



MASON MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 8th November 2024

Welcome back to all our families! We hope you all had a restful half term break. Autumn 1 was a very long half term (8 weeks) and all children worked hard to ensure they were still learning throughout the time. Children have settled after coming back after the break, however, we do understand that situations can happen over the half term break. There are adults in school to always support and discuss if you have any concerns surrounding events that have happened outside of school.

Reception open days! It has been lovely to see new and returning families visit the school ready for school applications for Year R places. We will be holding more parent sessions over the next month and sending these out to new parents and continuing parents.

Bikeability! Well done to the Year 5 children who have taken part in bikeability this week! They have worked hard to improve their cycling skills with many children working on the road improving their safety.



Swimming! The swimming pool is back and the Year 3 and 4 children have been loving their swimming lessons. Lessons for Year 3 and 4 will continue until Friday 22nd November. From Monday 25th November Year 5 and 6 will begin swimming until Friday 13th December. During the week beginning 16th December children from Year 1, 2, The Ark and Pathways will have a chance to swim and experience the water.

Events next week

- Tue 12 November SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am
- Tue 12 November EAL class for parents 9-10am
- Tue 12 November KS1 Movie & Popcorn 3:30-4:30 £2
- Thu 14 November KS2 Movie & Popcorn 3:30-5:00 £2

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Mrs Bauck | Head of School

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: 93%

Class Cake Winners

Whole School Attendance figures:



Year 2

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

	This Week	Difference
Nursery	88%	+9%
Year R	93%	+3%
The Ark	92%	-2%
Year 1	83%	-8%
Year 2	97%	+9%
Year 3	94%	-1%
Year 4	89%	-1%
Year 5	96%	0%
Year 6	90%	-2%
Whole School	93%	0%

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
Harley	George	Tommy

Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Willow
2 Blue	Teddy
3 Blue	David
Pathways	Ade

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Matthew P
5 Blue	Poyraz
6 Blue	Hugo

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Shayan
1 Blue	Ishat
2 Blue	Jimmy
3 Blue	Shellby

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Amina
5 Blue	Lakshan
6 Blue	Chanuthi
Pathways	Olivia

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Denver
1 Blue	Habila
2 Blue	Zayd
3 Blue	Rosie

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Milleah
5 Blue	Miles
6 Blue	Jaiden
Pathways	Leo

Learning at Mason Moor:

Nursery

This week in nursery we have been exploring our new topic 'I wonder what is special'. The children have created their own firework pictures for Bonfire night and looked at the different patterns and prints we could create using mixed media. This week the children have started a brand new phonics programme 'Pip and Pap Rainbow' which is based around those pre phonics skills to support them for when they move up to Year R.

The Ark

This week we have started our new topic; I wonder what is special. We have looked at 2 special festivals – fireworks night and Halloween. We made a “pumpkin” soup and fireworks pictures out of different messy materials. In maths, we have explored “more” and “less,” using different items in our classroom to show this. We have had an amazing first week back!

Year R

This week in maths we have been learning to organise items around the classroom from smallest to largest. In English we have been reading the book Pumpkin Soup and have been using our phonic knowledge to listen for the initial sounds in the story. We have also learned about Diwali and created our own lamps.

Year 1

In Year 1, this week we have been learning about shapes in Maths, building on their knowledge of 2D shapes to move up into 3D. It would be incredibly helpful if they continue using their maths vocabulary at home. For example, 'what 3D shape is this can of beans? How many faces and edges does it have?'

In writing they have been reading a book named 'Here We Are', all about sea, land, space and how humans fit in on our planet in this vast universe. They are working towards writing their own setting description of the sea. Get them to describe the world and objects around them at home! Push them for more than one descriptor/adjective.

Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we have been reading our new English book, 'A Perfect Spot' by Isabelle Simler. We learned about the journey of a ladybird and its quest for a perfect spot. From this, we generated new vocabulary to use in our sentences about the ladybird. In maths, we have been continuing our learning on adding two 2-digit numbers with regrouping. The children used dienes to support them with their counting. Please ask your child to show you what they have learnt this week!

Year 3

Even though this week has been four school days for the children, we have fit in a lot. Swimming has been a feature of the mornings with year 3 enjoying the experience of learning to swim in the temporary heated pool. In computing we learnt how the internet is a global community. We looked at the many benefits and risks of the internet. In other subjects we have started to learn about various features of China, which is the thread for our learning journey for this half-term.

Year 4

Year 4

Time to dive into a new term! Literally. Year 4 have started swimming this week and they've all done brilliantly. Miss Jablonska might have to start teaching her lessons underwater. We've started a new book in our writing lessons and made clay pots to get ourselves into the Roman spirit. Maths has been all about shapes, angles and triangles, so see if you can spot any around you on your way home this week.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy week with bikeability, Miss Bidgood is so proud of each of you for finding the confidence to start riding on the road. Well done. We have created our remembrance display and learnt about all of the brave soldiers during the wars. In reading, we have started to look at our new book, 'The song of the Dolphin Boy'. It links well with our geography topic of seas and oceans around the world and we can't wait to see where we go next in the book.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy week back after half term. We have enjoyed reading our novel for this term - 'Lightning Strike.' We're excited to find out what will happen to Eliza. In writing we are using the picture book 'Varmints' to construct our writing. We have enjoyed watching the 20 minute film adaptation of it too! We are excited to start learning about electricity and The Victorians this term too.

