



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Thursday 28th March 2024

We have finally reached the end of the spring term and what a busy and jam-packed last couple of weeks it has been! Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 6 SATs information session last week and the SEND Coffee Morning this week.

Mason Moor Museum: Thank you to everyone who came to see the children's work and exhibits at the final Mason Moor Museum of 2023-2024. It was wonderful to see so many fabulous entries and children sharing their learning with you all and explain their models and creations.

Nursery enjoyed a walk around the local area on Tuesday to complement their study around animals and plants in our environment. They had a great time and saw dogs, cats, ants and birds! They also used descriptive language to describe the different plants they saw along the way, including 'giant trees'. The children did the school proud in how sensibly they walked and followed the road safety rules.

Saints Foundation: On Wednesday, a group of Year 3 and 4 children visited the SFC training ground to take part in a sports festival. They worked well as a team and got to experience a variety of sports they hadn't played before. As ever, our children represented Mason Moor impeccably and relished the chance to join in with such a wonderful event.

Bikeability has been a huge success this week. All children have made exceptional progress and enjoyed learning this important life skill. Many learnt how to cycle safely on the road using excellent observation and signalling. Well done Year 5!

Dates for your diary for Summer Term Week 1:

- Tue 16 April SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am (Hall)
- Tue 16 April English class for parents 9-10am
- Wed 17 April KS1 Topic Event 9-10am (more information to follow)
- Thu 18 April KS2 Topic Event 9-10am (more information to follow)

We wish all our families a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back in school safe and well on Monday 15th April.

#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

Whole School Attendance figures:



Year 5

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

Monday Morning Milkshake Winners



Year 5!

	Last Week	This Week
Nursery	88%	90%
Year R	90%	89%
Year 1	93.6%	92%
Year 2	91%	93%
Year 3	82%	86%
Year 4	98%	95%
Year 5	92%	97%
Year 6	87%	91%
Whole School	91%	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
Matipa	Ricardo	Evelyn

Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Noah
2 Blue	Reggie
3 Blue	Amina

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Arlindo
5 Blue	Alex
6 Blue	Lillie
6 Green	Josh

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Farhahnaz
1 Blue	Mahek
2 Blue	Millie
3 Blue	Amelia

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Mma
5 Blue	Maci
6 Blue	Sahin
6 Green	Lorenzo

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Ishat
1 Blue	Octavia
2 Blue	Shelby
3 Blue	Scarlett

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Jumana
5 Blue	Izaak
6 Blue	Miracle
6 Green	Katherine

Spotlight on PE

PE Word of the Week:
AGILITY

Definition:

The ability to move and change direction quickly whilst maintaining control.

PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1	Amina (Year 3)	KS2	Nathan (Year 4)
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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

As we come to the end of term, Nursery have been really busy continuing to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. The nursery children enjoyed their local walk this week where they saw lots of different flowers and animals/insects. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you in the new term.

The Ark

This week in the Ark, we have been focussing on counting and ordering numbers. Children have painted their own Easter Eggs which will go home with them to share with parents. Our Story Sack for this week has been the Three Little Pigs which children have really enjoyed.

Year R

This week has been very busy in Reception Blue. We have revisited pattern making, this time using 2D and 3D shapes. We have continued to explore character description in writing and as part of our Topic learning we have learnt about the Hindu festival of Holi. During Holi Hindus welcome in Spring by throwing coloured powders over their family and friends. Reception took part in a learning event where we welcomed Spring by throwing powdered paint at our friends and teachers - some of our grownups came out in the rain to watch this new learning event and we were excited to see them.

Year 1

This week we have been completing our spring 2 learning. We have learnt about Ernest Shackleton and his Antarctic exploration that left 28 men stranded in ice. We have finished our topic of Australia in Geography, the children really enjoyed thinking about the different jobs there are in Alice Springs. Year 1 has worked together to create a rocket for Astronaut Helen Sharma who is remembered for being the first British person in space!

Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we have continued our work on Fractions – recognising and finding halves and quarters. Geography work has continued on World Climates and we have been discussing the change in temperature/weather around the world. Our Reading lessons have continued through our book: “Goldilocks, Wanted Dead or Alive” and writing through Raymond Briggs’ version of Jim and the Beanstalk.

Year 3

This week Year 3 have been busy preparing for the Mason Moor Museum. We have been investigating the story of The Princes in the Tower and creating our own news reports based on the evidence. As Easter approaches we have been learning about the importance of symbols in Christianity.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been learning about The Last Supper and how it relates to Easter. We have been very busy finishing off our learning about insects in Science and discussing the importance of bees and their role in helping the planet. We have been busy thinking about our exhibits for the Museum. Thank you to those parents who helped with creations at home and came to see the wonderful work on Thursday afternoon.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week we have been creating volcanoes! Because we have been learning about them in geography this term, we decided as a class that we would make them together in groups! We are looking forward to exploding some of them tomorrow on the last day! In our reward time over the past couple of weeks we have also really enjoyed learning more about different types of music - we have been learning all about orchestras and the musicians that play in them. We even got to have a go at conducting a pretend orchestra!

