



Moorside Newsletter



Moorside Enquiry

It has been another busy, action packed half term, full of fantastic learning experiences and opportunities for the children and staff. We have recently hosted a number of events and enquiries at Moorside, welcoming visitors and leaders from up and down the country who came to 'enquire' into our provision and share their thoughts on our teaching and learning. Our most recent Enquiry Report stated that "Pupils consistently demonstrate politeness, good manners and high levels of engagement," Children have continued to display our Moorside Values of 'Pride', 'Collaboration', 'Understanding' and 'Aspiration' and it has been brilliant to see so many pupils enthusiastic about learning and pushing themselves to achieve their full potential. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us on school trips, Moorside Mingles and the various workshops throughout the term.

@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. Year 6 have taken part in workshops on digital, personal and community safety as part of 'Safe Squad' and our Year 1s were treated to some Animal Magic. Teachers have also put on numerous workshops for parents this term and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. From school trips, 'Dress to Express Discos' and after school clubs —this half term has certainly been a busy one. Please remember to add your child's teacher on Twitter as well as following the whole school page.



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

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 well in exams and formal assessments. 'Every day counts' and this all starts by being in school on time each day ready to learn. 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 via MCAS or by emailing on us at admin@moorside-primary.org. Please avoid using Class Dojo to report absences as not all staff are able to access individual messages or accounts.

We would like to thank all families for their efforts with uniforms and ensuring pupils are coming into school looking smart and taking 'Pride' in the way they dress. 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 or adidas stripes need to be black as well). Please expect a message from your child's class teacher if pupils are not coming in with the correct uniform. We will always give families an agreed amount of time (usually a few days) to purchase or locate 'lost' bits of uniform first before setting up a more formal meeting. As always, we are here to support wherever we can, so please get in touch if you need to speak to someone about uniforms.

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.

Overall School

Attendance is 94.3%





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School Protocol

At Moorside, we highly value the on-going positive communication we have with parents and carers, the two-way process of which is vital to the successful support for and education of our pupils. Therefore, I would like to share some updates regarding who to contact in school. Please see the attached 'School Protocol' for further details. If you have any questions about this, please speak to the admin team in the main office.

Football, Social Media and Phones

Thank you for your support with walking in bikes, scooters and ensuring that pupils switch off their phones before coming through the school gate. Please can I ask that footballs are not brought into school (especially in the mornings) as we have had a few of our youngest children either hit or have had near misses due to older children playing football around them before school.

We have noticed an alarming increase in the number of issues taking place on Social Media platforms such as WhatsApp, Snapchat and TikTok and this is often brought into the playground and classrooms. WhatsApp recently announced a change to their terms and conditions for users based in Europe. Users need to be 16 to use WhatsApp. Nearly all other social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services. This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and Tik Tok. Please can I ask all parents and carers to be extra vigilant and continue to monitor what children are viewing, posting and sending online. It only takes one impulsive photo, video or message to set off a negative chain of events which could ultimately lead to damaging consequences and long-lasting effects.



Moorside Curriculum

Nursery — Good to Grow and People who help us

Reception — Good to Grow

Year 1 — Australia

Year 2 — Explorers

Year 3 — Prehistoric Britain

Year 4 — The Victorians

Year 5 — WWI

Year 6 — WWII

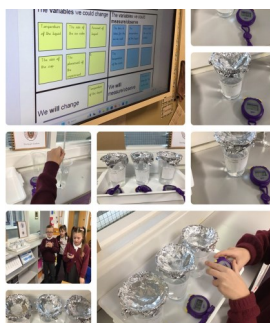
Parent Voice Group

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, or speak to a member of the Parent Voice Group if you would like anything added to the next agenda item. We are always looking for new members to join our group so please get in touch if you would like to find out more about joining the team.



Have a wonderful half-term!

Finally, all the staff at Moorside would like to wish our families a restful break over the February half-term. Daily reading, Times Tables Rockstars and Reading Plus will really help the pupils to keep their learning ticking over whilst they are off. Feel free to get in touch with your children's class teachers if you have any questions about logging in.



Events, Inset and Fundraising

Thank you for your generous donations and contributions this half term with 'Dress to Express' Day and 'Children's Mental Health Week'.

Thank you to all the parents who showed up for our 'Stay and Play' 'Parent Workshops and joined us for our 'Moorside Mingles'.

World Book Day— **7th March**

Comic Relief— **15th March**

Parents' Evening— **18th and 19th March**

Year 3 Moorside Mingle - **19th March**