



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 19th January 2023

We have come to the end of another busy and exciting week at Mason Moor! The children continue to impress us daily with their enthusiasm, resilience and sunny personalities.

This week, we have posted on our school website and our Facebook page the following:

- Curriculum and Learning Journey overviews for all year groups so you can see what your child is learning this term. We welcome any home support you can give your child to consolidate this learning
- An overview of the Afterschool and Extracurricula Provision on offer at Mason Moor
- Information on parenting course offered by Southampton Family Trust for those who may require additional support for children with additional needs

Furthermore, this week, we have been made aware of Southampton City Council's 'Household Support Fund' which runs until the end of March 2023. Please have a read through the leaflet and ask the office to make an appointment with a member of SLT to assist you further with this.

Parents and Carers

Over the next few days, the Main School Hall will be open between 9:00am and 10:30am for parents and carers to sit in our hall and have a warm drink.



If you have small children or an elderly relative – bring them too.
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Finally, we know that the recent cold spell will have had an impact on families at Mason Moor. If you and a family member would like to come to our main hall in the morning, we can offer tea and coffee in a warm space every morning this week.

If you have small children or an elderly relative, please bring them along too.

We wish you a safe and restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

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Weekly Attendance Monitoring - Our Target is 96%

Remember: we will not authorise ANY absence during term time. Please make sure your child attends school on-time every day.

WARNING

MASON MOOR ATTENDANCE: 91%

How do we reward GOOD attendance?



Every 12 weeks, we give away a bike in a raffle of each child with 96% and above attendance.



We also raffle off a scooter to those with 96% and above attendance over the 12 weeks.

What do all children with good attendance get?



- Attendance Award Certificate given in assembly.
- A choice of: Movie, Bouncy Castle or 100% Party

Whole School Attendance figures:

		Diff from last week
Year R	88%	(+2) %
Year 1	89%	(0) %
Year 2	88%	(0) %
Year 3	96%	(+4) %
Year 4	91%	(-1) %
Year 5	95%	(-1) %
Year 6	88%	(-5) %
TOTAL	91%	(0) %



Year 3

Well done to Year 3 children - a brilliant 96%. Highest attendance this week!

Please help us improve our school attendance by sending your child in every day. We are changing SO MUCH at Mason Moor to make our school the very best it can be!

A reminder: the school does not authorise any holiday during term-time!

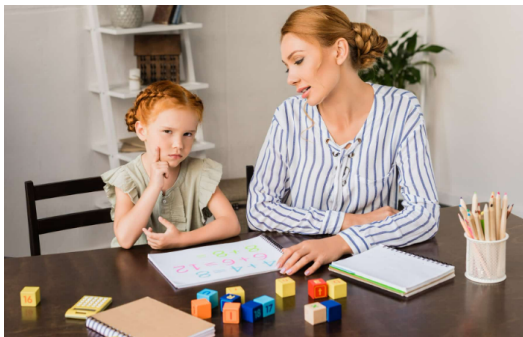
Fixed Term Penalty Notice - SCC

We have seen a growing number of children turning up to school late this term.

Whilst the dark mornings do make children more reluctant to get up early, it is important that you get your child into school.

Remember, the register records your child's attendance daily - including lateness. If your child is late more than 7 times in the term, you will be issued a fixed penalty notice for this. This is a £60 fine, payable to Southampton City Council.

Helping your child with Maths:



Helping your child to succeed in maths - at home

- **Ask your child about what they have been learning in maths.** Can you help them practise this concept at home? Ideas could include: have your child count items as you put away the shopping; have them help you weigh/measure ingredients for recipes; give your child money to count out to pay for small purchases – older children could calculate the change; read dates on the calendar – talk about days in a month, months in a year etc; help your child use an analogue clock to tell the time.
- **Online games and songs:** Help your child practise times tables through chanting, online songs and games. www.topmarks.co.uk have many maths games online for all ages. www.urbrainy.com is a brilliant website for Year 4 children to practise times tables ready for their end of year up to 12x12 MTC test.

