



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 9th May

What a vibrant and enriching week it has been at Mason Moor! I am always filled with pride when I see the enthusiasm and joy our children bring to their learning, and this week has certainly been no exception.

A number of exciting opportunities have taken place both in and out of the classroom. Some of our pupils took part in a range of outdoor learning activities. Meanwhile, another group stepped back in time during a fascinating visit to *Hampton Court Palace*, bringing their history studies to life as they walked in the footsteps of Henry VIII.

Back in school, Year 4 impressed us all with their creativity and perseverance during a special *Art Day*, where they learnt the basics of sewing. It was heartening to see their confidence grow as they mastered new skills—many discovered talents they didn't know they had!

This week we also had the pleasure of welcoming parents and carers into school for our *reading events*. It was wonderful to see so many of you sharing stories, exploring books, and celebrating a love of reading with your children. Thank you for making it such a special experience.

In addition, we're thrilled to see some new colour appearing at the front of the school! *Mrs Day and the Gardening Club* have been busy planting beautiful *petunias, fuchsias and marigolds*, and they're already starting to bloom. Please help us to take care of these lovely additions by reminding your children not to pick or trample the flowers. We're working hard to make the entrance to our school look bright and cheerful for everyone to enjoy.

Throughout the week, there has been a real buzz of purposeful learning in every classroom. It's been fantastic to see so many children working hard and showing great determination. As a result, a number of pupils have earned special rewards and recognition for their efforts—well done to each and every one of them.

Thank you as always for your continued support. We look forward to another week full of curiosity, creativity and achievement.

#teammasonmoor

Mrs 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: 91%

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	73%	-5
Year R	92%	+3
The Ark	73%	-11
Year 1	86%	+10
Year 2	91%	-5
Year 3	93%	+3
Year 4	88%	-3
Year 5	96%	+5
Year 6	89%	+3
Total	91%	-1

Attendance Update



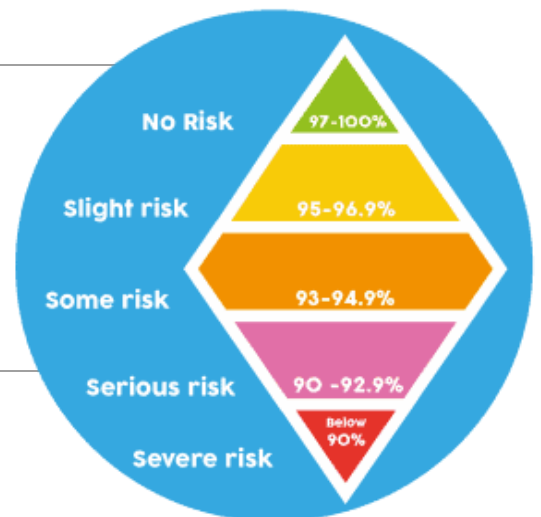
Our **97%** attendance target is still achievable this year if we work together on ensuring children are in school every day and not missing out on learning.

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
Harley	Siem	Denver

Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Farahnaz
2 Blue	Evolet
3 Blue	Savannah S
Pathways	

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Anumi
5 Blue	Nshira
6 Blue	Charles

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Shayan
1 Blue	Fawaz
2 Blue	Phoenix
3 Blue	Abigail

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Amelia-Lily
5 Blue	Cameo
6 Blue	Leighton
Pathways	

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Tyrion
1 Blue	Habila
2 Blue	Layla
3 Blue	Taylin

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Matthew-Perry
5 Blue	Jerry
6 Blue	Jack
Pathways	

School Readiness - Family Hub Courses

Is your child starting Year R in September?

Family Hubs in Southampton are offering **free** courses to support children getting ready for school! There is no need to book - just turn up! See dates for across the city below.

