

MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE WE PREPARE FOR TOMORROW BY ACHIEVING TODAY

MESSAGE FROM MS STONE

Dear parents and carers,

What an amazing week we have had back in school! Mrs Birch led a victorious team in the athletics. 18 pupils from years 5 & 6 represented Moat Farm at The Sandwell School Games Athletics Tournament. The pupils had a great day out and managed to come 1st out of 11 schools. They will now go on to represent Sandwell against schools from Walsall, Wolverhampton and Dudley at the Black Country Finals in the Summer Term.

World Book day was a great success and reflects the high profile of reading at Moat Farm that we all have worked together to achieve. Thank you to everyone at home who made the day such a success with the costumes - they were truly wonderful. Also, we need to thank Mrs Wilding for organising such an incredible day. Her enthusiasm for reading is highly infectious and she works tirelessly to ensure that all our children love books.

Year 5 have blown Mrs Shaw away by their ukulele skills. They were just incredible and have only been learning for a very short space of time. They made a beautiful sound and I am looking forward to seeing where Mr Darby takes this with them. It would be lovely to invite parents in to hear them at a future date.

Best wishes,

Lara Stone



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

World Book Day



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7th March

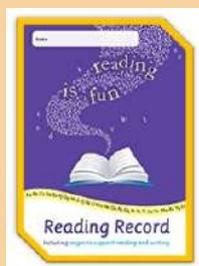
Year 5 + 6 SEN Parents Coffee Morning

Monday 28th March

Parents Evening

Wednesday 30th March

Parents Evening



Remember

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

This week, as part of our World Book Day celebrations, Year 6 produced an explanation text detailing their earliest memories of reading. Below is an example of the excellent work that was produced.

Growing up books didn't seem important; they were simply an unimportant addition to my life. However, when I passed the local library, I was gripped by the bright, bold covers and enticing titles. I knew right away that the library was my place. Even since then, I had been curious as my brother spent a lot of time in his bedroom. Intrigued, I entered his room one day and discovered that he was reading a book, surrounded by stacks of other books! He looked so absorbed in his story that even I decided to try reading. When I did, I simply loved how reading a book - an interesting, gripping one - transported you to a different world if you were sad or bored. Even though in some books there were no illustrations, I could see myself reading with Matilda; doing ballet with Aya; stealing the Crown Jewels with Ben and Gran; even solving a mystery with Sherlock Holmes. With a bit of imagination, I could escape to anywhere and everywhere. For me, this is what makes reading so special.

Although my imagination played a big role in my reading journey, my love of reading probably wouldn't have happened without my mum. She used to tell me stories before bed, about girls racing through forests, or girls journeying around the world, or girls climbing up a tower to save the prince who was locked up (see how the girls do the rescuing, not the prince!). I absolutely adored these stories, but there was one problem. When I was little, I couldn't really remember things, so I kept on forgetting the thrilling tales, which frustrated me. But then my mum came up with a solution. She told me to write them down and I did, which helped matters enormously. I clearly remember that it took a long time - when I was small, I liked everything to be pin-neat perfect - but after trial and error, I finally managed to "Publish" my mums stories. I enjoyed doing this and felt so inspired that I decided to write my own stories! Reading books helped me write stories as I picked up vocabulary and phrases, which made my stories better. All of this was down to my mum, so without her I wouldn't have realised I loved reading and writing stories so much. Reading books made me love writing too; without books I wouldn't be the writer I am today!

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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 14.02.22 was

94.1%

Well done to Blue 3 and Green 5 for having the best class attendance (7th-18th February).

Both classes will enjoy time in Forest School on Friday 4th March afternoon with hot chocolate and biscuits.



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

Lower School Attendance Champions:

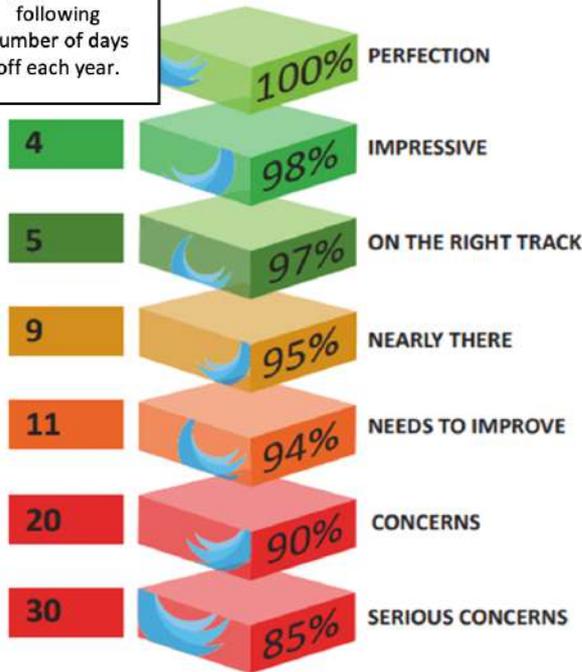
3 Blue

Upper School Attendance Champions:

5 Yellow

How well is your child doing?

Equates to the following number of days off each year.



Moat Farm Junior Attendance

League this half term

Lower School

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

Upper School

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

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



Weekly Attendance

Yellow 3	96.9%
Red 3	88.5%
Green 3	89.7%
Blue 3	98%
Yellow 4	89.7%
Red 4	90%
Green 4	94.2%
Blue 4	97.1%
Yellow 5	98.1%
Red 5	95.5%
Green 5	96.7%
Blue 5	94.9%
Yellow 6	95.9%
Red 6	94.3%
Green 6	95.9%
Blue 6	90.6%

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