



# MASON MOOR

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher News | Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

**Arty Party week:** From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Arty Party will be visiting us for the week. Arty Party is a London-based company that specialises in art sculptures and installations. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to be involved in creating some wonderful nature-inspired art pieces that will be installed around the school.

**IMPORTANT Swimming information!** Due to the colder weather Years 3 and 4 have had limited chance to swim this week. Therefore, Years 3 and 4 will continue swimming until Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Years 5 and 6 will start swimming from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The Ark and Pathways will swim on the last day of term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Years 1 and 2 will have a chance to swim in after school clubs – more information is to follow for those parents/carers. Thank you for your support around providing an appropriate swimming kit.

**Reading** - Please support your child to read for ten minutes each day. Reading helps your child's wellbeing and develops their imagination. Please encourage your child to read every day. If you need any help or support please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

**Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree!** Today children were invited to pick our school Christmas Tree for the hall, they had the best time looking at the trees and selected the right one for the hall. We cannot wait to see the tree in the hall and for all our children to help decorate it.



**#teammasonmoor**

**Mrs Natasha Cox** | Associate Assistant 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.



# MASON MOOR ATTENDANCE: 88%

### Class Cake Winners



**Year 5**

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

### Whole School Attendance figures:

	This Week	Difference
Nursery	66%	-22%
Year R	83%	-6%
The Ark	84%	-10%
Year 1	79%	+14%
Year 2	89%	+1%
Year 3	93%	-2%
Year 4	92%	+2%
Year 5	94%	-2%
Year 6	83%	-9%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>-7%</b>

### 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	Lottie

### Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	David
2 Blue	Lola
3 Blue	Abigail
Pathways	Evie

### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Kiven
5 Blue	Dolly
6 Blue	Aaron

## Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

### EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Jobi
1 Blue	Frankie
2 Blue	Marnie
3 Blue	Finley

### Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Luke
5 Blue	Freddie
6 Blue	Maci
Pathways	Olivia

## READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

### EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Kaya
1 Blue	Aeigin
2 Blue	Lacey
3 Blue	Lincoln

### Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Jaylah
5 Blue	Oscar
6 Blue	Simay
Pathways	Ade

## Learning at Mason Moor:

### Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children have finished their last week of 'The Leaf Man'. We have completed our self portraits for the display and buried ourselves in leaves outside. In line with Phonics the children have been exploring sounds using musical instruments to recognise and differentiate.

Reminder: 29th nursery will be holding a craft session in the AM and PM.

### The Ark

We have continued our Lead Man learning this week, exploring facial expressions using natural resources. In maths, we explored addition, using different resources to add up to 5. During Shared Attentions sessions, we were excited to explore new vocabulary with different textures. Our favourite activity was seeing what was inside the balloons!

### Year R

This week in Year R we have been learning the structure of a story. We have come up with some great ideas on different endings to our story Fox's Favourite Autumn. In phonics the children have been working hard to recognise their letter sounds and how to form these letters. In maths, we have been exploring different ways on making numbers up to 10 and how to form these numbers.

### Year 1

This week's numeracy has been focused on introducing numbers 11 to 19, thinking about how we understand numbers as they get larger. Get them to think about 11 to 19 as 'Ten and some more'. Can they write the corresponding number when they hear twelve, or eleven? Why do they think thirteen is written as 13? (Because it's ten and 3 more)

They've also been learning about animals and their features in science. Think about some of the more atypical animals or features to help them build their vocabulary and curiosity. Why do they think antelope have horns? Build on their ideas with some leading questions to give them their own eureka moments

### Year 2

In Year 2 this week, in history we have been learning about the Egyptians and their Gods and Goddesses. In maths, we have been learning about fractions. We looked at halves, quarters and thirds. The children drew their own shapes to show these fractions. We discussed where fractions are seen and used in real life, such as  $\frac{1}{2}$  a pizza or  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a chocolate bar. In writing, we have been planning and writing our own narrative about the ladybird from the book 'A Perfect Spot' by Isabel Simler. Please ask your children about their learning this week.

### Year 3

In maths, Year 3 have been revisiting and learning different times tables. We started with the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and then moved on to learn the 3 times tables before the 4s and 8s. We have continued our journey of learning about ancient China in history and this week we learnt about the Great Wall of China.

