MASON MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 13th December 2024

A big thank you! Thank you to all our parents who attended our last SLT forum. It was great to see so many of you and to hear your views. We will be actioning many of your suggestions, one being a printed version of the newsletter so that everyone has the opportunity to access our school news and information.

Help needed! PTA - Any members of the school community who would like to be involved to raise much needed funds for the school and your children, please contact the school office. We would be delighted with any help and support you can give.

A plea! Please do share with us any achievements, whether that be sporting or otherwise, your children win or gain outside of school. Mrs Ashbolt-Smith was delighted to see many children from Mason Moor when she attended the Southampton Gymnastics Club gala at the Guildhall. It would be fantastic to celebrate these achievements in school!

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.

#teammasonmoor

Mrs Cox | Associate Assistant Head

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: 90%

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	89%	+1%
Year R	90%	+0%
The Ark	68%	-22%
Year 1	85%	+0%
Year 2	92%	+1%
Year 3	92%	+8%
Year 4	91%	+2%
Year 5	97%	+4%
Year 6	89%	+1%
Whole School	90%	+1%

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	Ruben	MacAullae

Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Oheema
2 Blue	Mark
3 Blue	Rosie
Pathways	Olivia

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	William
5 Blue	Lordina
6 Blue	Maci C

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Lottie

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Kiven

1 Blue	Kojo
2 Blue	Phoenix
3 Blue	Delilah

5 Blue	Edith
6 Blue	Simay
Pathways	Nate

Reader of the Week **AWARD WINNERS**

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Melissa
1 Blue	Fawaz
2 Blue	Shania
3 Blue	Tre

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Aryan
5 Blue	Arlindo
6 Blue	Leighton
Pathways	Ade

Learning at Mason Moor:

Nursery

This week, the children have been working really hard rehearsing their Nativity and songs. We had a special guest from the big man with a beard..... Father Christmas. The children got the chance to tell FC all the good things they have done and listen to a story from. In Maths this week the children have explored numbers and shapes through decorating their own christmas tree.

The Ark

This week we had a special visitor... Santa! He was very proud of all our hard work this term and we all made the nice list – we even have a certificate to prove it! We have been learning about Christmas trees and using our fine motor skills to decorate trees in different ways, including threading and painting. Our class is loving the festivities!

Year R

This week we have been re-capping the sounds 'l''h''u' 'g' and 'e '. Using these sounds we have been writing words. We have been rehearsing for our nativity and we are looking forward to sharing this with our parents. A special visitor surprised us on Wednesday, IT WAS SANTA!! We loved seeing Santa and hearing about his workshop and all about the reindeers. We Are Going On An Elf Chase is the book we have been learning about in literacy, we have used fantastic adjectives to describe some of the characters from the story. In maths we have been continuing to create repeated patterns with different

Year 1

In Year 1, we have been continuing our insight into the Stone Age in History. They have been looking into worship and foraging in particular, comparing it to today. The children found the idea of worshipping the sun, moon and harvest related idols very interesting relative to common religions and ideas of worship today.

It was also great to see a fantastic turnout for the disco, many of them had so much fun putting out their moves on the dancefloor with peers and adults.

sizes and shapes and have been using mathematical language to help understand these.	
 In Year 2, we have been busy learning about habitats. We went on a woodland walk to search for the best habitat to find woodlice. Under a fallen tree bark, we found so many! The children carefully bought the woodlice back into the classroom (using the correct equipment) where these fascinating creatures were studied further. In addition, the children created their own habitats within the classroom using different materials. Later on, we released the woodlice back into the wild. I've never seen such happy woodlice!	 Year 3 have been working very hard this week. In Maths the children have been learning all about perimeter in Maths - they have worked hard to calculate the perimeter of regular shapes. In Music they have been learning how to create four beat rhythms and write the musical notes to support this.
 Year 4 loves to boogie...on a Thursday afternoon! Thank you to everyone who joined us at our disco yesterday. We had lots of fun showing off our signature dance moves and pulling Miss Jablonska around the room. We've also been working on a class museum piece for the Mason Moor museum. A proper Roman mosaic if you can believe it! We can't wait to show them off next week.	 Year 5 has been very busy this week learning about non-chronological reports ready to write a survival guide next week. They have even gathered their own information for their reports. . In maths, we have been working really hard on learning our different types of angles. You have all done brilliantly once again. I cannot wait for all our holiday celebrations next week. Keep up the amazing work year 5, Have a lovely weekend.
 Year 6 has had a very busy week. We wrote newspaper reports about a scene from Macbeth. We have been busy creating lots of Macbeth related work to display at the Mason Moor Museum next week! We are very much looking forward to our trip to London to The Natural History Museum and can not wait to share with you all how it went and what we got up to.	 This week in Pathways we have been making 3D reindeer, creating Christmas banners and singing Christmas songs to spread some cheer. We have also been using the outside classroom to make smores. In reading, we have been revisiting Authorial intent and we have also inferred from illustrations in our class book "Here We Are"
 In nurture we have been making models and using positive language to get what we need. We also used these skills to remake our own "Great Race" for the Chinese signs of the zodiac. We acted as the Jade emperor and had fun making our own characters. The blob with 50 eyes won. He did it by turning himself into the river. Obviously the sloth was last and the sneaky rat got eaten by the snake. We have also been measuring the length and perimeter of objects in our classroom.	

