



MASON MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | [Friday 2nd May 2025](#)

Another busy week - it's been fabulous to see and hear the children working so hard. They are definitely the hardest working children in Millbrook. This week in our whole school assemblies the children have been celebrating each other's achievement. It has been lovely to hear the thoughts that the older children have for their younger peers and vice versa.

What Wonderful weather! It has been such wonderful weather this week and it's been lovely to see the children enjoying the sunshine. Please do remember to send in your child's water bottle every day, as well as sunscreen and a hat. Classes have been enjoying learning outside and we hope the warm weather continues.

Museum Winners - The winners of the Mason Moor Museum are: 1st place - Milleah Year 4, 2nd place Lola Year 2 and 3rd place Tommy Year R.

All entries were amazing and we had a very difficult time determining the winners. Thank you to our pupils and their families for supporting the children to create such incredible masterpieces - they truly were inspirational.

Healthy Lunch Boxes - the children have been working hard to understand how to keep healthy. As part of this they have been learning how water supports our brains and bodies! They have also been learning about healthy foods and snacks - they know that items such as chocolate are allowed but in moderation. We are taking part in Healthy High 5 - to help us achieve gold we need to ensure that the children bring their water bottles to school to stay hydrated and to ensure their lunchboxes have a range of different foods in them.



Field of Dreams - We are proud to share that the children have all been taking an active and positive part in our Field of Dreams on a Monday morning. Field of Dreams gives every child the opportunity to try out new sports from tennis to golf to giant frisbee.

#teammasonmoor

Ms 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: 90%

Class Cake Winners



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	78%	-3
Year R	92%	+3
The Ark	92%	+4
Year 1	76%	+1
Year 2	96%	-3
Year 3	90%	-3
Year 4	91%	-2
Year 5	93%	-5
Year 6	93%	+3
Whole School	91%	-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
Masana	Azaria	Obrempong

Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Tymon
2 Blue	Melody
3 Blue	Riyan
Pathways	

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Iolo
5 Blue	Roshaan
6 Blue	Leighton

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Lottie
1 Blue	Aeigin
2 Blue	Phoenix
3 Blue	Tre

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Ryan
5 Blue	Poyraz
6 Blue	Nicola
Pathways	

READER OF THE WEEK **AWARD WINNERS**

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Rouella
1 Blue	Fawaz
2 Blue	Noah
3 Blue	Karen

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Faith
5 Blue	Nshira
6 Blue	Izaak
Pathways	

Learning at Mason Moor:

Nursery

This week the children have experienced the story 'Hooray for fish' with an interactive style of reading using bingo cards. This has supported the children to work in pairs, maintain attention and focus during carpet time, recognition of different fish using the correct terminology of patterns and develop their counting skills. Outside the focus has been on their body movements - how do different fish move? This has been expressed through paintings, sound making and whole body movements. We welcomed our parents in this week for Phonics which we all enjoyed!

The Ark

This week we explored new sensory resources! We loved feeling the textures of the foamy soap and "jelly bath." We explored different ways to move the liquids from one container to another, using a variety of tools. To build our attention skills, we explored the ice and discovered what was trapped inside! We were learning how heat makes ice melt and learnt the names of the animals inside. Please ensure water bottles and spare clothes come to school every day as sensory play is important for development!

Year R

This week we have been learning to count to 20 and beyond in maths, recognising different quantities and matching them to the correct number. In literacy we have finished reading The Treasure of Pirate Frank, we have been describing different pictures from the book and have made our own pirate checklist of what we would need to take on our own pirate adventure. During topic this week we have been learning about crotchets and quavers, we have been using these musical notes to make our own pirate themed music. We have also made a treasure map using a key to find the buried treasure hidden in our garden.

Year 1

This week, Year 1 have had journal time outdoors to write freely and share with peers. It has been really wonderful to see the passion come alive in many children with the freedom they've been given. See what they can tell you about Wangari Maathai from our current book from Writing! Can they link it to their learning in Geography on the Commonwealth in Kenya? We are working on numbers between 50 and 100 in Maths. Practice, practice, practice on that knowledge of counting in tens and fluently transitioning to counting in ones where appropriate. Estimate objects in jars, use comparative language like greater/less than at home wherever possible!