### Year 4

Hear ye, hear ye! The results are in. We've officially elected a new School Councillor-congratulations to Milleah! She's promised to petition for a new class pet. Miss Jablonska is going to need to see her best persuasive writing techniques, if that's the goal for this term. Speaking of writing, year 4 have been working hard on their descriptions of a Roman market. We could almost taste the delicious, juicy fruits and vegetables when we were reading our sentences. In Science, we're learning all about solids, liquids and gases. Although jam proved a bit of a tricky one to classify...what do you think?

### Year 5

In year 5 this week, we had a virtual reading lesson with Alex T Smith. We learnt all about the characters in his new book Murder! By Narwhal! Additionally, we have finished our unit on fractions and I am so proud of you all for your determination and hard work! Keep it up Year 5.

### Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy week this week. We have started learning about William Shakespeare in writing and have started to learn the story of Macbeth. We are enjoying reading Lightning Strike and finding out about the rebellion that is going to take place. Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this week within maths especially with their work in division! Keep this up and well done Y6!

### Pathways

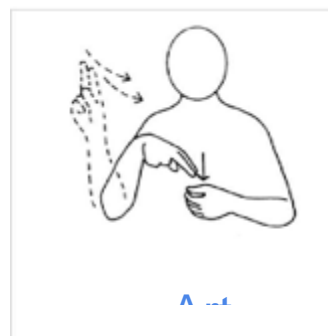
This week in Pathways we have been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes in maths, creating christmas cards for vulnerable people and created our own snakes and ladders boards.

The pupils have also enjoyed their "round robin" of Phonics, reading, times tables and handwriting, everyday.

## 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:



PE Word of the Week:

# Possession

Definition:

State of having, owning or controlling something  
e.g. - your team having the ball in tag rugby



PE thought of the week:

Winners don't always win.  
They just don't give up!



## PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1

Milly (Year 3)

KS2

Luke (Year 4)

### Learning this week

This week children in KS2 continued their Tag Rugby unit of work. We explored how to pass a rugby ball. The children learnt that the ball needs to be passed backwards and we need to use a 'tick tock' motion.

In KS1 the children have continued with gymnastics. This week we explored 'flight' (jumping) in more depth and started to link this with rotation. The children are working on the 5 skills within gymnastics with the aim of creating a routine before Christmas. (The 5 skills are: flight, shape, rotation, balance, travel)



# Our week in pictures

## Flight and Shapes in Gymnastics, What shapes can you see?





This week year 4 learnt how to pass backwards in Tag Rugby. The children made eye contact, put the ball on their pocket and passed in a smooth 'tick tock' motion.

Passing back



The Attendance clock started our morning off with a **Party in the playground** and gave out lots of stickers!



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?  
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>**

## Upcoming Events

- 26th November- Parents Evening
- 29th November- Nursery Crafts sessions  
am session 9 am- 9:45 am  
pm session 2:30-3:15
- 5th December- Amazing Andrew- Attendance reward
- 6th December- Crazy hair day £1 Donation
- 10th December- KS1 Disco Night 3:20- 4:30pm FREE
- 11th December- Senior Leadership Team forum 9am
- 12th December- KS2 Disco Night 3:20-4:30pm FREE
- 13th December- Year 6 National History Trip



Mason Moor Welcomes...




AMAZING ANDREW

...For Our 96% and Above Attendance Award!

The Amazing Andrew is an entertainer of the first degree performing hilarious slick magical children's entertainment and also Close-Up Magic across Hampshire, Surrey, West Sussex and the surrounding areas. Andrew is an exciting, professional and original performer who is the perfect choice for entertaining children of all ages and their families.



Check him out




Mason Moor CRAZY HAIR DAY!  
Friday 6th December

Do Your Hair However You Dare!


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



 **MASON MOOR**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents Evening  
Tuesday 26th November 2024

Please remember to book on SchoolCloud for your child's  
Parents Evening



SchoolCloud - Mason Moor Primary School

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You're invited:

## Mason Moor Museum

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

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.

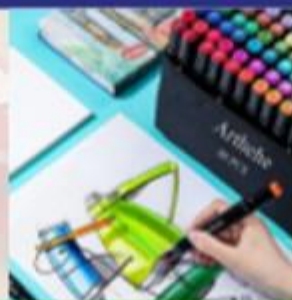


Entries could represent study in Art, History, Geography, English, Maths, Science – anything at all! Resources available from school.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize winners



Kids Android  
tablet



Creative Art set



£35 Waterstones  
voucher