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.



Spotlight on PE **#teammasonmoor**

PE Word of the Week:

Feedback

Definition:

Information a performer receives about their performance. Feedback can be given during or after performance





PE thought of the week:

Talent wins games, but teamwork wins championships!





PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1	**Marnie (Year 2)**	KS2	**Logan (Year 6)**

Learning this week

This week children in KS2 linked their learning to Christmas. We played some throwing and catching games where we were throwing snowballs at targets. The children had lots of fun!
In KS1 the children also linked their learning to Christmas. The children explored different types of movements, including jumping, running and even some skiing!
The smiles on the children's faces were lovely to see.

Our week in pictures





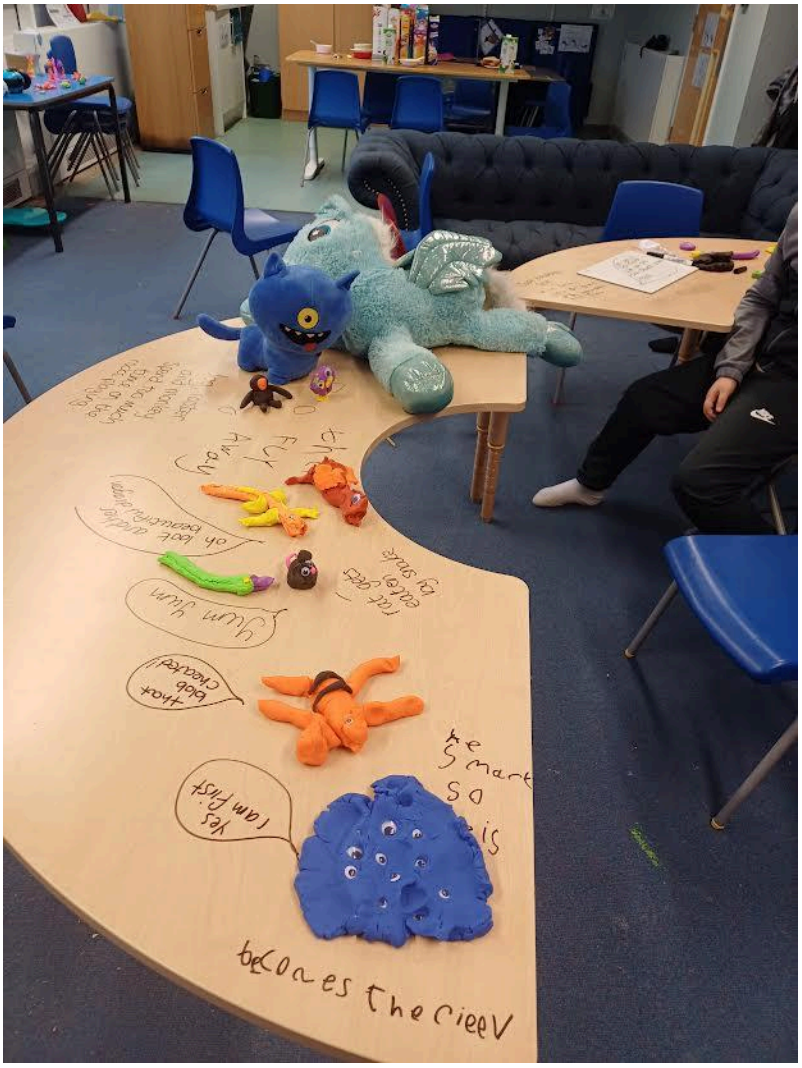
Year 2 - Creating habitats for our woodlice. They loved the cotton wool habitat!

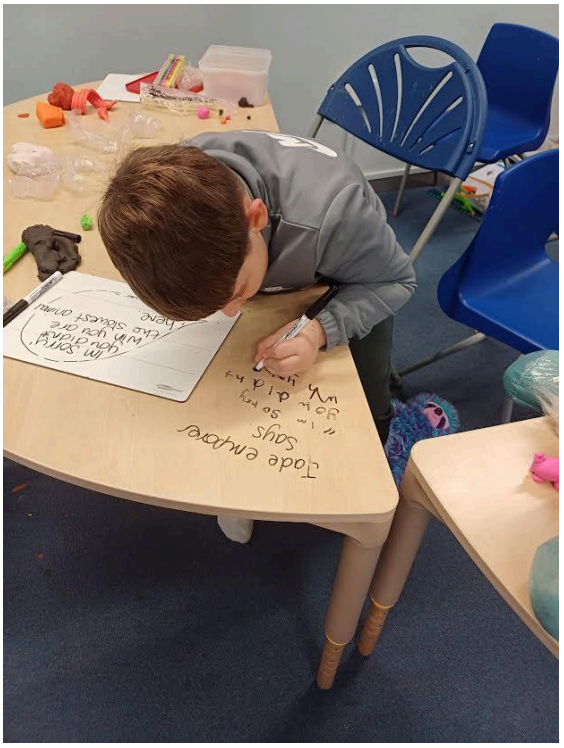






Early Years and The Ark met Santa! They received their official “nice list” certificates!





