



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 5th May 2023

We are now half way through the summer term already and we were lucky to see some sunshine (after a spell of poor weather) the other day and children could get out onto the field at lunchtime. The good weather also enabled us to continue painting more of the school. As you can see on the right - it really is starting to improve the image of the school.

Coronation Event Despite the rainy weather the children were still able to enjoy their delicious picnic lunch in their classroom alongside their friends. This afternoon they had the opportunity to learn about the coronation and why it is a historic event for the nation. Thank you to all of those parents who were able to attend this afternoon to attend our coronation event. The children all worked extremely hard on their crowns and enjoyed taking part in the crown parade. The children had fun taking part in the coronation themed activities.

Coronation art commission. Our artist-in-residence Ms Sheales has created a collaborative portrait of King Charles III.. Each class had the opportunity to contribute to this art piece to create a whole school art project. It was out on display during our coronation event and I am sure you will agree it looked fantastic, this will now go on display within school to commemorate this historic event..

KS2 SATS Year 6 start their SATS on Tuesday. They have all worked exceptionally hard in the lead up to them, and I know that they will all continue to put in their maximum effort next week. Breakfast will be available for year 6 next week.

We wish you a wonderful coronation bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 9th May. A reminder that school is closed on Monday for the coronation bank holiday - keep safe and hopefully we will have some sun to enjoy.

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Mrs K Deakin | Assistant Head



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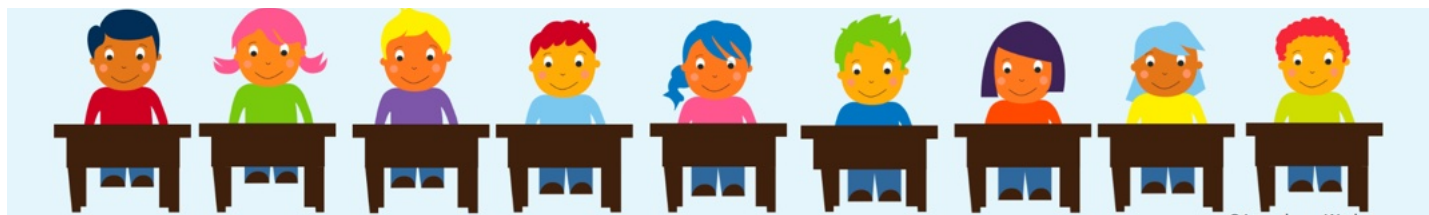
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Weekly Attendance Monitoring - Every day counts!

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: 89%



Year 1

Well done to Year R children - highest attendance for 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 for your child. Help them to experience it

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Whole School Attendance figures:

	%	Diff from last week
Year R	90%	(-5.3) %
Year 1	92%	(+0.1) %
Year 2	87.4%	(-2.6) %
Year 3	87.5%	(-4.2) %
Year 4	91.9%	(+0.7) %
Year 5	88.5%	(-2.8) %
Year 6	88.5%	(-4.9) %
TOTAL	89.4%	(-3.3) %

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

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 **92%** this is an improvement on last year where it was **91%**



MASON MOOR SUSTAINABILITY & ECOLOGY WEEK

CURRICULUM PROJECT



At school over the past week we have been asking pupils to think about sustainability and ecology - both locally as well as globally.

This was a curriculum drop-down week which informed, educated, celebrated and created all linked to sustainability and ecology. Each year group took a slightly different focus - make sure you ask your children what they have learnt about and what you can do at home to support sustainability.

Year R - Endangered animals in the UK and Is there a problem with litter in our area?

Year 1 - Trees and biodiversity

Year 2 - Recycling and Sculpture, Recycling Nature

Year 3 - Plants, Growth and Composting

Year 4 - Energy and Water Consumption

Year 5 - Food waste – At Home and School

Year 6 - Young Environmental Activists – making the case for a greener future – before it's too late





Parent and Carer Notices



Free Y6 SATS Breakfast Club
From Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May
8.15am every morning

BREAKFAST CLUB for Year 6

A reminder that our Breakfast Club for Year 6 children will continue **every morning during SATS week.**

All children can attend to receive breakfast each day. This will be an opportunity for children to have a calm start to the morning before sitting their tests. We hope to see as many children as possible. Any questions please ask the Year 6 team.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Benfield whose baby arrived on Sunday morning. They had a little boy named Maverick.