Year 6

This week, we have continued our Reading lessons through our class novel, The Explorer. Children have also used their knowledge of this book to write their own narratives to retell part of the start of the story set in the Amazon Rainforest. In Maths, we have tackled some challenging tasks relating to the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes, parallelograms and triangles. In RE we have learnt about the Resurrection through the Easter Story and its importance to Christians. Children have enjoyed learning about the Rio Olympics – the pros and cons of this event from a monetary perspective. In computing, the children enjoyed film making through We Video.

Maple
Class

This week in Maple class we have been finishing off work relating to all our hard work when using different multiplication methods. In English we have been using our skills we have been learning in our topic 'writing to discuss' to write a review on a YouTube video. Maple class have also taken part in a sponsored walk as part of the Light the South Art Trail in Southampton to raise lifesaving funds for Southampton Children's Hospital. All the children did very well, WELL DONE MAPLE CLASS! Maple team wishes you all a very happy, safe Easter break!

MASON MOOR – Spring Term Attendance Awards

Mrs Deltrieu held a wonderful 100% Attendance Assembly on Wednesday and presented awards to those who had been great attenders in the Spring Term. She enjoyed picking children's names from a hat and children were excited to see and learn who the winners of this term's bikes and scooters were.

EYFS/KS1 Winner: Jimmy (Year 1) and Lillie (Year 2)

KS2 Winners: Charles (Year 5) and Katherine (Year 6)

In addition, all children whose attendance has been at 95% and above, enjoyed the reward of a disco in the hall on Tuesday. They had great fun dancing and enjoying the music, lights and snacks!

The termly attendance awards start afresh after Easter; to be eligible for these amazing prizes in July, please ensure you come to school every day!



Our proud bike and scooter winners who have had 100% attendance since January!

MASON MOOR MUSEUM – OUR WINNERS!

We were incredibly proud and fascinated with many of our children's exhibits for this term's **Mason Moor Museum**. It has been wonderful to see so many creative pieces and to talk to children about their learning and how this has been represented in the models they have made. We are so pleased to see this event going from strength to strength each term and it is so rewarding to see children so engaged with their learning across subjects and to be able to speak confidently about their knowledge and understanding. As such, it has been really hard to pick 3 winners and 4 runner up entries however the results are below:

1st Prize (Injoy Southampton)

Alek (Year 4)



2nd Prize (Go Ape)

Arlindo (Year 4)



3rd Prize (Bowling)

Isali (Year 6)



Runners Up: Ishat (Year R), Noah (Year 1), Shelby (Year 2) and Lailani (Year 6)



MASON MOOR - our week's learning in pictures



Saints Foundation Sports Activity Day



Nursery Local Area Walk.



Year R
Festival of
Holi.

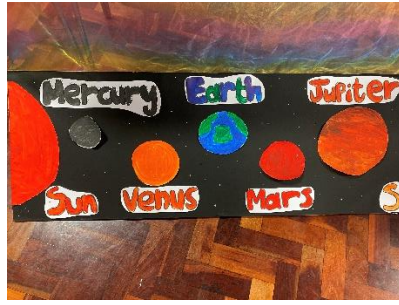


Learning in
The Ark.

Year 6 VR
Headsets and
Movie Making!



THE MASON MOOR MUSEUM SPRING TERM EXHIBITS



MACHU PICCHU

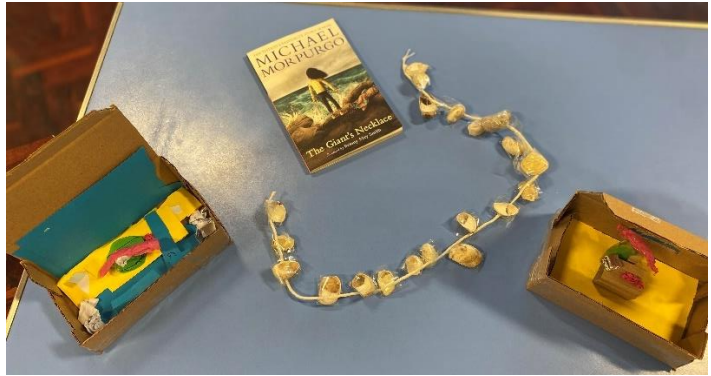
Why is Machu Picchu famous?

What was Machu Picchu built for?