East locality

Family Hub	Day	Time
Cutbush	Tuesday 29 April and 6 May	10-11.30am
Blackberry	Monday 16 June and 23 June	10-11.30am
Seashell	Thursday 24 July and 31 July	10-11.30am

Central locality

Family Hub	Day	Time
Clovelly	Wednesday 14 and 21 May	1-2.30pm
Honeysuckle	Thursday 18 and 25 June	1-2.30pm

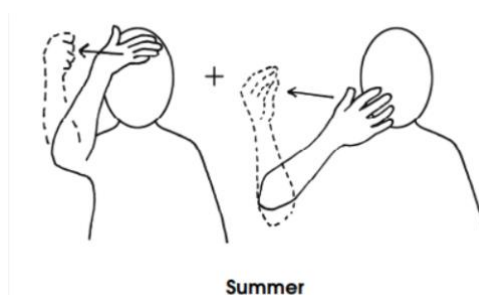
West locality

Family Hub	Day	Time
Maple	Tuesday 13 and 20 May	10-11.30am
Pickles Coppice	Tuesday 10 and 17 June	1-2.30pm

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:



Learning at Mason Moor:

Nursery

Nursery has been reading a new story this week which is 'Sharing a shell'. The children have delved into what it means to share and how this makes other people feel. The children have learnt about new kinds of fish and sea creatures. Some of the children have shared their own experiences at the beach and their understanding of rock pools. We have created our own rock pool using shells, rocks, fish and Mixed materials.

The Ark

This week we have enjoyed exploring shells as part of our new book, "Sharing a Shell." We have looked closely at the different textures and been excited to see if there was anything inside the closed shells - we found two clams!

In maths, we have been revisiting repeating patterns. We have been extending our learning to explore patterns by category, size and colour. We are also exploring this in our environment!

Year R

In Year R we have been reading a new story called 'Somebody swallowed Stanley'. It has really helped us engage with ocean pollution and we have been discussing different ways and ideas on how we can keep our oceans clean and safe for our underwater friends. In maths we have been looking at one more and one less, using different methods such as number lines and concrete objects to help us find the answer. We have really enjoyed exploring our beach scene in our tuff tray using adjectives to describe how our different shells look and feel. Phonics this week has seen us revisit our pink phase Earth words.

Year 1

In an exciting turn of events, Mr Hassan and Miss Jablonska have swapped classes for the week! Year 1 was very helpful in catching Miss up on Wangari's Trees of Peace and pointing out exactly how many trees she planted. (Although we couldn't agree on tens, thousands or billions!) Maths has seen us practicing our addition/subtraction, so please take us to the shop this weekend! You'll find us very helpful.

Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we have been learning how to use imperative verbs in readiness for our instructional text writing. In addition, we are learning about which features appear in an instructional text so that we will be able to use them when we write about 'How to catch a dragon!'

In maths we have been working hard to learn different strategies to solve equations, such as rounding and adjusting, make ten and using known facts. In R.E. we have been thinking deeply about how God used the whale (from the story 'Jonah and the Whale') to spread the message of how we should do what is right for ourselves and for others. In history we have been learning how and what Vikings traded. In geography we are learning about the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis). The children are fascinated!

Year 3

The highlight of this week has certainly been the trip to Hampton Court Palace. Year 3 had a fabulous time exploring the Palace that was once the residence of King Henry VIII. The group enjoyed first exploring the Tudor kitchens, then we had a look at a replica of King Henry's crown before exploring some other parts of the Palace.

Following exploring the Palace further, we had a workshop all about King Henry's court. After all of this we were ready for lunch! Later in the afternoon we had the chance to explore the adventure playground before then heading back to the coach. Thank you to Mr Bauck and Miss Skinner for helping with the trip as well as the two parents who also helped out.

Year 4

This week, a mysterious person (Mr. Hassan, who else?) has weaseled their way into the Year 4 classroom. The temporary infiltration has been successful. Honestly, I'm not even sure some of them have noticed anything. Many continue to call for attention with 'Miss Jablonska...'. Highlight of the week was us taking to the outdoors to see a live demonstration of the digestive system. If they can't graphically explain in detail what they saw, on one hand it would explain the absolute panic and hysteria many of them displayed seeing banana, OJ and digestive biscuit puree 'plop' into a jug, but also let's take a moment of silence for the tights and ziploc bags harmed in the making of said fruitless learning. Quote of the week (during the live demonstration) - Are you keeping it PG, Mr. Hassan? Are you allowed to show us this?

