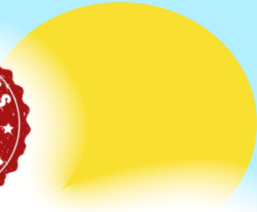




Moorside Newsletter



What a Start to Christmas!

Our pupils have been hard at work practising their lines and rehearsing for the Christmas shows. Aside from Christmas, pupils have had a fantastic term learning about a wide range of subjects, influential people and curriculum areas. Pupils have continued to display our Moorside Values of 'Pride', 'Collaboration', 'Understanding' and 'Aspiration' and it has been wonderful to see so many pupils enthusiastic about learning and pushing themselves to achieve their very best. It has been a busy term with lots to celebrate and be proud of, from freshly baked pizzas in design and technology to Greek pottery in History. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for Parents Evening, Moorside Mingles and the various workshops throughout the term. We can't wait to see you all again soon!

@MoorsidePA #MoorsidePA on Twitter (X)!



Please visit our Moorside Twitter page or the school website to see some of the amazing learning that has been going on across school. The Year 5 pupils were treated to a delicious, festive dinner at Droylsden Academy earlier this month. We have had Anti-Racism workshops in Year 6 and even a visit from the local Police Community Support Officers. From school trips, discos and sporting events—this term certainly has been one to remember. Please remember to add your child's teacher on Twitter as well as following the whole school page.



Punctuality, Attendance and Contact Details

Attendance and Punctuality is of paramount importance as we know that pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school maximise learning opportunities and are more likely to perform in exams and formal assessments. 'The more you know, the more you can learn' 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. Please avoid using Class Dojo to report any absences as not all staff are able to see individual messages or accounts.

We would like to thank all families for their support with uniforms and ensuring pupils are coming into school looking smart and taking 'Pride' in the way they dress. We have noticed a slight dip in Year 5 and 6 regarding the use of trainers that are not fully black. After the festive season, please can we ask you to support school in ensuring that your child attends school in full uniform and that school shoes/trainers are fully black (any small Nike ticks need to be black as well).

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 wherever we can, so please get in touch if you need to speak to someone about uniforms.

It is important to ensure that your contact details and consents are up to date so that you can be contacted as soon as possible if needed. If you need to change any information, please do this as soon as possible by emailing the school office or editing your details on MCAS.

Class	Attendance
Nursery	94.90%
RC	91%
RM	92%
1F	94%
1P	95%
2B	95%
2C	96%
3B	95%
3A	95%
4N	96%
4F	97%
5A	93%
5P	92%
6C	94%
6R	94%

Overall School

Attendance is 94.2%



Merry Christmas



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Lunchtime Offer and Student Leadership

We are lucky to announce that our lunchtime provision now includes a number of different sports and activities each day. Pupils have access to a range of different sports throughout the week including hockey, cricket and basketball. We also have the 'Calming Quad' available for any pupil who would prefer a quiet space. Basketballs, skipping ropes and new table tennis equipment have also been purchased to ensure that pupils have access to a wide range of sporting activities whilst outside.

In terms of Student Leadership, we have a large number of pupils from across the school with different roles and responsibilities. We currently have a Smart School Council, Anti-bullying Ambassadors, Reading Champions, Eco-Warriors and Playground Leaders. Feel free to ask your children what this looks like in school and whether or not they are involved in the weekly vote that goes on in class.

School Grounds and Zebra Crossing

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 and coming into school safely. The Zebra Crossing lights have finally been fixed thanks to everyone's persistence and messages to the council. Your messages and reports to the council made a real difference. We have enquired about getting a lollypop person next year.



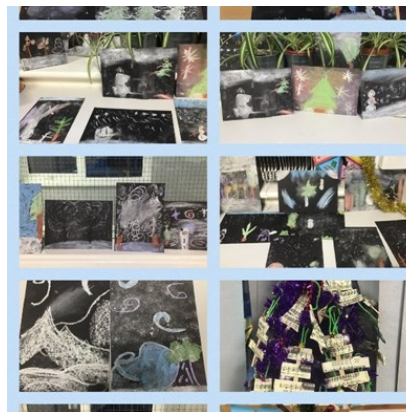
Please can I also remind Parents and Carers not to come through the black electric gates on foot as the gates will not stay open and walking through them with your back to oncoming cars puts both drivers and members of the Moorside community at risk.

Parent Voice Group

The 'Parent Voice' Group continues to be a focal point for building stronger relationships between home and school. Feel free to message our Pastoral Lead, Mrs McGuire, if you would like anything added to the next agenda item.

Merry Christmas!

Finally, all the staff at Moorside would like to wish our families a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and wish you all the very best for 2024! We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!



Moorside Curriculum

Nursery — Winter

Reception — Winter Wonderland

Year 1 — Australia

Year 2 — Explorers

Year 3 — Stone, Bronze and Iron Age

Year 4 — The Victorians

Year 5 — WWI

Year 6 — WWII



Events, Inset and Fundraising

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

£727 from our MacMillan Coffee morning.

Over **£1000** of food donations for our harvest festival.

Over **£500** for 'Children in Need' and 'Save the Children'

Inset Day - Tuesday 2nd January 2024