Pathways

In pathways this week we have been exploring $\frac{1}{2}$ as a fraction and using our nouns and adjectives in writing. We have also been making friendship bracelets in PSHE with compliments on for our friends and using our outdoor learning area to discover different leaf's.

Nuture

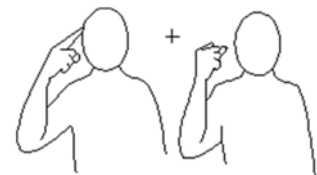
In nurture this week we have been learning about London and it's landmarks and why the River Thames is so important. We have also did some creative activities to help embed our knowledge. We have created skylines with paint and collage, made models with paper and even tried to build our own bridges.

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:

Remember



PE Word of the Week:

Interception

Definition:

When a defender is able to catch an attempted pass being thrown from a ball carrier to a teammate to affect a turnover.

PE thought of the week.

'If you had FUN, then you won!'

PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1

Habila - Year 1

KS2

Ryan - Year 4

Learning this week

This week the children in KS2 have started their Tag-Rugby unit of work. We focussed on passing and receiving the ball accurately, and applied these skills in some fun tagging games.

In KS1 the children have started their Gymnastics unit of work. The children have discussed the 5 main skills in gymnastics, balance, travel, flight, rotation and shape. This week the children explored different shapes we can make with our bodies.

Bikeability - Year 5

This week Year 5 had a fantastic opportunity to complete Bikeability Training. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads. The children practised, starting and stopping, signalling and observation skills, on the playground and on the local roads. Congratulations to our year 5 pupils for completing this vital training.

Our week in pictures

Shapes



Straight



Straddle



Tuck



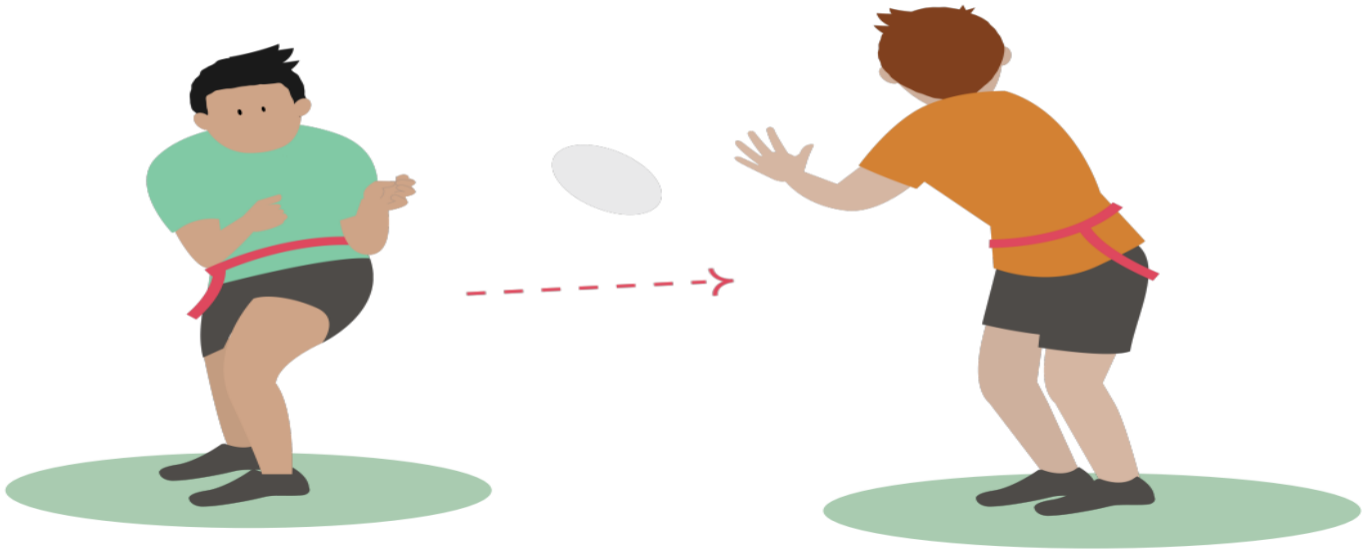
Pike



Star



Short Passing





Discovery Time in the Ark.
We explored different small world activities, made fireworks pictures and a pumpkin soup!





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!



MASON MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



*Is your child 3 or 4 years old?
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Visit our school office or our website for information on registering your child.

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

Upcoming Events



Mason Moor Movie Night!



Coming to you...

KS1

On Tuesday 12th November

&

KS2

On Thursday 14th November

3:20-4:30pm £2 entry

Popcorn and drinks provided



Mason Moor Will Be Supporting
Children In need



On

Friday 18th November

Please wear your **best Spots** or
non-uniform with a donation!



Mason Moor CRAZY HAIR DAY!

Friday 6th December

Do Your Hair However You Dare!

We ask for a £1 Donation for your marvellous creation!





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