



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 6th December 2024

Christmas is coming! The children have been working together to decorate the Christmas Tree in the hall. It has been wonderful to see their teamwork and listening to others skills develop as they share their ideas. The tree is beginning to look magnificent and I can not wait to see the finished article!

Who to contact - it has been great to have feedback from parents who have shared they are not sure who they can contact in the first instance if there is a worry or something to share with school. Please see the list below:

ARK - Ms Kennett
Nursery - Ms Howes
Year R - Mr McSwiggan
Year 1 - Mr Hassan
Year 2 - Mrs Cox
Year 3 - Mr Sharman
Year 4 - Ms Jablonska
Year 5 - Ms Bidgood
Year 6 - Ms Adie

Mason Moor Museum! A reminder to all parents and carers that the Mason Moor Museum is on Friday 20th December at 1.30pm. The children will be dismissed from classes at this time and then everyone is welcome to attend the event. We cannot wait to see all the pieces that children will create over the coming weeks. If you need any resources please let your class teacher know and they can support.

Swimming - it has been fantastic seeing so many children enjoying the swimming pool and taking a positive and active part in their swimming lessons. Thank you parents and carers for sending in swimming kits, we know that it can be a challenge to change over wet kit into dry kit for the following day. Your support is really appreciated.

#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: 89%

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.

	This Week	Difference
Nursery	88%	+0%
Year R	90%	+2%
The Ark	89%	-5%
Year 1	85%	-8%
Year 2	91%	+3%
Year 3	84%	-7%
Year 4	89%	-1%
Year 5	93%	-3%
Year 6	88%	-4%
Whole School	89%	-5%

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	Siem	Tyrion

Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Habila
2 Blue	Curtis
3 Blue	Lincoln
Pathways	Isaac Swan

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Levi
5 Blue	Alex
6 Blue	Simay

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Rouella
1 Blue	Patryk
2 Blue	Miki
3 Blue	Toby

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Amelia
5 Blue	Nshira
6 Blue	Callum
Pathways	Adi Daniel

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Maya
1 Blue	David
2 Blue	Harper
3 Blue	Shellby

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Hila
6 Blue	Alex
Pathways	Nate Oakley

Learning at Mason Moor:

Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have been enjoying reading *The Christmas tree with Pip and Posy*. We have worked together to bring the Christmas spirit into the nursery by decorating our own tree, creating decorations and starting our Christmas carols. In maths this week the children have recapped 'Less' and 'More' using baubles and miniature Christmas characters.

The Ark

This week in The Ark we have been embedding our skills this half term and getting ready for Christmas! In bucket time, we made our own Christmas wreath and then used our fine motor skills to decorate the trees! In maths, we explored numbers to 10, ready for our next topic of learning. We have exciting Christmas events over the next two weeks and our children are already excited for the festivities!

Year R

This week we have been looking at the book "We're going on an Elf Chase". We have been using our phonic sounds to help us read and write some of the words from the story, we also had a lot of fun trying to find the elves which are hidden in the book. In maths we have been learning about repeated patterns not only with different colours but with different shapes and sizes. We have been creating patterns for our friends to try and continue. In our topic we have been learning songs for our nativity performance and understanding what happens during the nativity and why it is an important time to celebrate.

Year 1

In Year 1 we have been looking at doubling and halving in Maths, closely matching them to real life analogies like 'Buy one get one free' and 'sharing equally with a friend'. These two are often easily mixed up so take any opportunity to differentiate them in real life examples! Would you like double the squash in your drink? Two spoons instead of one? Would you like half as many carrots? etc.

Many of them are continuing work on their literacy and building a strong reliance on forming words with sounds they know. Applaud their attempts when they are plausible (spelling correct or not).

Year 2

In Year 2, we have been learning about the lifecycle of a ladybird. The children were keen to know about the different stages to complete a life cycle, and have learnt a new word 'metamorphosis'. In maths, we have been learning about the properties of 3-D shapes. We investigated different shapes to find out how many faces, vertices and edges each shape has. In addition, we have looked at how many 2-D shapes make up a 3-D shape. For example, we learnt that a cube consists of 6 squares each making a face.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been reading the book 'The Great Race', which is a mythological book about how the Chinese years were named. We found out that members of the class were either born in the year of the monkey or the year of the rooster. In writing we then looked at the animals of the Chinese zodiac and how they were described in our book.

Our learning in Maths has been about fractions - and as part of this we enjoyed dividing some chocolate into equal parts!

Year 4

How many ways can Miss Jablonska split her cake? Maths this week has been all about fractions. We've explored different quantities and equivalents, but the biggest slice always seems to go to our teacher. Geography saw us discover more about the taiga and we made some lovely presentations about what it might be like to live there. (Very, very, VERY cold it turns out). Those of us with incredible attendance were even treated to a magic show!

Year 5

This week in year 5, we have been writing letters to loved ones in the perspective of the protagonist from 'The Arrival'. Everyone worked really hard on this and I am very proud of each of you. We have also been very busy making Christmas tree decorations and some decorations for our classroom. They look beautiful and show just how talented each of you are. Well done year 5!

Year 6

Year 6 has had a very busy week. Year 6 have been learning about William Shakespeare's Macbeth, we have used a script and performed Macbeth in the hall and on the stage. The children have enjoyed exploring drama through Macbeth and did an outstanding job performing on the stage. We are now writing a newspaper article using the story of Macbeth. In history this week we have looked at education in Victorian Britain and compared it to how school is in 2024, we all agreed school is much better in 2024 than in 1880. Keep up this fantastic work year 6!

