

13/10/2023

MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE WE PREPARE FOR TOMORROW BY ACHIEVING TODAY

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy week it has been at our school, lots of events and trips. Our pupils and staff had a brilliant time! We love walking into our classrooms, the learning is exciting, behaviour is good and the children are engaged.

Poetry Day Celebrations

As part of Moat Farm's National Poetry Day celebrations, Mrs Wilding contacted the poet Joshua Seigal, who stated it would be a privilege to share our school's winning poems on his personal blog, where they will be able to be seen very soon! Each class across the whole of the school, explored poems based on this year's theme, refuge in Guided Reading lessons and discussions took place around what refuge meant to each child.

Each class had the opportunity to create a poem based on this year's theme. The standard of poems was amazing, each class showed teamwork, acceptance and respect when they collaboratively wrote their poem. The children then learnt and recited the poem to their year group, where feedback was given and poems were celebrated. A huge highlight of Poetry Week was Mr McCormick organising for our children to share their class poems with children from Turkey, India, Malaysia and Indonesia - what an opportunity for our children! Staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed the week and we are proud to announce the winners of the poetry competition are Green 3, Yellow 4, Red 5 and Yellow 6.

Football Trials

Last week, we held our annual football trials at school. The trials saw just over 120 children attend from years 3 to 6. It was amazing to see so many children attend and showcase their footballing talents. Because of the incredible turnout, we have decided to have three football teams moving forward. Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will train on Mondays and the new girls' football team will train on Thursdays. This will give children the chance to strengthen their footballing skills, build teamwork skills and prepare for upcoming tournaments. We've got our fingers crossed for another successful footballing season.

A big thank you to Mrs Wilding, Miss Buchray, Mr Gregory, Mr Norton, Mr White and Mrs Armstrong who helped with the trials. It was greatly appreciated!

Hello Yellow Day

On Tuesday 10th October, we joined thousands of other schools by wearing yellow to show young people that how they feel matters, as well as raising money for Young Minds, the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. The children had lots of fun dressing up in yellow and costumes such as bees, bananas etc and visiting our Hello Yellow photobooth with their class.

Children also spent their PSHE lesson learning all about the importance of talking about how they feel and ways to do that.

Black History Month

During Black History Month, the children at Moat Farm have been learning about the Windrush generation. In history lessons, lower school children are exploring where the Windrush generation came from, using digital mapping and atlas work to locate different Caribbean islands. After this, they are using their historical enquiry skills to examine a primary source - a part of the Windrush passenger list - and find out about the passengers from the details within the document. In upper school, we have also used the passenger list as a primary source. After examining details of the passengers, we have taken an in depth look at challenges and incredible contributions made by the Windrush generation. We have used videos of oral testimonies from members of the Windrush generation living in the U.K. to build up a picture of their lives. We have also been reading Windrush themed books during read at three to deepen the children's understanding, including books by Floella Benjamin and Benjamin Zephaniah.

The children's learning has also been complemented with some very special visits to our school by an important visitor - the West Midlands High Sheriff, W C Lyn Esq CBE DL CD. We are so privileged to have such a prestigious visitor in school. Just to give you an insight, he left Moat Farm in the morning to go to an afternoon engagement meeting Prince William and the Princess Kate. He has come into school twice this week to talk to the children in an assembly, where he discussed the role of High Sheriff and also gave the children a thorough history of Windrush. He came in full ceremonial costume, including sword, which the children were very excited about!

Year 4 Islamic Exhibition Experience Trip

On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October, all year 4 classes visited an Islamic Exhibition. It was a great opportunity for the children to learn amazing facts about Islam and use this information in our current RE topic. During the visit, children learnt all about family life, Islamic science, the five pillars, Islamic architecture and explored all the different prophets. Children were able to see different artefacts and models that made the Islamic religion come to life. We had a super day and would like to thank all the staff at the Islamic Exhibition: we learnt so much and had so much fun!

Vaping

Please can we remind you that vaping and/or smoking on school grounds is not allowed. Concerns have been raised, please be mindful of this.

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Scotney

Teacher Training

Dates

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

MONDAY 17TH JUNE

MONDAY 22ND JULY

DIARY DATES

20.10.23

TIMES TABLES
ROCKSTARS DAY

25.10.23

YEAR 3 SANDWELL
VALLEY TRIP

25.10.23

27.10.23

YEAR 6 FRANK
CHAPMAN
RESIDENTIAL

30.10.23

03.11.23

HALF TERM
HOLIDAY

06.11.23

TRAINING DAY
(SCHOOL CLOSED
TO PUPILS)

13.11.23

PARENTS' EVENING

16.11.23

PARENTS' EVENING

24.11.23

G4 / Y4 BEWDLEY
MUSEUM TRIP

27.11.23

YEAR 5 TRIP TO
HARVINGTON HALL

28.11.23

YEAR 5 TRIP TO
HARVINGTON HALL

01.12.23

TRAINING DAY
(SCHOOL CLOSED
TO PUPILS)

06.12.23

B4 / R4 BEWDLEY
MUSEUM TRIP
(SUBJECT TO
CHANGE)

09.12.23

WINTER MARKET
(DETAILS WILL BE
SENT OUT SOON)

What we've been up to

HELLO YELLOW DAY



THE HIGH SHERIFF



ISLAMIC EXHIBITION

ART



BATTLE OF THE READERS

POSITION	CLASS	READ 3 TIMES OR MORE	PERCENTAGE	FULL CLASS NUMBER
#1	YELLOW 6	28	97%	29
#2	GREEN 6	28	93%	30
#2	GREEN 5	27	93%	29
#3	BLUE 6	25	83%	30
#4	BLUE 3	23	77%	30
#4	RED 4	23	77%	30

SPECIAL MENTIONS

LOWER SCHOOL

BLUE 3 - MATTHEW E

GREEN 3 - CHERISH D

RED 3 - RAYA-MAI T

YELLOW 3 - BRANDON R

BLUE 4 - GEORGIE-LEA A

GREEN 4 - REMIAH H

RED 4 - JASLEEN K

YELLOW 4 - LANWE A

UPPER SCHOOL

BLUE 5 - RUBY S

GREEN 5 - CARLTON D

RED 5 - ELLA T

YELLOW 5 - ARYANVIR S

BLUE 6 - TOMMY-LEE S

GREEN 6 - DOUGIE M

RED 6 - LAYTON G

YELLOW 6 - EESA H