In nurture creating our own version of the great race.



On Wednesday a group of children attended a Sports Festival at the SFC Training Ground. The children represented Mason Moor perfectly and had lots of fun playing Boccia, Football, Volleyball and Dodgeball.





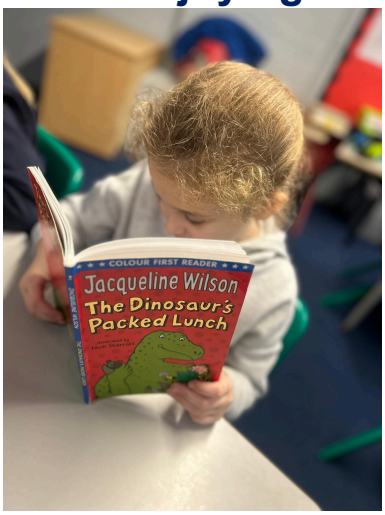
Achievements outside of school

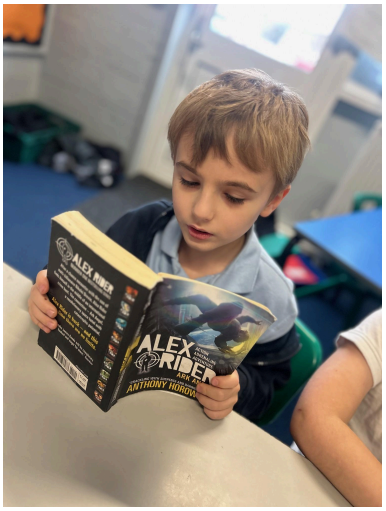
A member of #teammasonmoor shared that she won a gold medal for her group dance at the weekend! Congratulations!

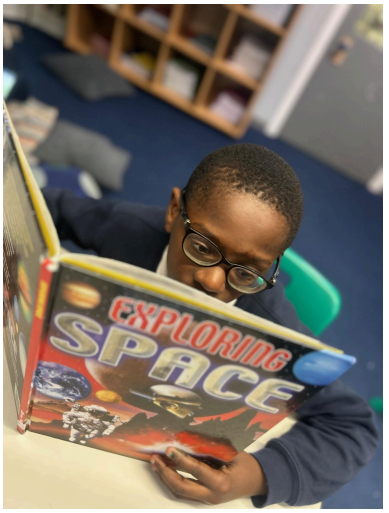
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Year 3 enjoying a book in class

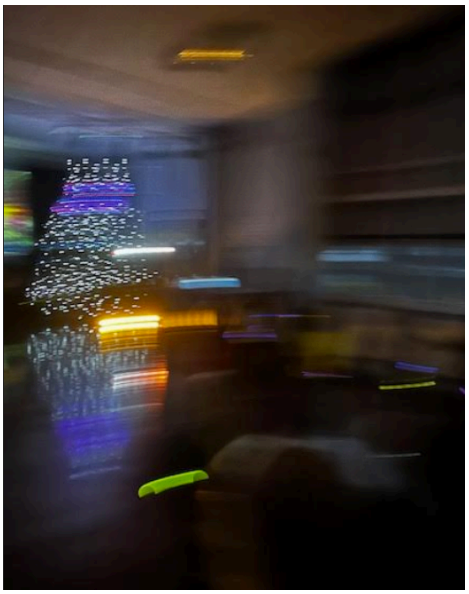






KS1 Disco - the children loved the glowsticks!







KS2 Disco







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!

Pictures of the outdoor classroom, making Smores, Storytime, hot Ribena and melted marshmallows









Young Carers information Assembly



Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 18th December - Nursery Nativity
- 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

Southampton City Mission



Here are the opening times for Basics Bank during the Christmas/New Year period.

Monday 23rd Dec	**Open 10am-3pm at Above Bar Church**
Tuesday 24th Dec	**CLOSED (Venue Closure)**
Wednesday 25th Dec	**CLOSED (Bank Holiday)**
Thursday 26th Dec	**CLOSED (Bank Holiday)**
Friday 27th Dec	**Open 10am-1pm Lordshill Church**
Monday 30th Dec	**Open 10am-1pm Above Bar Church**
Tuesday 31st Dec	**Open 10am-1pm St Marys Church, Sholing**
Wednesday 1st Jan 2025	**CLOSED (Bank Holiday)**
From Thursday 2nd Jan 2025	**Open as usual**

The Clothes Bank will be closed on Weds 25th December & Wednesday 1st January, & reopens Weds 8th January 2025.



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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