



31/01/2022



MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE WE PREPARE FOR TOMORROW BY ACHIEVING TODAY

MESSAGE FROM MS STONE

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you and your families are all keeping well. We still have high rates of COVID in school so please keep testing at home to help keep everyone safe. Because of the high rates of infection, our staff will be continuing to wear face masks for the next few weeks.

Year 5 music last week was an absolute joy. The children have started to learn to play the ukulele with Mr Darby and they are making a lovely sound. We are very fortunate to have such a passionate music teacher in Mr Darby. He is committed to every child developing as a musician and learning about the wide musical traditions we have in school. I am excited to see where Year 5 go with this and I hope that as things start to return to normal we can share this with parents.

Our wonderful staff always look to go above and beyond to get the best for our children. The brilliant Mrs Burrows has entered a lot of competitions and has won stepping stones for our forest school area. She is also a very keen reader and has won lots of books which she gives to our library. Thank you so much Mrs Burrows! Geography is a subject that we are working hard to develop. Mr McCormick our subject leader has developed a fantastic geography curriculum that seeks to embed knowledge and understanding with the world. It was wonderful to speak to children in Year 6 about their learning in this subject. They blew Mrs Shaw away with their understanding and explanations about their work in geography. Mrs Shaw asked the children for three words to describe geography. Leonie had the best response - I love geography.

We have a record number of classes top Battle of the readers this week. Well done Blue 3, Red 3, Red 5, Green 5, Yellow 5 and Red 6 who all had 28 children read three times during the week. There is such a buzz in class when children know that they have won or that their class scores have improved. Thank you once again to everyone who hears children read at home - it is vital to the work we do in school.

We are sending our warmest congratulations to our friends at Oldbury Academy for their excellent OFSTED report. Their "Good" rating is well deserved and reflects how the school is now. I know that the head teacher Mr Shackleton would welcome visits from parents at any time.

Finally - what a lovely Friday afternoon I had. Yellow 6 invited me to see their literal scores on the doors for their arithmetic (Mrs Wilding is very imaginative with her displays!). They continue to make astounding progress - thank you so much Yellow 6 for asking me down to your class. It made my day.

Best wishes,



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



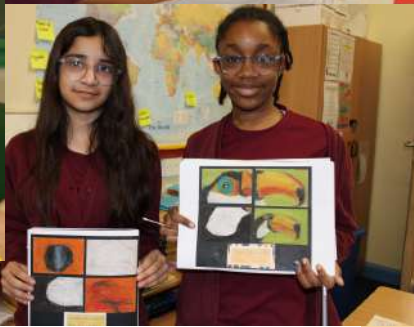
Year 6 Science
Inheritance



After school club
Music



Year 5 using the Art
Technique - Automatism



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STARS OF THE WEEK



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3B – Leah G

3G – Kara B

3R – Anaya S

3Y – Orlaigh P

4B – Isabelle K

4G – Harshveer M

4R – Manveer K

4Y – Yuvraj S

5B – Regan J

5G – Ruby H

5R – Renwa A

5Y – Nikunj K

6B – Gunika B

6G – Munnet D

6R – Laiba M

6Y – Dawnielle E

READING SPECIAL MENTIONS

Jensen C (B3)

Lola J (B3)

Jaylon M (B3)

Rachel O (B4)

Amreet R (B4)

Edison R (B4)

Sanvi S (B4)

Summer (B5)

Rueben C (G5)

Nathan D (G5)

Bilal G (G5)

Renwa A (R5)

Harvir O (R5)

Krishna S (R5)

Hira H (Y5)

Aaleyah R (Y5)

Dayne A (G6)

Jemima L (G6)

Rio R (R6)

Halimah A (Y6)

HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Lower School

Oscar B Yellow 4

Upper School

Renwa A Red 5

SPORTS SUPERSTARS

Lower School

3B – Emmanuel T

3G – Aleena A

3R – Zakariya A

3Y – Yuvraj B

4B – Xaiya M

4G – Niamh R

4R – Danielle H

4Y – Erin H

Upper School

5B – Seren B

5G – Bilal G

5R – Halima I

5Y – Ben W

6B – Lilia S

6G – Rayyan A + Ali K

6R – Abdul A

6Y – Mariam G



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31st Jan

Deadline for Reading Ambassador Forms

Monday 31st Jan

Deadline for Creative Reading Competition (Character)

