

6th November 2020

Moorfield News

Responsibility Perseverance Compassion Thankfulness

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and I hope you had a restful half term.

Covid-19

Thank you for following the request to wear a face mask around the school site and outside the school gates. As we are now in a national lockdown where schools are open, coming to school is probably the only place where there will be a crowd of people over the next four weeks. Therefore, it is imperative we social distance and wear a mask. Thank you for your support.

Charity

Some much needed positive news now and a big well done to Macsen in 4M. Macsen has raised over £900 (over £1000 with gift aid), for Minnie's Miracle, Fight for Sight charity by getting his long hair cut. Would you believe 10 inches were removed! On top of this Macsen's hair is being donated to the Little Princess Trust. Well done Macsen, Moorfield is really proud of you.



Moorfield Virtual Balloon Race

MHSA are putting on a balloon race event and you are all welcome to join in the fun at the start of December. You will find all the information on the next two pages. Please share it with friends and family and get as many people involved as possible. Lets see whose balloon travels the furthest!

Have a great weekend

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson
Headteacher



MOORFIELD VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE

Due to Coronavirus, we have sadly been unable to hold any of our regular events to fundraise for Moorfield as we did before the pandemic. This has resulted in a huge drop in funds raised for the school.

Our events help to raise valuable funds to support Moorfield's limited school budget. They subsidise varied projects within school which further enhance the children's learning journey.

Whilst we fully appreciate and understand that this is a very difficult time for many, we are hoping that some of you may enjoy taking part in this event which promises to be great fun! You can even take part from the comfort of your own home! This will help us to recoup some of the funds that the school has lost out on this year.

We will be part of a national event offering not only prizes for Moorfield balloons but an opportunity to win prizes in the overall event.

What is a virtual balloon race?

A virtual balloon race is a 100% eco-friendly simulation where everything about the race is real, except the balloon! Meaning there is no damage to the environment or wildlife.

Balloons are subject to a simulated flight pattern, based on your balloon's individual flight parameters, plus the real weather conditions at that actual time, such as wind speed and temperature.

This simulation uses an advanced computer modelling programme linked to Google maps and, Aeris, a commercial global weather data supplier.

Virtual balloons just like latex ones, can pop if the balloon parameters are not suited to the weather. For example, maximising helium content, having the fastest shape and thinnest rubber during stormy weather is not advisable. So, looking at the predicted weather for your race period prior to customisation helps your chances of winning (You can buy as many balloons as you like to increase your chances of winning).

Other hazards can also affect your balloons flight such as low flying geese!

Winner and Prizes

All races are 7 days in duration and the winning balloon is the one that has flown the furthest in ANY direction as measured in a straight line from the launch location.

*Note that a popped / burst balloon can still win if the wind direction changes and sends the still-flying balloons backwards in a reverse direction.

Balloons can be tracked via Google Maps & Satellites 24/7 for real time flight path tracking, for the duration of the race.

Moorfield Star Prizes

(AMAZING PRIZES EXCLUSIVELY for our furthest flying Moorfield Balloons!!)

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| 1 st | £100 |
| 2 nd | £50 |
| 3 rd | £25 |

National Star Prizes

(For the balloons that fly the furthest, from all charities joining this race)

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| 1 st | £500 |
| 2 nd | iPad |
| 3 rd | 10 x £10 Book Voucher |

How do I take part?

Please see next page



MOORFIELD VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE

To take part – Please use this link:

<https://ecoracing.co/payment/purchase?page=1020>

OR

Visit website:	1. ECORACING.CO
Click on:	2. BUY/GIFT BALLOONS (£3 EACH)
Use the search bar to search for/ (all scroll down to):	3. MOORFIELD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION – CHRISTMAS SHOPPING RACE
Scroll to the bottom of the page and click:	4. BUY BALLOONS FOR YOU BUY ACTIVATION CODES TO GIFT ACTIVATE A GIFTED CODE
Create an account (Your identity is required if you win!):	5. Complete your details and click CREATE ACCOUNT
Select your choice from the three options:	6. BUY BALLOONS FOR YOU BUY ACTIVATION CODES TO GIFT ACTIVATE A GIFTED CODE
Complete the check-out process:	7. ONCE PAYMENT IS COMPLETE YOU WILL BE TAKEN TO 'MY DASHBOARD'
At the top you will see:	8. PAYMENT COMPLETED CLICK HERE TO DECORATE BALLOON(S)
Click:	9. EDIT THIS BALLOON
You will then be taken to 'Design your balloon' page where you can customise:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAME• HELIUM CONTENT• RUBBER THICKNESS• SHAPE• COLOUR• PATTERN
Click on:	10. SAVE CHANGES

Your balloon design can be changed up until the race starts by going to My Dashboard, this is also where you can track the balloons once the race is underway.

GOOD LUCK!

RACE DETAILS

Race Name: Christmas Shopping
Race Date: 1st December 2020
Race Time: 12pm
Launch Location: Harrods, London Race
Duration: 7 Days
Balloon cost: £3
Race Charity: MHSA
Race Host: Ecoracing.co

This event is open to everyone

Please share the details of our virtual balloon race with as many friends, family members and colleagues as you can! (You can even gift balloons!)



Picture News




at Home

9th November 2020
What's going on this week?



Cruise ships around the world have found themselves docked and empty due to current travel restrictions. One former cruise ship captain, Paul Derham, has been using his ferry to organise tours to sail around some of the docked cruise ships in Dorset. Each of the cruise ships still have around 80-100 crew on board to ensure they remain safe at anchor. Some of the unused cruise ships have offered to work as 'floating hospitals' whilst they are unable to travel.

Things to talk about at home...

-  Have you ever been on or seen a boat? Have you ever seen a cruise ship?
-  If the cruise ships are empty, do you think they should be used for other things?
-  Can you think of any other ways the cruise ships could be used?