



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 19th May 2023

Mason Moor pupils meet Queen Camilla!

We were exceptionally proud to 'fly the flag' for our City this week, when we were invited to attend a National Literacy Trust event with a VIP guest - Her Majesty Queen Camilla!

Mia and Charlie had an adventure to remember, to Bristol, to visit Shirehampton Primary, where they celebrated the opening of a new library.



Her Majesty was very interested in the school and the local area - she asked the children about their trip to Bristol and enquired about the designs for Mason Moor's library. She asked Mr Constable-Phelps why the library was important to our school and community and Ms Brooks shared our vision for developing reading.

Pictured is Queen Camilla speaking to Mia as she showed the Queen her library design. We are so proud of the children for their composure, and we look forward to finding out if Mason Moor will host Her Majesty in the next academic year for our very own new library opening!

Local press coverage of Mason Moor's exciting audience with Queen Camilla:

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23534520.southampton-pupils-meet-queen-camilla-bristol-event/>

More news from across our school this week:

Year 4 enjoyed an immersive trip to The Charterhouse, in London, to complement their knowledge and learning of The Plague and the Black Death. Children enjoyed exploring the venue and saw skeletal remains, took part in a workshop to understand Christian beliefs at the time and created some art work pieces. The Charterhouse is one of the oldest buildings in London - dating back to the 14th Century!

Year 5 took part in a visit linked to the IntoUniversity Project. Year 5 took part in a workshop all linked to natural disasters and completed tasks about tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanoes. IntoUniversity is a close partner of the Bridge Education Trust and Mason Moor - providing study support for schools and providing mentorship links that enable pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to see how accessible university study could be to them.

Year 5 and Year 1 had a visit from Hampshire Fire Service. They studied the basics of fire management, how to stay safe and what to do in the event of a fire. This is linked to our PSHE study of 'staying safe' and our Character Curriculum area of 'Community' to help pupils stay safe.

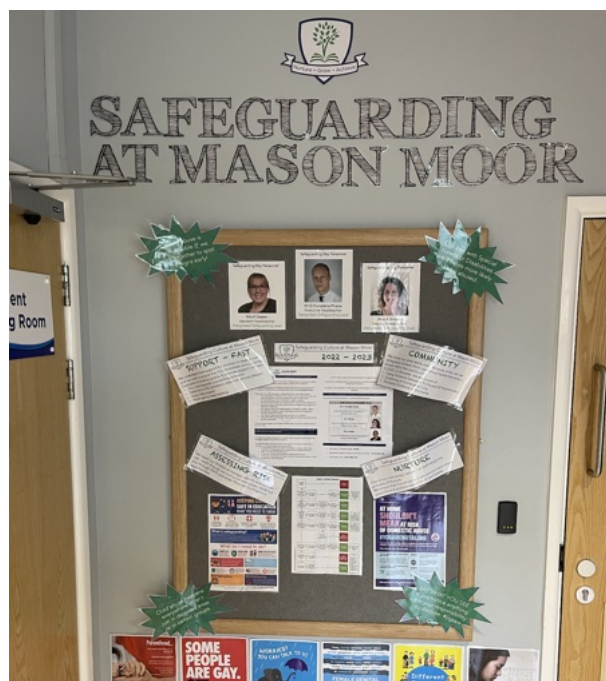


Year 6 took part in a follow-up Communicare event. They had the opportunity to speak to elderly members of the community all about the coronation and enjoyed some delicious cakes! Again, this is an integral part of our school development this year - as we embody the Superhero 'Community Chloe' who inspires us to be active and to support and help. In 2022, we partnered with Communicare Southampton who support loneliness in an ageing community. Both St. Mary's and Mason Moor are involved!

On Friday we had a visit from officials at Southampton City Council who were evaluating our commitment and approaches to Safeguarding at Mason Moor. The visitors looked at every aspect of our school including:

- Behaviour management and recording.
- Meeting with parents and carers and the impact of this on improving things for children.
- Improvements made to medical needs policies and practice in our school.
- Our commitment to ensuring that the physical building enables pupils to be and feel safe.

