



Moorside Newsletter— Autumn 2024



What a Wonderful start!

Welcome back parents and carers - what an incredible start we've had! After a brilliant year jam-packed with milestones and important events, it has been a pleasure to see the children settling back into school so well. Children are continuing to display our Moorside Values of 'Pride', 'Collaboration', 'Understanding' and 'Aspiration' each day and this year we have also had a big push on 'Respect' and 'Manners'. Our new teachers have settled in wonderfully and it has been great to see so many children attending clubs and workshops, putting their names down to become 'Playground Leaders' and helping support charities and the local community by raising money and getting involved. Children's uniform is looking great and we are getting more children accessing Boom Reader than ever before. We have also had a huge push and a special celebration assembly for Times Tables Rockstars.

[@MoorsidePA #MoorsidePA on Twitter and](#)

[Class Dojo](#)



The children have been excellent this half-term and have really got back into good learning routines and positive attitudes towards wider school life. It has been fantastic to see so many engaged learners, excited faces and incredible learning opportunities offered to all our pupils.



Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance and Punctuality is always high on our agenda at Moorside as we believe 'Every day in school makes a difference to your child's future' and this all starts by being in school on time each day. We understand that some absences are unavoidable, but we believe it's crucial now more than ever to get your child in school and on time every day wherever possible. This will give them the best possible chance of achieving their full potential. If you have any concerns, please contact school and let us know how we can help. Please report any absences due to illness to Admin@moorside-primary.org or via MCAS.

Pupils are looking very smart in their uniforms, and we would like to support you in ensuring that this continues throughout the school year. Please continue to support school by ensuring school shoes/trainers are fully black (any small Nike ticks need to be black as well) and PE t-shirts and shorts/joggers should always be plain white, black, grey or navy. Smart watches, necklaces and bracelets are not permitted and for health and safety reasons, stud earrings must be removed or covered during PE. As always, we are here to support you wherever we can, so please get in touch if you need to speak to someone about uniforms.

Parent Voice and Social Media

In terms of contacting or 'tagging' us on social media, we currently have a whole school Twitter and Class Dojo account. We do not have a school Instagram or Facebook account so if you want to ask questions about what is happening in school, inform us of anything you feel is or isn't working well or make suggestions for improvement, please get in touch with the admin team (via email or in person). Please also feel free to speak to our 'Parent Voice' Group or come and have a chat with me on the playground in the morning or afternoon. We look forward to continuing to develop a strong partnership built on mutual respect and positive relationships with you and the wider community. Together, we can create a supportive and enriching environment for our students to thrive.

Attendance

This term

Class	Attendance
Nursery	93%
RC	92%
RB	95%
1F	96%
1L	96%
2R	95%
2C	93%
3B	97%
3P	94%
4W	95%
4S	95%
5W	98%
5P	96%
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Zebra Crossing Light

We have recently lodged a complaint with Tameside Council about the visibility of road markings on the Zebra crossing directly outside school and the broken light on one side of the pavement. If you live in the immediate area or are concerned like we are around visibility and safety, we would really appreciate it if you could also 'Report a Problem' on the Tameside website so that this gets fixed as soon as possible (there is real strength in numbers).

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/traffic/pedestriancrossings>

Electric Gates

Thank you for your support with walking in bikes and scooters. We have noticed a huge positive change around the school grounds regarding children turning off phones, saying 'Good Morning' and coming into school safely. Please can I also remind Parents and Carers not come through the black electric gates on foot as the gates will not stay open and walking through them with your back to oncoming cars puts both drivers and members of the Moorside community at risk. **The only families who should be driving through the gates are those who have 'Blue Badges' or have a pre-arranged agreements with school (for e.g. due to safeguarding). All license plates for 'Blue Badge' holders and for pre-arranged agreements with school are noted down and added to the system.** Myself and Mr Mills will be on the school gates every Friday afternoon so hopefully we will see you there soon!