Year 2

In Year 2, we have been enjoying our new book, 'The Dragon Snatcher'. After making dragon eggs and wings, we story mapped what happened in the book to become familiar with the story. We will be writing an instructional text on 'How to catch a dragon'. In maths, we have been learning how to add doubles and adding near multiples of ten. In science we have started our 'Electricity' topic. Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle, sun hat and pre-applied sun cream to keep them hydrated and safe in the sun. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 3

Year 3 created their own colourful worlds as they started to explore their new writing book, *Maybe Something Beautiful*. Further to this, but along the same lines, year 3 also had an art day on Wednesday, during which they learnt all about portrait painting and had a go at drawing their own faces. In science we have started our new topic, investigating plants. As part of that we have some potatoes that are hopefully growing! Next week we have our visit to Hampton Court Palace, which we are all very much looking forward to.

Year 4

Smoke fills the air, flames lighting up the horizon...it's only the Great Fire of London! Year 4 have started their new writing book this week and we're getting to know Vlad and Boxtan's journey through the Great Fire. We've role-played the story and even created our own comic strip to remind ourselves of events. Geography has seen us compare London now to London in the past. (Some might say we've been a bit obsessed with the capital this week...)

Year 5

Year 5 has been learning about the scientists behind some of the medicines that have helped to cure people over the years. In Geography we are learning about trade (global, national and local, and the importance of importing and exporting. We have been thinking about how our lives would be impacted if we were unable to import some of our favourite things.

Year 6

We've had a fantastic week! We've been diving into the fascinating world of blood and building our non-chronological reports in science. In history, we're uncovering secrets of the British Empire. Plus, we had a blast snapping optical illusions with iPads—don't miss the amazing photos in our gallery!

Pathways

This week we have started working toward achieving our goal of a nice off site activity at the end of the school year. In outdoor learning we have been building dens and this helped us to understand the science of permeability. Most importantly, we have been developing our understanding of respect.

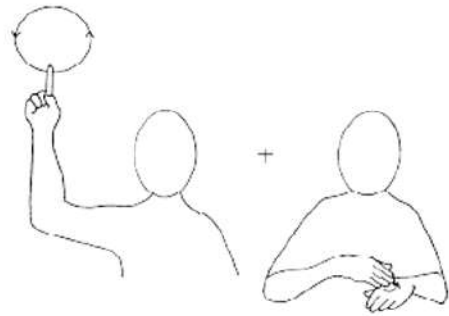
Nurture

This week we have been learning about systems in the body. We made a paper model of a circulatory system and in outdoor learning we made skeletons using sticks and stones we found in the outdoor area. We also cooked some scrambled eggs as part of our healthy snacks initiative and have become braver learners ready to take responsible risks in our learning. We did this learning new skills, and whilst decorating our fencing.

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.

Sun cream



PE Word of the Week:



Resilience



Definition:

The capacity to withstand or recover from difficulties.

PE thought of the week:

'Dreams are free, Goals have a cost'



PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1

Abigail (Year 3)

KS2

Macie Mae (Year 6)

PE learning this week

This week we have introduced our new topic for next half term, Send and Return. The children enjoyed exploring using a tennis racket and thinking about how to hit accurately. In KS2 we also introduced our new topic, Tennis. The children focussed on how to hold the racket and concentrated on using a forehand to hit towards a target.



Our week in pictures



The Ark explored sensory play, including sensory circuits and treasure hunts!