Perhaps most important to us was the opinion and feedback from our children - who spoke to the visitors really well. One child said *'This place has had a massive makeover!'* and another commented on *'They (staff) are here to help us with whatever we need'*. Pupils knew who to speak to and explained the types of support staff can provide.



**BIG THINGS
COMING!**

In the coming weeks there will be exciting news coming out regarding two consultations for the expansion of our school. This will include new provision that will enable more pupils - young and those with specific needs - to be educated in their local community. Letters will be sent to you to provide you with more information.

Thank you for all of your support, it means a lot to me to keep receiving information and the feedback you provide, so that I can continue to make the improvements needed to your child's school experience. Schools do not exist without close ties between families and the wider community. Details of the next Parent Forum are contained within the rest of the newsletter. Have a great weekend!

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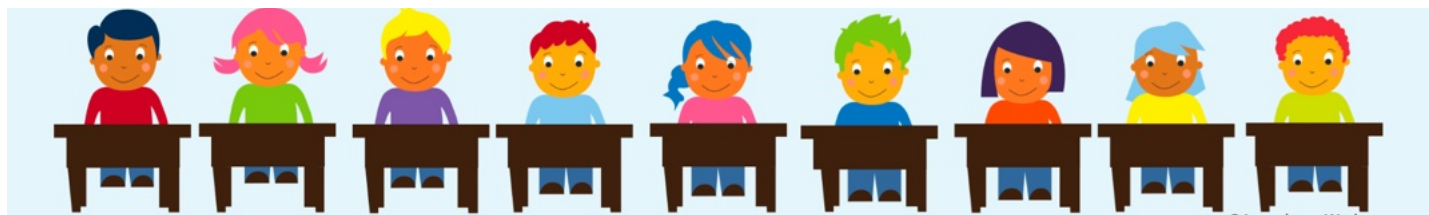
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Weekly Attendance Monitoring - Every day counts!

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: 93%



Year 4

Well done to Year 4 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	93.33%	(+1) %
Year 1	91.9%	(-2.2) %
Year 2	89.7%	(+0.4) %
Year 3	96.2%	(+6.2) %
Year 4	96.7%	(+3.5) %
Year 5	93.4%	(-3.5) %
Year 6	90.3%	(-2) %
TOTAL	93%	(+0.2) %

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

Attendance Update

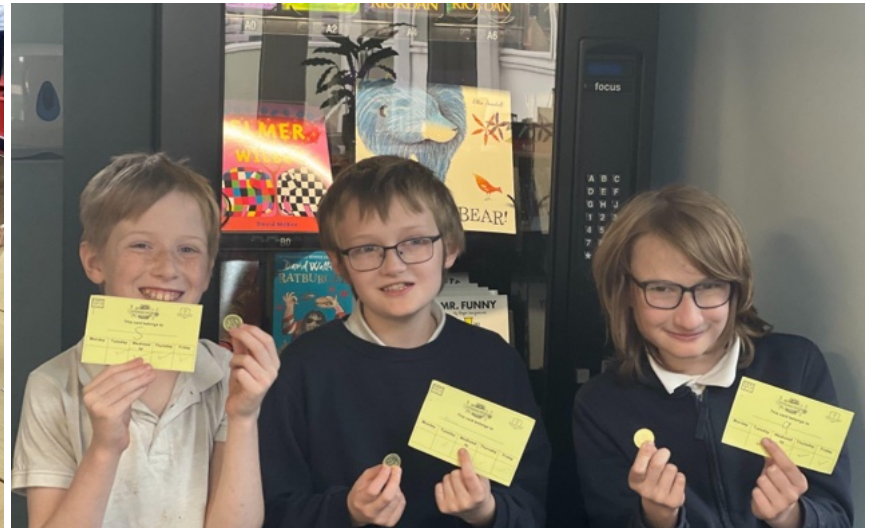


Our **97%** attendance target is still achievable this year if we work together on ensuring children are in school every day and not missing out on learning.