Parent Voice Group and Trips

The 'Parent Voice' Group last year was a huge success and was well-attended with over 10 different families from across the school. Here are some of our major successes: Summer Fair, Ofsted Meetings, New Reflection Sheets, Sports Day changes, event timing adjustments, school volunteers, school club changes and stronger lines of communication between home and school. Please get in touch with either our Pastoral Lead, Mrs McGuire, if you are interested in joining us for the next meeting.

Please can I ask that that all trips are paid for before the deadline set on MCAS as certain classes have ended up missing out on trips and opportunities as we weren't able to secure numbers or confirm permissions. I have also sent out the 'Communication with Families' document in case you need to get in touch.

Finally, all the staff at Moorside would like to wish our families a restful break over the Autumn half-term. Daily reading, Times Tables Rockstars and Reading Plus and Boom Reader will really help the pupils to keep their learning ticking over whilst they are off.



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Events and Inset

Thank you for your generous donations. With your help we have managed to raise:

£450 from our MacMillan Coffee morning.

Over £200 of food donations for our harvest festival.

Awareness of children's mental health by wearing yellow for #HelloYellow day.

IN TAMESIDE

Tameside October School holidays 2024

There is so much going on across Tameside this school October half term holidays and you can find out more details relating to the events listed below and keep an eye out for all via our [Tameside - What's On \(intameside.co.uk\)](http://intameside.co.uk) All are family-friendly, some are offered on a drop-in basis, with others needing you to book your places or tickets in advance. We really do think there is something for everyone, perhaps even something for the big kids out there!



Make, Do & Play art activity: Halloween masks

In this family friendly workshop, Caroline will show children how to make a spooky Halloween mask.

Suitable for all ages, children must be supervised at all times. The activity costs £1.35 per child - please buy your ticket at the museum reception desk. Please note you may have to wait for a space at the craft table during busy times.

Dates & Times: Tuesday 29 October. 11am - 3pm - drop in, no need to book. **Address:** Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA

[Tameside - What's On - Make, Do & Play art activity \(intameside.co.uk\)](http://intameside.co.uk)



Magnificent Mushrooms: Family Workshop

Join us at Portland Basin with Myco (Manchester Mushroom Co-op) for a day of magnificent mushrooms to learn how to create and cultivating your own mini Oyster mushroom bucket, with soil covered hands you'll get to take it away so you can grow your own mushrooms at home.

On the day: Sign up when you arrive as these are timed and space limited workshops throughout the day. Workshops run from 11:30am to 3pm.

Dates & Times: Wednesday 30 October 2024. 11:30am - 3pm **Address:** Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA

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Make a Beastly Boggart

Get ready for some Halloween fun and discover the mischievous world of Boggarts—the spooky sprites said to cause all sorts of mayhem in Tameside! Join us to create your very own pom-pom Boggart and dream up their mischievous backstory, complete with the magical spells needed to banish them. Fancy dress is optional, but always encouraged! Refreshments will be provided, so come along for a spooktacular time.

Dates & Times: Wednesday the 30 October. 2:30pm- 4pm. **Address:** Tameside Local Studies and Archives, Cotton Street East, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL6 7BY

[Tameside - What's On - Make a Beastly Boggart \(intameside.co.uk\)](https://www.intameside.co.uk)



Make, Do & Play art activity: Foil art

In this family friendly workshop, Caroline will show children how to make arty things from foil art. There will be templates to help them create their chosen designs, including inspiration from Mexican festival 'Day of the Dead'.

Suitable for all ages, children must be supervised at all times. The activity costs £1.35 per child - please buy your ticket at the museum reception desk. Please note you may have to wait for a space at the craft table during busy times.

Dates & Times: Thursday 31 October. 11am - 3pm - drop in, no need to book. **Address:** Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA

[Tameside - What's On - Make, Do & Play art activity \(intameside.co.uk\)](https://www.intameside.co.uk)

We hope you find that there really is something for everyone and do remember to keep an eye on our [Tameside - What's On \(intameside.co.uk\)](https://www.intameside.co.uk) as other local organisations will be adding their holiday offer each day!