Pathways

This week in Pathways we have been exploring how to measure in maths. We have measured Chocolate bars, animals and pictures using Centimetres. We have also started decorating our classroom to spread Christmas cheer. We have made bunting and Christmas tree decorations.

The children have also started to enjoy fire based activities in the outdoor classroom.

Nurture

In nurture we have been helping Mrs Claus in the decoration dash when we have finished our class learning. We have made gingerbread houses, Christmas trees, snowflakes and wreaths. We text Santa Claus too to make sure we were all on the good list. Also we really enjoyed our Writing this week where we had our faces painted so we could imagine how the animals in the story "The great race" imagined how it would feel to be the dragon, the tiger and the cat.

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:



Winter/Cold

Spotlight on PE

PE Word of the Week:

Creativity

Definition:

the use of imagination or original ideas to create or invent something.



PE thought of the week:

Don't aspire to be the best on the team, aspire to be the best for the team!



PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1

Curtis (Year 2)

KS2

Macie Mae (Year 6)

Learning this week

This week children in KS2 continued their Tag Rugby unit of work. We explored how to pass a rugby ball in some small-sided games. The children learnt that the ball needs to be passed backwards and we support the ball carrier.

In KS1 the children have continued with gymnastics. This week we explored 'travel' and '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



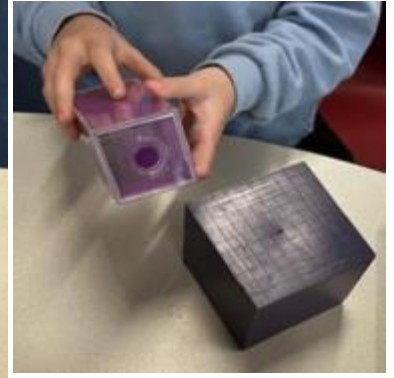
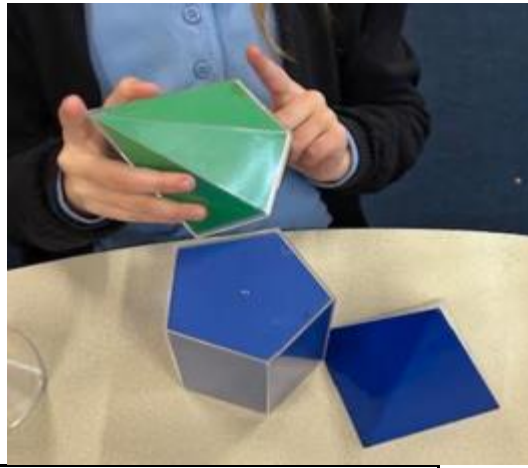
Here we have a Pathways pupil creating a Christmas bunting for the classroom to start spreading the Christmas cheer.



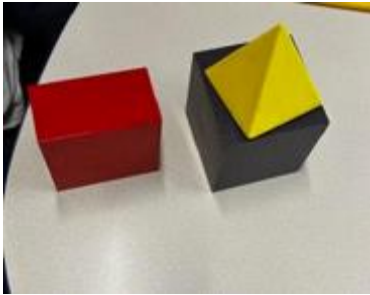
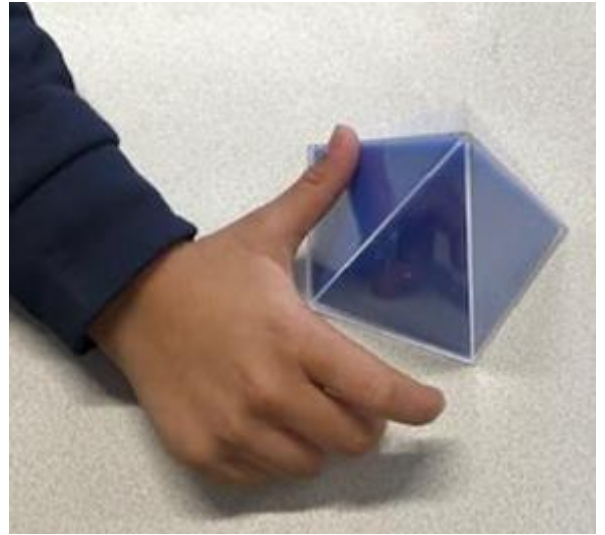
The Ark have been practicing their numbers to 10 and learning how to order numbers in different ways.



Working together in nurture to make a very fiddly wreath for Mrs Claus, and then getting into character for our writing.



Year 2 - Learning about shape in maths



This week the Nursery and Year R have been collaborating to decorate the Christmas tree and their outdoor area.

Attendance Reward Magic Show with the Amazing Andrew



Congratulations to all the children that achieved over 96% attendance! We all had a magical time watching The Amazing Andrew. He had us all belly laughing. We hope to see even more children attending at our next Attendance Awards!

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 10th December - KS1 Disco Night 3:20- 4:30pm FREE
- Wednesday 11th December - Senior Leadership Team forum 9-10am
- Thursday 12th December - KS2 Disco Night 3:20-4:30pm FREE
- Friday 13th December - Year 6 National History Museum Trip & Nursery Christmas Crafts 9am

- Wednesday 18th December - Nursery Nativity 9am
- Thursday 19th December - Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 20th December - LAST DAY of term. ALL children finish at 13:30 pm and then the Mason Moor Museum opens.**

- **Tuesday 7th January - School opens 8:40am for the new term**
- Thursday 9th January - Younger Carer's information Coffee Morning for Parents

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You're invited:

Mason Moor Museum

Friday 20th 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.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize winners



Kids Android
tablet



Creative Art set



£35 Waterstones
voucher



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