Which mountain is Machu Picchu?

How long does it take to climb Machu Picchu?

	High	Moderate to high
Difficulty	High	Moderate to high
Climb time	1 hour approx (Cuzco)	2 hours approx (Cuzco)
Facilities available	400	400
Schedules of visit	4+ time intervals	2-time intervals



CLIMATE CHANGE

Effects of CLIMATE CHANGE
Some effects of climate change are:

- Rising sea levels
- More frequent and severe weather events
- Loss of biodiversity
- Thawing permafrost
- More frequent and severe droughts
- More frequent and severe flooding

What is CLIMATE CHANGE????
Climate change is the long-term shift in the Earth's average temperature and weather conditions. Changes have been observed in the Earth's climate since the 20th century.

Why does Climate Change happen?
The main cause of climate change is the increase in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Other factors include volcanic activity and changes in solar radiation.

What Can We Do To Stop Climate Change?
We can reduce our carbon footprint by using energy-efficient light bulbs, recycling, and driving less. We can also support renewable energy sources like wind and solar power.

SAVE OUR PLANET BECAUSE IT'S BECAUSE LATE!

CLIMATE CHANGE

What Can We Do To Stop Climate Change?

- Use energy-efficient light bulbs
- Recycle
- Drive less
- Support renewable energy
- Plant trees
- Conserve water
- Use public transport
- Reduce meat consumption
- Use cold weather clothing
- Use energy-efficient appliances
- Use energy-efficient windows
- Use energy-efficient doors
- Use energy-efficient roofs
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WHAT WE SAVE SAVED

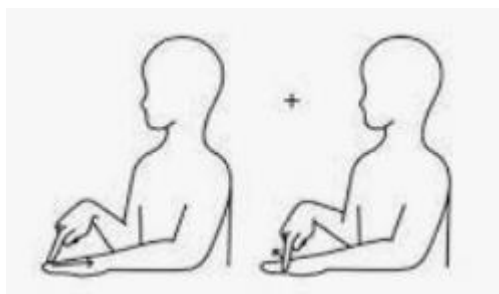
YEAR SIX

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:

Easter



Other News



MASON MOOR
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Year 6 Easter Revision School



EASTER SCHOOL for Year 6

Easter School will take place in the second week of the holidays. **2 days on Thursday 11th April and Friday 12th April from 9am to 11:30am.** All children can attend to receive additional and targeted support in preparation for their end of KS2 SATs that will take place in May. A letter went home this week. If you have not managed to send the attendance slip back, your child is still welcome to attend.

Childcare Choices

Reminder to parents:

Final weeks to apply for 15 or 30 hours childcare to start your place in April



Childcare support can help you to balance the job that you want with being a parent, while saving you more money on your family's childcare costs.

Remember to get your childcare code in time for your child to start a place this April. The link for more information to the page and how to apply is below:

<https://mailchi.mp/5c62c85a682e/reminder-to-parents-get-your-code-in-time-for-april?e=0df3f45392>

Reading

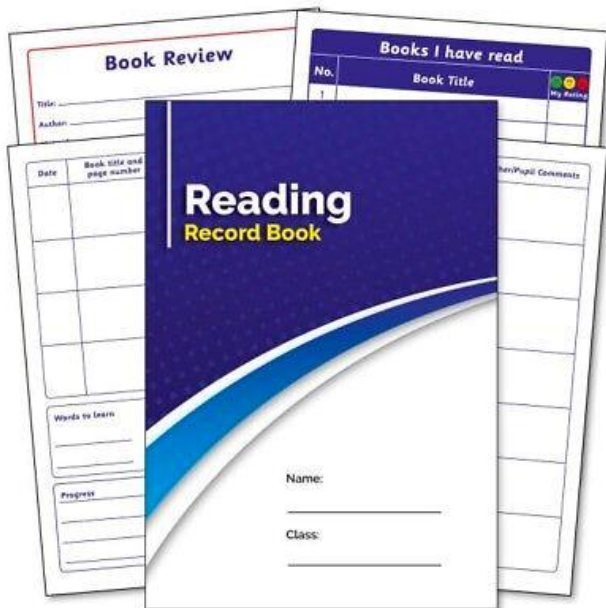


Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel.

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.

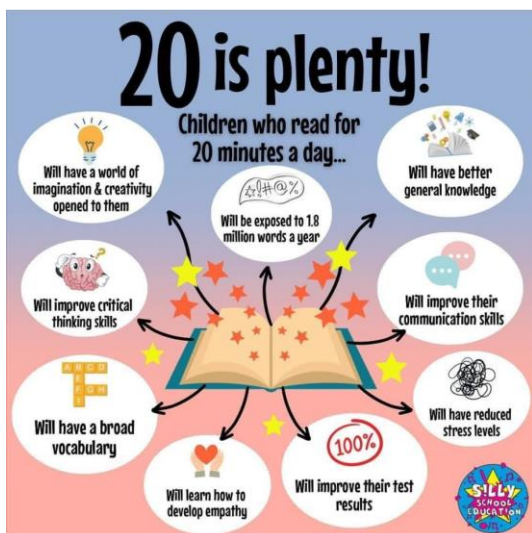


What should I write in my child's reading record?