Both Mrs Benfield and Baby are doing well - and we look forward to welcoming Mr Benfield back to school after his paternity leave.

SCHOOL VALUES - ART PROJECT



Our artist-in-residence Ms Sheales has been working the past few weeks on a project with the children linked to our school values: nurture, grow, achieve.

They have been creating large scale display pieces in the style of pop art to go on display in school.

The children have all worked exceptionally hard on the pieces and have a real sense of achievement over the finished pieces.

WELL DONE EVERYBODY!



Dates for your diary:

w/c 8th May - Yr 6 SATs week

Friday 12th May - Yr 3 Hampton Court trip

Thursday 18th May - Yr 4 Charterhouse trip

Tuesday 23rd May - Year R,1,2,3 Parents' evening

Wednesday 24th May - Year 4,5,6 Parents' evening

Forward dates:

5 June 2023 - INSET DAY - School closed to all pupils

30 June 2023 - INSET DAY - School closed to all pupils

PSHE Curriculum - YEAR 6 - 'Staying Safe' Workshop



As part of our PSHE curriculum, and the transition to secondary school, we invite speakers regularly to talk to our children about leading life as a citizen in their local area.

PCSO Honey, who is our school's linked community police officer, came in this week to speak to our Year 6 children about how to stay safe.

They discussed how to:

- Stay safe online
- How to stay safe in the community - including local dangers and places of concern that our pupils should know and be aware of.
- He asked children to consider carefully who they are choosing to become friends with.

The children all listened carefully throughout and asked some great questions. This was a great opportunity for our year 6 children, thanks to PCSO Honey for using his time to come and visit us. We will arrange further workshops for other year groups later in the school year.

CORONATION CELEBRATION

The children had a wonderful time sharing their crowns with all those that came to watch our crown parade. Thank you to all those people who came to support them. The children also had a great time playing the Coronation themed games and sports activities with Mr Bolter Jackson.



MASON MOOR SPOTLIGHT ON PE



PE Star of the week

Key Stage 1	Scarlett Haymer
Key Stage 2	Najibul Tarafdar

PE word of the week

Teammate

PE thought of the week

*‘Every Winner was once a beginner!’.
Mason Moor vs St Mary's Girls football
fixture*

The Year 5 & 6 girls took part in a home football fixture vs St Mary's Primary this week. The girls played as a team throughout in a tight competitive fixture which ultimately ended in a narrow loss of 2-1. For many of the girls it had been their first experience in a competitive sports fixture. There was plenty to take away and plenty of smiles from start to finish.

Highlight was seeing the togetherness and respect displayed on the pitch and off of it representing Mason Moor in the best way!

We look forward to the return fixture at St Marys later in the summer term.

Well done Mason Moor!

Safeguarding tip of the week



Use of Mobile Phones

When you decide your child is old enough to have their own phone, have the following discussions with them:

Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.

Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.

Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

Mason Moor Primary - Designated Safeguarding Leaders for Child Protection



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AT MASON MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mason Moor, staff and pupils are committed to Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of all its pupils. Each pupil's welfare is of paramount importance.

All staff are supported by a Designated Safeguarding Lead who is accountable for all aspects of Child Protection and Safeguarding. This is Mr Daniel Constable-Phelps.

Please report any of the following to a Safeguarding Team member immediately:

- Any suspicion that a child has an injury, mark, or bruise in any way and that is not readily attributable to the normal knocks and scrapes received in play.
- Any explanation given that is inconsistent or appears suspicious.
- Any behaviours which give rise to suspicions that a child may have suffered harm.
- Any concerns that a child may be suffering from inadequate care, ill treatment, or emotional mistreatment.
- Any concerns that a child is presenting signs or symptoms of abuse or neglect.
- Any significant changes in a child's presentation, including non-attendance.
- Any hint or disclosure of abuse.
- Any concerns regarding person(s) who may pose a risk to children.
- Information which indicates that a child is living with someone who does not have parental responsibility.

This school pays full regard to the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' guidance issued by the DfE in 2022.

"Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play"
(Working Together to Safeguard Children, DfE)

All incidents of bullying including those involving e-safety should be reported and will be managed through our anti-bullying procedures.