Whole school focus - Growth Mindset



I can do... I will be successful... I am great

- **We know that the pandemic (COVID) had a detrimental impact on our children. They have emerged as learners - and socially - less confident.**

At Mason Moor we are doing something about that. All children are having daily growth mindset support - discussing things they've found challenging, areas they want to improve and their goals.

Over the coming months we will share with you more on our new Growth Mindset strategy - what we do in class and what you can do at home.

Mason Moor Spring 1 Golden Book Winners



GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

Every Friday children are chosen for the Golden Book - either by a teacher or by their peers. We hold an assembly at the end of the day where children are awarded the Golden Book Certificate for excellent work or demonstrating a Mason Moor value!

Each week we will publish the names of the children in the school newsletter. **This week's children listed below, really are the PRIDE of Mason Moor!**

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Octavia and Johnny-Ray
1 Blue	Ruben
2 Blue	Matthew
3 Blue	Freddie

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Jack
5 Blue	Sophie
6 Blue	Miley
6 Green	Mason

Learning at Mason Moor this week:

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COMING SOON!

RECEPTION

This week, Reception have been learning about Chinese New Year. They have learnt that this year is the year of the rabbit and some facts about China. In Literacy we have been continuing to explore writing sentences, focusing on finger spaces, what they are and where they are placed within a sentence. Linked to our story 'The Great Race - A Chinese New Year Story' and our work on numbers, we have been exploring ordinal numbers. We have learnt that an ordinal number shows position, where you are in a line or race.

Year 1



This week Year 1 have been learning to add in different ways. We have been particularly good at counting on and beginning to use a number line. In English we are retelling the Robin Hood story using our story map and actions and have become very confident. In Science we have learnt about ears this week and how they work. We are working hard to learn some of the tricky vocabulary we need to talk about it. We have loved Art this week. We used paint and stamps and created repeating patterns. We love getting messy in year 1!

Year 2



Year 2 have been continuing our learning journey in writing about the Magic Paintbrush. We have discussed how our sentences can flow rather than jump around like a kangaroo! In maths we are beginning to learn about effective methods for addition and how we can use number lines or the column method to do this. It has been tricky and any help at home would really help year 2 to keep that skill fresh in their heads. Reading we are looking at retrieval and how we can use evidence from the text to support our ideas and opinions. This has been tricky, but we have become really good detectives hunting for pieces of language and phrases.

Year 3



Year 3 have continued our writing journey about the famous legend, Robin Hood. We explored using the VR headsets images of castles to build on our figurative language to implement into our setting description of the Sheriff's castle. In maths we have been using our place value knowledge to solve addition and subtraction problems focusing on using the formal method correctly. In reading we have continued our narrative, Outlaw focusing on inferring by using evidence from the text to support our ideas. In Science we used our knowledge of rocks to work in pairs to create our own sedimentary rocks to investigate further next week!

Year 4



This week in maths we have been looking at two-part equations. In English, we have been planning our persuasive leaflets, centred around our trip to the Winchester Science Museum. In Reading, we have started to infer upon and evaluate our book "The Land of the Roar". Lastly, in History this week, we have been exploring King James I and Guy Fawkes. The children have found this historical event fascinating.

Year 5



This week Year 5 have continued exploring the topic of World War 2, through History and Writing. In History, we have built our knowledge of the Southampton Blitz and will be exploring it further in the next few weeks. In Maths, we have continued building our understanding of place value including 'powers of 10' showing what happens to a number when it is multiplied by 10. Today, we furthered that knowledge of 10, 100, 1000, 10000 and 100000 more and less than a number, showing how the numbers change within the place value column.

Year 6



Once again Year 6 has been hard at work. We are coming to the end of our diary writing unit where we have written as a character from The Boy at the Back of the Class. Some of us in Mrs Blunt's writing set have also transferred these skills in our history unit on The American Civil war. This week we have begun exploring the work of another American artist: Alma Thomas, who expresses her emotion through her work. I think we have some budding artists in year 6. We are continuing to deepen our understanding on place value of addition, multiplying and dividing. Please keep reading with your children and filling out their reading records; it's great seeing more of them being returned each day!

Mason Moor Learning in Pictures