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.**

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

1 Check your settings

2 Who will see your broadcast?

3 What information are you sharing?

4 Think before you broadcast

5 Who, and what, are you broadcasting? Do you have consent? ???

6 Report inappropriate broadcasts

HELPFUL TIPS

BEFORE YOU LIVE-STREAM...

FAMILY ONLINE SAFETY

LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming has become a popular feature of many apps and platforms. By understanding why it is popular, parents and carers can help children have a more positive online experience. There are several factors that can make watching or creating live streams potentially harmful for children::

- Content - If they're watching other people's live streams, children could be exposed to age-inappropriate content, including sexual or violent content.
- Offensive comments - If a young person's live stream is open to the public, viewers may be able to leave negative or inappropriate comment.
- Inappropriate contact - There can be hundreds of people watching a live stream, including people who might be looking to exploit children.

If you are worried about a child but unsure what to do contact NSPCC on 0808 800 5000. Alternatively you can speak to a school Designated Safeguarding Leader.



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 further 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 when the weather gets warmer (no vests or strappy tops please).

MASON MOOR – Summer Lunch Menu

The cost of a school meal is increasing to £2.95 from Monday 1st April. If your child has a school meal every day this will now be £14.75 per week. Healthy school meals are cooked on the premises and are available daily. There is a three weekly rolling menu detailing each day's main course and dessert. We also offer a vegetarian option, jacket potato or pasta option as main course.

The Government continues to support the Universal Infant Free School meals project, this means that all children, in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can be provided with a school meal free of charge. If your child is in Years 3-6, they can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. Please contact the school office for information or help in completing eligibility forms.

The lunch options for the 3 week rotation for the summer term are listed below:

Week 1: Week commencing: 15th April | 6th May | 3rd June | 24th June | 15th July | 9th Sept | 30th Sept | 21st Oct

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Choice	Italian chicken goujons	Chicken curry	Vegan sausage roll	Roast of the day (gammon/chicken/beef)	Fish fingers
2nd Choice	Tomato pasta	Pizza	Cheese ploughman	Sweet potato parcel	Sweet & sour meat free balls
3rd choice	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans
Vegetable/Salad Selection	Potato wedges Seasonal vegetables & salad	Rice Potato of the day Seasonal vegetables & salad	Sweet potato mash Seasonal vegetables & salad	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables & salad	Rice Chips Seasonal vegetables & salad
Dessert	Marble shortbread Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Banana cake Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Ice cream Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Mini flapjack with fruit wedges Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Fruit yoghurt muffin Seasonal fruit & yoghurt

Week 2: Week commencing: 22nd April | 13th May | 10th June | 1st July | 22nd July | 16th Sept | 7th Oct

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Choice	Chicken nuggets	Beef Bolognese	Vegan sausage hot dog	Roast chicken	Salmon fishcake
2nd Choice	Vegetable goujons	Pizza	Quorn & bean patty	Golden potato cake	Rainbow pizza French bread
3rd choice	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans
Vegetable/Salad Selection	Waffle fries Seasonal vegetables & salad	Potato of the day Seasonal vegetables & salad	Mini potato bites Seasonal vegetables & salad	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables & salad	Chips Seasonal vegetables & salad
Dessert	Vanilla crunch Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Summer muffin Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Mini oatly cookie with fruit wedges Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Chocolate crinkle cookie Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Iced sponge Seasonal fruit & yoghurt

Week 3: Week commencing: 29th April | 20th May | 17th June | 8th July | 2nd Sept | 23rd Sept | 14th Oct

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Choice	Pork sausages	BLT wrap	Macaroni cheese	Roast chicken	Fish fingers
2nd Choice	Vegetarian Bolognese	Pizza	Quorn nuggets	Vegan sausage turnover	Mexican cheese quesadilla
3rd choice	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans
Vegetable/Salad Selection	Creamy mash Seasonal vegetables & salad	Potato of the day Seasonal vegetables & salad	Potato wedges Seasonal vegetables & salad	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables & salad	Chips Seasonal vegetables & salad
Dessert	Ice cream Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Fruit brownie Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Iced shortbread Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Mini blondie cracknel with fruit wedges Seasonal fruit & yoghurt	Apple slice Seasonal fruit & yoghurt