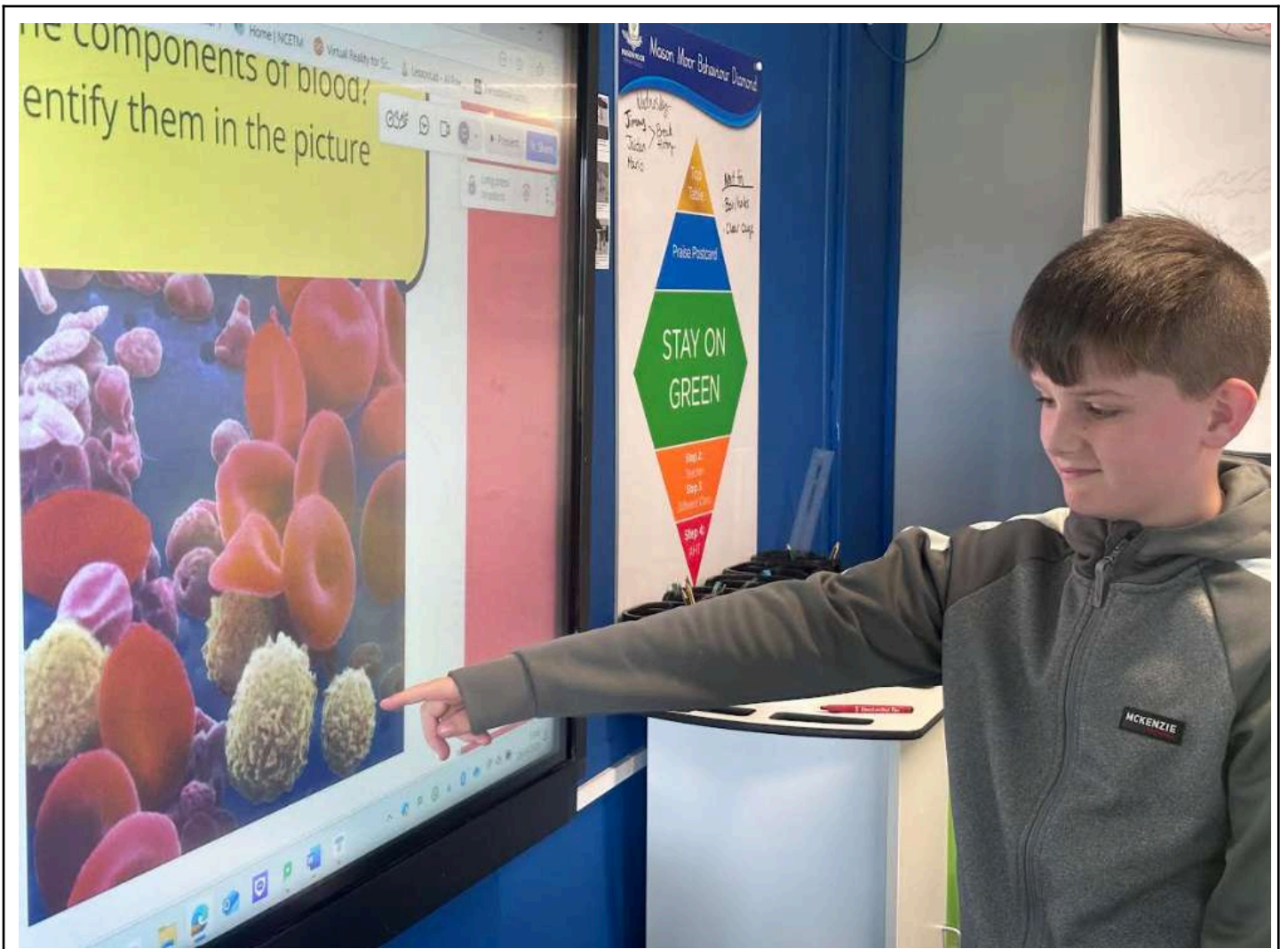


Year 1 enjoying the outdoors during journal time!



Year 2 painting their dragon eggs





Year 6 photo gallery



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!

Upcoming Events

- **Mon 5 May May Bank Holiday – school closed**
 - **Tue 6 May** English class for parents 9-10am
 - **Tue 6 May** Year 1 and 2 Read Event 2-3pm
 - **Wed 7 May** Year 3 and 4 Read Event 9-10am
 - **Wed 7 May** Year 5 and 6 Read Event 2-3pm
- **Fri 9 May** Nursery and Year R Read Event 9-10am
 - **Mon 12 May** Y6 SATs week



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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.

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