



Moorside Newsletter

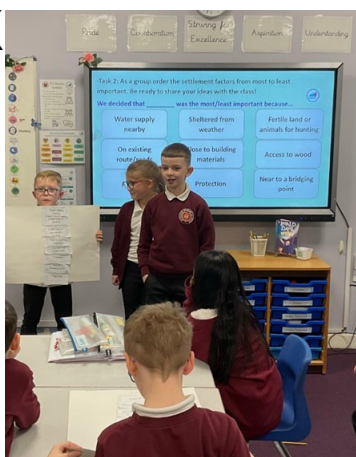


A big push on 'Voice 21' Oracy

It has been another busy, action packed half term, full of fantastic learning experiences, trips and opportunities for the children and staff. Our whole school has been working hard to develop oracy skills and improve the way we communicate, hold discussions and articulate our thinking. We believe that schools have the power to change a child's life and create a fairer society. Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language and listening. We feel that oracy skills set children up for success in school and life. In partnership with our Oracy approach 'Voice 21', we support pupils in solving problems collaboratively in maths and dissecting arguments in history, talking through conflicts in the playground and leading assemblies. Like reading, writing and maths, children can learn oracy skills and they are vital to every aspect of school, work and creating healthy relationships with other people.

Young Voices @MoorsidePA on Twitter (X)!

Pupils had a wonderful time at the Young Voices 2025 choir at the Co-op Live Arena at the Etihad. The event was nothing short of amazing, with all the children showcasing their incredible talents on stage. Not only were the children's performances brilliant, but we were also incredibly proud of their impeccable behaviour throughout the day. We owe a huge thank you to the dedicated staff who supported the children on this trip. Their commitment and care ensured that the children had a fantastic experience from start to finish. Thank you, parents, for supporting and joining us on the night – the children certainly created a core memory which will follow them for the rest of their lives. We look forward to many more enriching experiences together in the future.



Please visit our Moorside Twitter page, Dojo page or the school website to see some of the incredible learning that has been going on across school. Year 5 have taken part in anti-racism workshops and our Year 4s have had an extra special trip to the Palace Theatre to see Horrible Histories. Teachers have also put on numerous workshops and mingles for parents this term and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

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 more likely to perform 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 the new PE kits 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). As always, we are here to support wherever we can, so please get in touch if you need to speak to someone about uniforms.

Smart watches, necklaces and bracelets are not permitted and for health and safety reasons, stud earrings must be removed or covered during PE.

Class	Attendance
Nursery	94.5%
RB	95%
RC	93%
1F	96%
1L	95%
2C	95%
2R	96%
3B	96%
3P	97%
4B	94%
4W	94%
5P	96%
5W	97%
6C	93%
6R	94%

Overall School

Attendance is 95.2%





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Parking, Double Yellows and Enforcement Officers

Unfortunately, we have had a high number of community and neighbourhood complaints about parking issues and residents not being able to drive down public streets due to families parking on double yellow lines and blocking roads. We have been sent a number of photos and have received correspondence from Tameside enforcement officers and traffic wardens with several cars blocking dropped kerb driveways and children having to walk on the road to get around parked cars. Marina Road and Medlock Street seem to be the roads with the most issues and safety concerns. According to residents and Enforcement officers, drop-off and collection times seem to be particularly unsafe, which is why Tameside have increased the number of traffic wardens and has issued more fines this month. As a school, we are majorly concerned about reports of children not being able to walk on pavements due to cars being parked unlawfully and kindly ask all parents to refrain from parking in these areas to support us in ensuring the local pavements and crossing zones remain a safe place for everyone.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your ongoing support in helping us maintain a safe school community.

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 and leaving through the school gate. We have noticed an alarming increase in the number of issues taking place on Social Media platforms such as Ometv, WhatsApp, Snapchat and TikTok and this is often brought into the playground and classrooms. Some of these incidents have unfortunately led to suspensions and Police contact. Nearly all social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services (WhatsApp is 16+). 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.



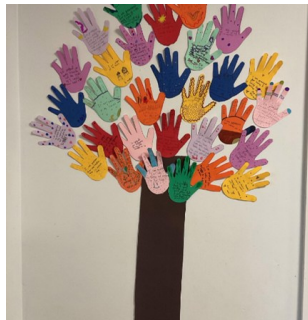
Parent Voice Group

The 'Parent Voice' Group continues to be a focal point for building stronger relationships between home and school. 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.

News!

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you that Mrs Williams will be leaving Moorside before Easter to pursue a new opportunity as a Business Manager at another Trust school. While we are certainly sad to see her go, we are also excited for her as she embarks on a new and exciting chapter of her career.

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, Boom Reader 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 question about logging in throughout the term.



Moorside Curriculum

Nursery — Good to Grow

Reception — Good to Grow

Year 1 — Australia

Year 2 — Explorers

Year 3 — Prehistoric Britain

Year 4 — The Victorians

Year 5 — India

Year 6 — WWII



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— 21st March

Parents' Evening— 18th and 19th March