The school complies fully with the 2022 current guidance for Keeping Children Safe in Education. This means we expect all pupils and staff to:

- Be responsible for their own actions and behaviour; avoiding conduct which would lead any reasonable person to question your motivation/intentions;
- Work in an open and transparent way;
- To be aware of information sharing and confidentiality processes;
- To be aware that breaches of the law and code of conduct could result in criminal or disciplinary action being taken.

All staff receive safeguarding training periodically throughout the year.

The school has established positive working practices with external agencies and within Southampton City Council.

The school's record keeping for child welfare and child protection is consistent with DfE guidance.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFEGUARDING AT MASON MOOR?

Any concerns should be reported to a member of staff listed below:

CORE SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING TEAM	
Mr D Constable-Phelps Executive Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Ms A Brooks Deputy Headteacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leader	
Mrs K Deakin Assistant Headteacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leader	

IN AN EMERGENCY

- If the child is in immediate danger: Call 999.
- Southampton Children's Resource Service (formerly MASH) – Call 023 8083 3336
- Southampton LADO – Call 023 8091 5535

Mason Moor Award Winners - Presenting the Pride of Mason Moor...



GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Curtis
1 Blue	Isabella
2 Blue	Nathan
3 Blue	Ruha

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Logan
5 Blue	Josh
6 Blue	Aiden
6 Green	

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Storm-Ariana
1 Blue	Aiyah
2 Blue	Faith
3 Blue	Eva

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Harrison
5 Blue	Sofia
6 Blue	Connor
6 Green	

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R	Marnie
1	Finley
2	Scarlett
3	Maddie

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4	Scarlett
5	Livinia
6 Blue	Leyland
6 Green	

Learning at Mason Moor this week:

RECEPTION

Although it has been a short week we have been very busy. We have been learning about doubles in maths and trying to solve a variety of problems using all the methods we have learnt this year. In Literacy we have been writing independently and retelling parts of the story of 'The Gruffalo'. We are trying to remember to use our phonics skills and remember to use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters in the correct places. We are starting to check our work and reread it to see if what we have written makes sense. Sometimes it doesn't but we work together to fix it. We have also been learning about Hedgehogs and woodlands and how to care for the environment so that hedgehogs can thrive for the next generations.

Year 1



This week we have been exploring Greta and the Giants and learning about how to take care of our plant. We learnt it is important to plant more trees to help the environment. In writing we have been learning about instructions and then made fruit salads before writing up an instructional guide. In Maths we have been working on securing our knowledge of counting on from different numbers, Linked to our current sustainability learning we have made decorations for the coronation of King Charles III out of various recyclable materials.

Year 2



This week we have been exploring the text somebody swallowed Stanley all about a plastic bag who gets lost in the ocean. We learnt it is important to try and recycle plastic waste so it doesn't end up in the ocean to harm sea creatures. In writing we have been writing to the local supermarket to try to persuade them to use less plastic packaging. In Maths we have been working on securing our knowledge of money by making amounts in different ways.

Year 3



This week in Year 3 we have been researching the importance of composting to support our environment. We have been using laptops to find out useful information to write an explanation text on the importance of composting for the environment. Year 3 have also accepted the challenge of upleveling a pallet in order for it to be a new home for plants to grow and blossom as our contribution to Sustainability and Ecology week. This has linked nicely with our Science where we have been looking at the purpose of plants and have even planted our own watercress each! We have also spent time this week creating and decorating our crowns for the coronation of King Charles III.

Year 4



This week we have been recapping our times tables in maths. We have been playing games as a class to help support one another with remembering our times tables and to help answer multiplication questions. In literacy we are getting ready to write a diary entry about the great fire of London. We have been recapping what features we need to include into our diaries and how a diary should be laid out.



This week has been full of new learning to explore. We have begun reading *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* and are using this to support our work in reading and writing. In maths we have begun to look at types of angle and learning related vocabulary such as degrees, right angle, acute and obtuse.

In history we learnt about the Storming of the Bastille and its significance in its role that led to the French Revolution and in computing we began to explore variables in coding.



This week we have reviews, practised and studied all of the reading, maths and grammar that we possibly could.

We are ready for next week and are confident the children are ready and will do their best in the SATs. We have spent time writing and editing our evacuee stories this week - they are engaging and show how well we can use dialogue for a purpose in a story

We have continued exploring the heart and Antarctica in our science and geography lessons. Next week we look forward to using the VR headsets and these lessons to write a persuasive letter.