



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

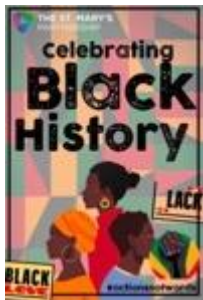
WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 25th October 2024

Pupil of the Day! On Monday we started Pupil of the Day. It has been wonderful to hear the different compliments the children have been sharing with each other, as well as the positive affirmations that parents and carers have been sending in too. Thank you for your support with making this a successful start.

Year 1 Art Gallery Trip... This week year 1 visited Southampton Art Gallery where they took part in making clay hedgehogs and habitats. Their designs and creations are amazing. I have enjoyed listening to the children, who excitedly told me all about their trip and what they enjoyed most about their day.



We have been celebrating Black History Week - during this week the children have been celebrating the diverse community of Southampton. Children from across the school have been taking part in different lessons and activities so that they can see how we all fit together in our Mason Moor family and in the wider world. It has been really lovely to share the children's work and they have shown a great sense of pride and achievement. We are very proud of them.

Half term - Next week is half term. This has been a long half term and the children have shown resilience and determination. I am very proud of each and every child at Mason Moor. I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday. We are looking forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 5th November.

Fireworks Display - The PTFA at Valentine Primary School are hosting a Fireworks Display on Sunday 3rd November. There are flyers in our school reception if you are interested - we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Communication - We know that so many of you are very busy but we would like to remind you that if you have any worries or concerns we are here to listen to you. Please make an appointment via the school office.

We hope you have a wonderful half term and that the sun comes out.

#teammasonmoor

Mrs Ashbolt-Smith | Deputy Head Teacher

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.



MASON MOOR ATTENDANCE: 91%

Class Cake Winners

Whole School Attendance figures:



Year 4

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

	This Week	Difference
Nursery	88%	
Year R	93%	+4%
The Ark	69%	
Year 1	88%	+2%
Year 2	89%	+2%
Year 3	92.5%	-2.5%
Year 4	93%	-1%
Year 5	93%	-3%
Year 6	90%	+2%
Whole School	91%	-2%

Attendance Update



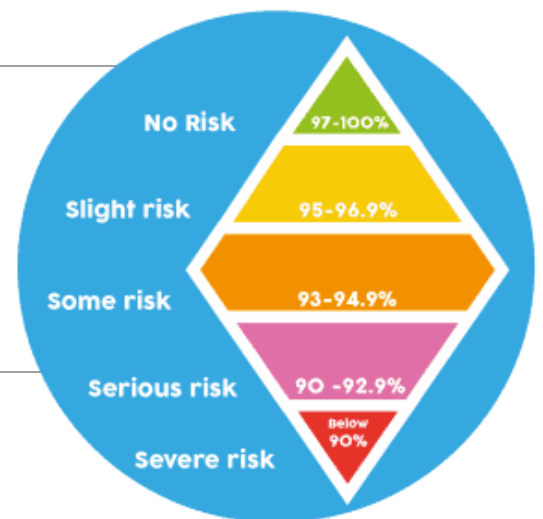
Our **97%** attendance target is still achievable this year if we work together on ensuring children are in school every day and not missing out on learning.

Our overall attendance to date is **91%** this is an improvement on last year where it was **90%**

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.

Speak to us if you are having difficulties.



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



GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS Children

Nursery	The Ark	R Blue
Millie	Oscar	Tyrion

Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Farahnaz
2 Blue	Kaiyra
3 Blue	Delilah
Pathways	Leo

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Nana
5 Blue	Kalum
6 Blue	Simay & Alex

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Kaya
1 Blue	Logan
2 Blue	Layla
3 Blue	Savannah S

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Anumi
5 Blue	Amy
6 Blue	Charlies
Pathways	Olivia

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Shayan
1 Blue	Willow
2 Blue	Zaviyar
3 Blue	TJ

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Levi
5 Blue	Panashe
6 Blue	Evie

Learning at Mason Moor:

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been celebrating Diwali through looking at Rangoli patterns and making diwas. This will lead into our topic for next half term, "I wonder what is special." We have focused on Autumn through our story, 'Listen to Autumn.' We used natural resources to create collages, developing our artistic skills and finding our own resources. Our nursery has had an amazing start to the year!

The Ark

To complete our unit, 'I wonder what changes,' we have been revising all we have learnt to summarise how we have changed! We invited our parents in to see our learning and explore activities together. We are so proud of the incredible progress the class have made! Ready for next half term, we have started to explore festivals and all the reasons we are special. Well done for an amazing first half term!

Year R

This week in Year R we have been continuing to understand the changes that take place in Autumn. We have focussed on the changing weather and how some animals are getting ready to hibernate for the winter. Using items we gathered on our Autumn walk we have made collages and hedgehogs.