Our overall attendance to date is **92%** this is an improvement on last year where it was **91%**



MASON MOOR OUR WEEK IN PHOTOS!





Parent and Carer Notices



Year 6 Intergenerational Club News

A group of year 6 pupils this week visited Millbrook Christian Centre.

They met with a range of people from our elderly community to talk about their experiences as veterans. There was a coronation theme for the afternoon, the children discussed the recent coronation and even had the chance to speak to someone who remembered the coronation of the queen in 1953. The children showed exemplary behaviour and represented the school superbly. We look forward to continuing our work with the Communicare group throughout the rest of the year.



LEARNING HERO OF THE WEEK

Community Chloe

We teach our children the importance and responsibility of being a member of a community.

We live in Millbrook, close to Southampton's historic city docks. We also belong to our school community and we are developing a love of helping one another. New for 2023, is our work in the wider community - and our responsibilities to our older citizens. We now have a intergenerational club, that takes place monthly.

Providing Water Bottles - Hot Weather

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle (no glass please) in school every day. This should ideally be a reusable water bottle and should be clearly named with first name and surname (sharpie pens are good for this!)

It is imperative that all children are able to drink water regularly throughout the school day to ensure they stay hydrated to ensure optimal cognition and concentration. This is particularly important as we move further into the summer term and children will be spending more time outside and (hopefully!) in the sunshine.

Our school policy is water only, no squash or energy drinks. **If we do see squash - we will need to rinse and refill with water as it's a healthy eating policy within the school.**





Year 2 SATs Tests

Year 2 children are now half way through taking their SATs tests, these will continue next week.

They have all worked extremely hard and shown a real positive and resilient attitude towards them. They have also been working on their writing pieces in class - which will be looked at by the local authority soon!

As a reward for all their hard work they enjoyed an ice cream in school complete with sauce and sprinkles! Well done Year 2 definitely deserved.

Parent and Carer Notice - Traffic and Parking near our school site

SCHOOL — KEEP — CLEAR

Show you care, park elsewhere!

At Mason Moor we ask that all of our community members pledge to help us by parking in a safe and legal manner when visiting our school – especially when dropping off and collecting your child.

At Helvellyn Road, we are constrained by the road around the front of our school. Please **DO NOT** double park in a morning. By doing so you create a block for our local residents and could stop a fire engine or ambulance from getting into school.

We work closely with Southampton City Police and the local authority. We will need to report any vehicle parked in a dangerous manner.

For more information and access to our letters to parents and carers:

Visit our website:

<https://www.masonmoorprimary.co.uk/page/?title=LETTERS+%26amp%3B+NEWSLETTER+S&pid=46>

MASON MOOR NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST VISIT

A Royal Trip in Pictures



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 23rd May - Year R,1,2,3 Parents' evening (sign up via TUCASI)

Wednesday 24th May - Year 4,5,6 Parents' evening (sign up via TUCASI)

Friday 26th May - School Closes for Half Term

Tuesday 6th June - School reopens for Summer Term 2.



Important closure dates:

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

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

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



GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Zayd
1 Blue	Zachary
2 Blue	Nathan
3 Blue	Elliot

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Ed
5 Blue	Charlie
6 Blue	Connor
6 Green	John

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Abigail
1 Blue	Karen
2 Blue	Scarlett
3 Blue	Robert

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Maci
5 Blue	Sahin
6 Blue	Miley
6 Green	Adeyemi

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R	Oscar
1	Iris
2	Matthew K
3	Nshira

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4	Izaak
5	Nikol
6 Blue	Courtney
6 Green	Dolce

Learning at Mason Moor this week:

RECEPTION

This week, Reception has been drawing parallels with the story giraffes can't dance and writing why they are special like Gerald. The children chose a variety of reasons from loving their siblings to having lots of makeup. In maths we have been exploring halving and trying to remember that both halves have to be equal. We have also explored the jungle habitats and on Friday enjoyed our around the world day. We explored an activity from each of the 7 continents. We made igloos for Antarctica, Pizza for Italy in Europe, Origami for Japan in Asia, Aboriginal art for Australia, Hot Chocolate linked to the Aztecs in South America, African Drumming for the continent of Africa and Country line dancing from the USA in North America. For every activity we completed we got another continent coloured in our passports.