Monday 14th Feb

Year 3 SEN Parents Coffee Morning

Tuesday 15th Feb

Year 4 SEN Parents Coffee Morning

Monday 21st Feb

Half Term Starts

Monday 28th Feb

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 1st March

School starts

Thursday 3rd March

World book day

Monday 7th March

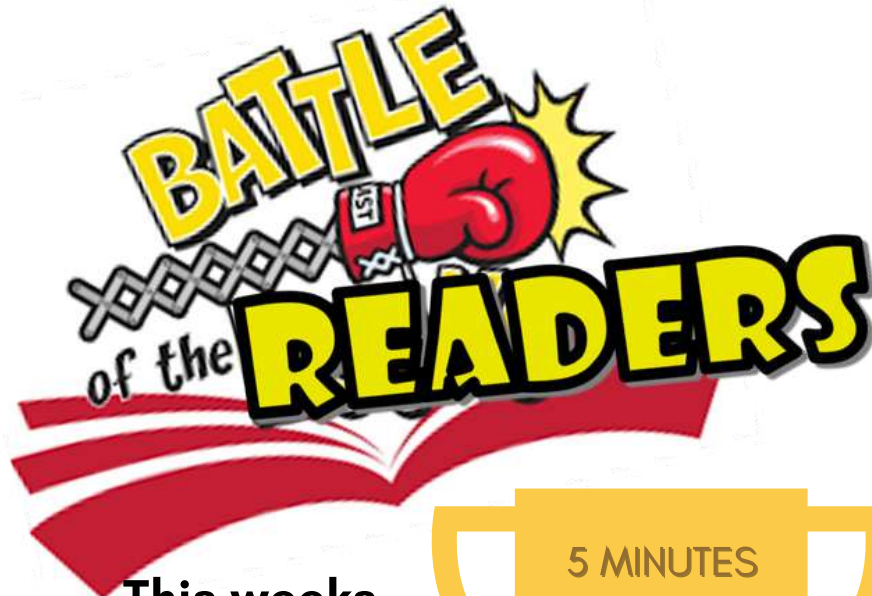
Year 5 + 6 SEN Parents Coffee Morning

Monday 28th March

Parents Evening

Wednesday 30th March

Parents Evening

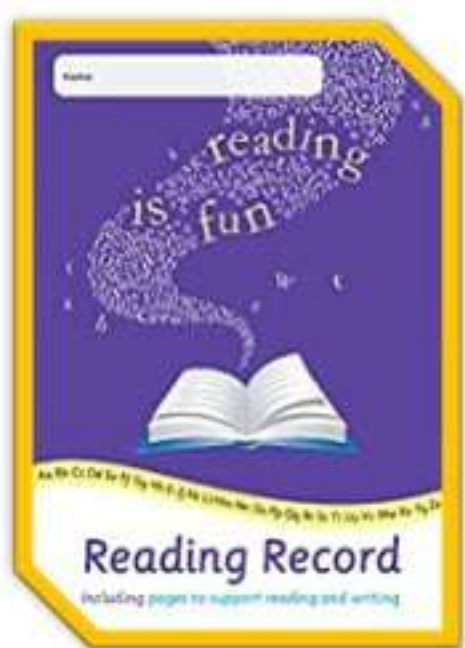


This weeks

Champions are

Blue 3 Red 3 Red 5
Yellow 5 Green 5 Red 6

with 28 pupils who read 3 times or more.



Remember

Your child needs to bring their Reading Record to school EVERY day!

Reading Ambassador
Is your child passionate about reading?
Does your child read at home at least 3 times each week?
Are they a reading role model?



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ATTENDANCE NEWS

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Attendance Update

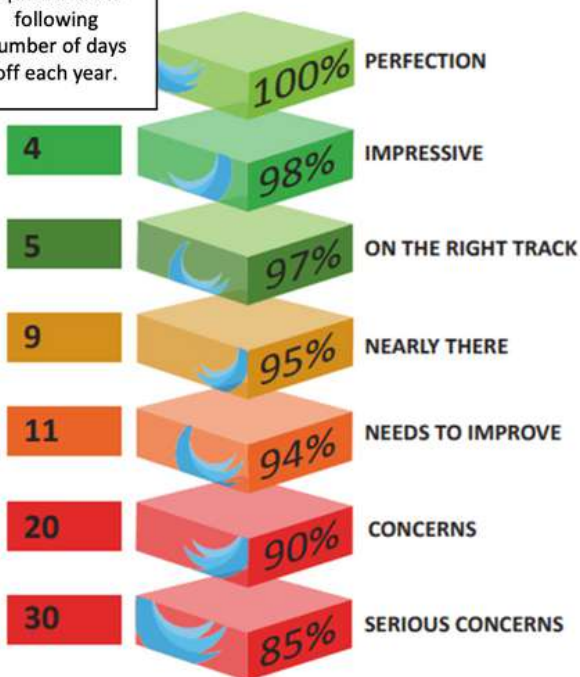
We need to try really hard this year to make sure every year group is achieving or beating our **96.7%** target. We can only do this if we all work together!

Our attendance for w/c 24.1.2022 was

92.1%

How well is your child doing?

Equates to the following number of days off each year.



Weekly Attendance w/c 24.1.22	
Yellow 3	80.8%
Red 3	97.9%
Green 3	95%
Blue 3	98%
Yellow 4	93.2%
Red 4	93.3%
Green 4	85.6%
Blue 4	91.3%
Yellow 5	97.1%
Red 5	94.7%
Green 5	96.7%
Blue 5	88.8%
Yellow 6	89.3%
Red 6	86.0%
Green 6	89.7%
Blue 6	96.0%

Please continue to do regular lateral flow tests with your child. Please report test results and any covid related queries to covid19positive@moatfarm-jun.sandwell.sch.uk



Lower School Weekly Attendance Champions:

Blue 3

Upper School Weekly Attendance Champions:

Yellow 5

Moat Farm Junior Attendance League this half term

Lower School

Blue 3	1	Blue 4	1
Green 3		Green 4	
Red 3	2	Red 4	
Yellow 3		Yellow 4	

Upper School

Blue 5		Blue 6	
Green 5		Green 6	
Red 5	2	Red 6	1
Yellow 5	1	Yellow 6	

Each week, classes receive a point for having the best attendance within lower and upper school.



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