Year 1

We had our first trip to the Art Gallery this week which was amazing! Every child was so creative with the clay to make their own unique habitat for their hedgehog. Additionally, we've been learning about Mary Seacole from Black History, understanding the challenges she faced, which will culminate in a tin foil statue!

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning to add two 2-digit numbers in maths. The children used concrete manipulatives such as base 10 to support them with working out their calculations. For Black History Month, we have been learning about the music of James Brown. In addition, Year 2 made Djembe drums out of various materials to play along to a James Brown track.

Year 3

During the last week, Year 3 have been learning all about the British artist, Lubaina Himid. We have been looking at how she uses vibrant and bright colours in her work. Year 3 have learnt how Lubaina Himid invents names and background stories for each character that she creates. We have also been completing our diary entries for Leo, a character in our ancient Greek story.

Year 4

Things come in all different 2D shapes and sizes! This week we've been looking at all our quadrilaterals, trapezia and triangles. We've had lots of fun using our geoboards to draw them and we've even played "guess the shape." For Black History Month, Year 4 are working hard on their spoken poems, which we're going to read out and showcase at the end of the week. Our inspiration is Maya Angelou's beautiful work 'Caged Bird.'

Year 5

In year 5 this week, we have been looking at the Windrush generation and writing our own narrative as if we were on the Windrush. Additionally, we have been working really hard on our division this week, even when it gets really hard, year 5 kept up their determination using their key vocabulary, multiplication grids and counters. Well done year 5! Have a lovely half term break.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy final week of term. In writing we have written a report all about light and how our eyes work, everyone wrote an outstanding piece of work and should be very proud of themselves. In maths we have been learning about equivalent fractions and how to simplify our answers. We have enjoyed finishing our history and geography topics and looking forward to learning about the Victorians after half term. Enjoy your half term and see you all soon!

Pathways

This week in Pathways we have been focusing on adjectives within our writing lessons and how to use them to describe our classroom. In maths we have been practising our number bonds to 10, 20 and 50. On Monday we held our Pathways Disco and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying the different music.

Nurture

In Nurture, we have been working together to learn about and celebrate Black History. We have been doing this through a range of activities. We shared a beautiful book called 'Sulwe' and discussed how differences make us all amazing. We have also looked at famous black people from the past and made our own African textiles. We hope you have a wonderful half term.

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:

Fireworks



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PE Word of the Week:

Wellness

Definition:

The quality or state of being in good health. The process of learning about and engaging in behaviours that are likely to result in optimal health.

PE thought of the week.

“Continuous effort—not strength or intelligence—is the key to unlocking our potential.”

PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1

Evelyn (Year 1)

KS2

Simay (Year 6)

Learning this week

KS1 & KS2 have continued to build on their Attack, Defend & Shoot skills through basketball in Autumn 1.

Learning has been focused on understanding the points system in Basketball through round robin tournaments for KS2. In the 'Attack, Defend, Shoot' unit we have been building ways to attack & Defend in mini team games in KS1.



Please see a Challenge Card from below for the children to take part in over half term.

CHALLENGE CARD THE PE HUB
Session 9

AGILITY: Two feet tactic

Set up 6 – 7 balls if you have available or balled up socks will work perfectly well. Place them out in a line as per the diagram. The idea is to grip the ball or socks between your feet and jump sideways to the other side of the line without dropping it.

Extension: Vary the objects, try small pillows, different sized balls. Try and jump further, attempt jumping in different directions.



COORDINATION: Hot Paper

Scrunch up a piece of A4 paper to make it into a ball. Have a little practice hitting it up with your hands. Now take 3 turns to get your personal best score. After you have achieved your personal best, you now have 3 turns to try and beat your score. If you drop it or catch it that turn is over.

Extension: To make it more challenging, create yourself a little circle. You now must try again but you cannot leave your circle.



BALANCE: Push away

You will need a long tube, for example; cardboard from wrapping paper or a sweeping brush and some balled socks. Standing on one foot how far away from you can you push the ball without falling over. Use a marker to mark how far you get your socks. Now can you try balancing on your other foot. On which foot are you able to push the sock the furthest away?



After School Clubs - We have set up all the clubs on School Cloud and they are ready to go live at 4pm on Friday 25th October. All clubs will start the first week back and end w/b 9th December 24.

Just so you know, the clubs we are running are below:

Tuesday - Sewing Club Year 1 and 2 (Elisa Day)

Tuesday - Football Club Year 5 and 6 (Andy Bauck)

Thursday - PLPS Multi Sports SFC Year 4,5 and 6 (Andy Bauck & SFC)

Thursday - Cooking Year 3 and 4 (Sofia Fantaye)

Our week in pictures









A message from Ms Birkett – we only have a few places left in Breakfast Club. If you are interested, please let a member of the office team know!



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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.

<https://www.masonmoorprimary.co.uk/contact-us>