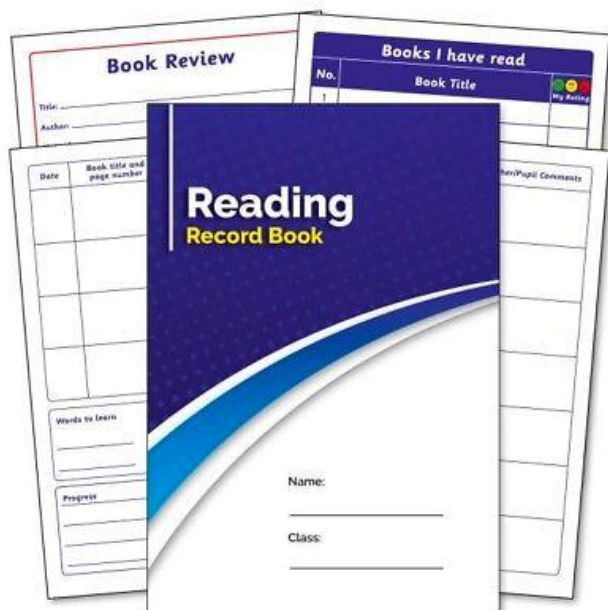


Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in – if you're cooking, could they read the recipe?

Top tips for encouraging 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.

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.

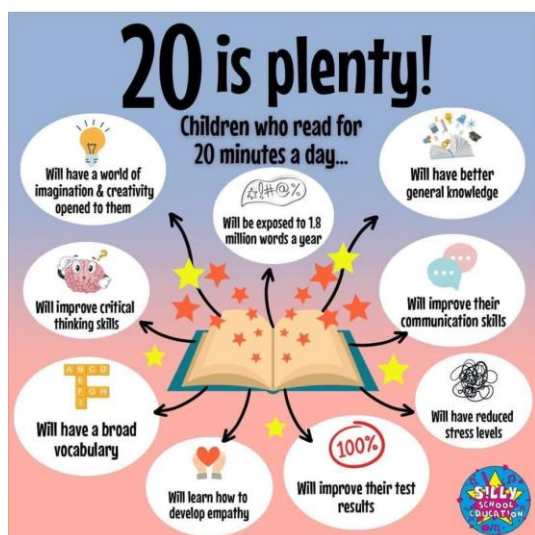


What should I write in my child's reading record?

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 several 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 20 minutes each day.**

Other News



Coats

As the weather is still variable and wet,, please can we remind parents that children still need a coat in school every day. Even if it appears sunny in the morning, rain showers and cold windy periods can still occur during break, lunch and PE lessons when children are outside.



We have had incidents this week where vehicles have been parked across our main gate and the children's crossing to our school. If we see people in the vehicle, we will politely ask them to move on however please rest assured, we are monitoring this situation to ensure safety for our children. The council have also been in touch and are considering closing off the road (except for residents and access) at the start and end of the school day.



ABSENCE

A reminder that if your child is absent from school you must call the office by 9am to inform them of why they are absent from school. Failure to do this can result in an unauthorised absence from school. If you have 10 or more unauthorised absences you may be issued with a £60 fixed penalty notice.

School Uniform



Please can we remind parents and carers that even though the weather is warm, our school uniform policy still applies. No child should be wearing open-toed shoes to school - we need to keep our feet safe! If not branded, all T/Polo shirts should be of school colour (white or blue).

When it is your child's PE day, they can come dressed in PE kit however the same rules apply. All children should wear T-shirts with sleeves to cover their neck and shoulders to protect against the sun (no vests or strappy tops please).



We have a wealth of Lost Property in the office of various items that remain unclaimed. Please can you ensure that ALL uniform items are clearly labelled - this will ensure items are never lost and will always be returned to their rightful owner.

Mr Bauck's 60 Second PE Challenge



Squat Jumps 60 Second Challenge



Can you be honest when counting your score?

How many squat jumps can you perform in 60 seconds?



Stand behind a line and jump forwards, perform a squat and repeat.



No equipment is required.
Just make sure you use a clear, open and safe space.

Challenge yourself!
Perform a twist or turn as you jump to make it harder.



Try jumping in different ways for 60 seconds.
Can you compete against different family members?

Achieve Gold

35 squat jumps



Achieve Silver

25 squat jumps



Achieve Bronze

10 squat jumps



Complete P.E.
INSPIRE LEARN SUCCEED



**YOUTH
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You're invited:

Mason Moor Museum

Thursday 28th March at 3:20pm

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.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize winners



Family Ticket to
Injoy Southampton



Family Ticket
to Go Ape



Family Ticket
Bowling



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*Is your child 3 or 4 years old?
Come and join our amazing new
Nursery!*

We offer 15-30 hours of provision, in our new Nursery with our fantastic team!

Your child can begin their Mason Moor journey and give them the best start to their education.

Visit our school office or our website for information on registering your child.

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