Year 1



Year 1 started a new topic in writing this week all about Magical and Mythical creatures. We are building towards writing our own story based around our own character. On Thursday we had 'Magical Mythical Morning' and after designing our own character and using adjectives to describe its characteristics we took part in some magical activities. We followed instructions, ensuring that we were precise when creating them as a class, to make fairy bread. Most of us enjoyed our magical treat although a few of us were not too keen. After that we created potions and spells using our imagination to turn craft feathers into waterproof feathers and foam triangles into dragon spikes. We then worked out what our potion would do and what the spell might be. We made a lot of safe fire related spells! In Maths we have begun to learn about exchanging across ten whilst subtracting. We are finding it a little tricky however are taking it slow and persevering.

Year 2



This week, Year 2 have been working hard once again on their writing. We read the text "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth" the children then used this as a hook for their learning to then go and write their own set of instructions for an unusual animal you wouldn't normally bath.

The children have worked really hard this week in their maths revision maths topics from earlier in the year. They did some fantastic work on fractions of an amount and reading a scale in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. In science we have continued to learn about electricity and this week we looked at how circuits work and what would happen if a part was missing.

In history we looked at the Viking raid on the monastery of Lindisfarne. We wrote letters in the role of a monk back to our families to explain what had happened.

Year 3



This week Year 3 has been exploring all the amazing and interesting things Southampton offers to the general public in order to write a persuasive leaflet promoting Southampton. We used our IT skills to research a vast range of attractions and the history within Southampton. In reading, we continued reading our book and finally discovered the main character Billy, got to experience a day in the life of his dream job, an actor. In Science we have continued to learn about plants and observe the growth of

Year 4



This week we have started our new topic fractions in maths. We have been practising counting up and down in hundredths and finding equivalent fractions. In writing we have been independently writing our diary entries about the Great Fire of London. We have been using our history skills to be able to write about how the fire started and how we would be feeling watching all the houses and London Bridge burning down. On Thursday we went to Charterhouse as part of our plague topic we

our Watercress. In History we have learnt more about Henry VIII and began learning a song.

are learning about in History. We got to see one of London's only surviving Black Death plague pits!



What a busy week in year 5 this week has been! We have continued working hard in maths where we've been measuring and drawing angles and in our writing we have written diaries from a character's point of view. In history the children showed great recall about the storming of the Bastille in deciding whether King Louis deserved to be executed.

We were visited by Hampshire Fire Service, who spoke to the children about fire safety and the risks associated with technology and how charging things like mobile phones and laptops can cause fire if simple precautions aren't taken. We also visited IntoUniversity, where the children extended their knowledge and understanding of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis.



With SATs finished, our focus has moved to our writing and foundation subjects. Most of us have concluded our work on Pig Heart Boy and persuasive writing and have moved on to Earnest Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica. We challenged the children to a quiz about Antarctica, what can be found there and who explored it. Soon, we will use this knowledge in writing a non-chronological report as well as a narrative set in this icy landscape. We also returned to our art unit on photography. Ask the children about the pictures they took this week. All children in year 6 also started to think about their science fair project. They will create these in groups. There will be more information on this to follow. Have a great weekend!

MASON MOOR SPOTLIGHT ON PE



PE Star of the week

Key Stage 1	Robby Chesters
Key Stage 2	Leo Earley

PE word of the week

Self-Improvement

PE thought of the week

'Strive for progress not perfection'