Year 5

Year 5 have explored exciting writing techniques, using similes, metaphors, and alliteration to create imaginative setting descriptions. In maths, they've been rounding numbers to the nearest ten, hundred, and thousand with growing confidence. They've also marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day, learning about its impact and historical importance.

Year 6

What a brilliant week it's been! SATs prep is in full swing and we're SO proud of how hard everyone is working – pencils are flying and brains are buzzing! In history, we dived into the dramatic events of the Indian Mutiny, exploring heroes, rebellions, and the impact on British India. Meanwhile, science has us wrapping up our non-chronological reports on the circulatory system – hearts, blood, and arteries galore! The energy is high, the effort is amazing, and we're racing toward the finish line with a big smile.

Pathways

This week we have been making good use of the warmer weather by spending lots of time outside in the outdoor classroom. During our time there we planted flowers and rhubarb and we are ready to enjoy the fruits of labour soon (hopefully!). The class has welcomed a new student! This has allowed the class to revisit the key values and principles of P.A.T.H.S.

Nurture

In Nurture we have been super busy! We have been keeping up with our maths and reading but have also been looking at the human body in biology. We have been learning about the human skeleton. We made stop animation videos of our dancing skeletons. Some were made from paper and some were made from sticks and stones in outdoor learning. We also made imaginary habitats for our favourite animals. This is so we can write a story and play it out with a new animation. we made butterfly plates to encourage wildlife into our outdoor area and even made a water wall for our the sensory room.

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 have been practicing their collaging skills, making fish to decorate our classroom!



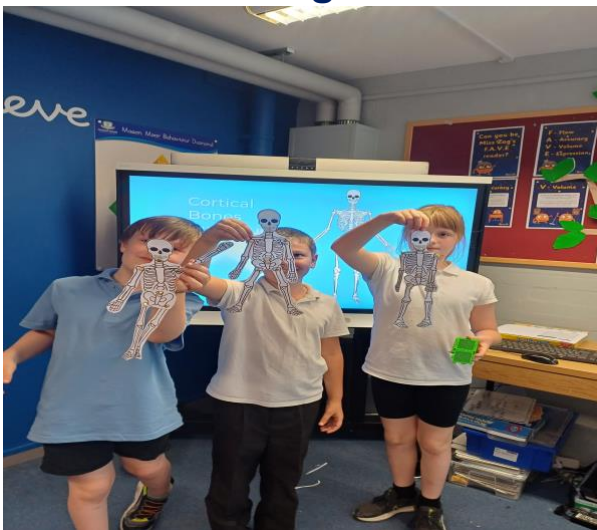
Mrs Day's Gardening Club working hard to add some colour!



Year 2 Maths - we love to learn!



Nurture learning all about the human skeleton.



Making our settings for our teleportation stories



Year 3 at Hampton Court Palace



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 12 May** Y6 SATs week
- **Tue 13 May** English Parent Lessons **Cancelled**
- **Mon 19 May** Phonics event for parents Years 1-6 9-10am
 - **Tue 20 May** English class for parents 9-10am
 - **Tue 20 May** KS2 Disco 3:30-4:30
 - **Wed 21 May** Parent Forum with SLT 9-10am
- **Thu 22 May** Ark, Nursery and Year R curriculum event 9am
 - **Thu 22 May** Pathway curriculum event 2-3pm
 - **Thu 22 May** KS1 Disco 3:30-4:30



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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>

Family Hub

Understanding Behaviour

2 x 2-hour workshops for parents/carers of children aged two and above.

Understanding our children's behaviour can often be quite challenging. This workshop aims to empower parents and carers, by providing insights into these behaviours and encouraging a more positive response.

To find dates of upcoming programmes visit: soton.cc/familyhub-parenting or scan the QR code.



To book your place visit: soton.cc/familyhub-parentingreferral

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New Forest Parenting Programme

6-week course for parent/carers of children from 3 – 12 years.

The New Forest Parenting Programme aims to support families with children facing challenges related to attention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity, which are often associated with ADHD.

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