

30/01/2024

MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE WE PREPARE FOR TOMORROW BY ACHIEVING TODAY

Dear parents and carers,

The children have settled in beautifully since coming back to school after Christmas. Even though this is a really short term, so much has happened already!

Athletics Competition

18 children were selected to represent Moat Farm at the Sandwell Schools Athletics Competition to compete against 16 other primary school athletic teams.

Pupils competed in sprints, long distance runs, long jump, triple jump, chest push and the speed bounce. They placed first in many events throughout the day, gaining lots of points along the way to make them winners of the competition! What an achievement - 1st out of 17 talented school teams.

Special mention goes to Ollie and Marvellous who both cleared the measuring mat in the triple jump!

Our pupil of the tournament, who not only displayed all our Moat Farm values throughout and secured us first place in the 2x2 lap relay, was Dougie (AKA Mr Speedy).

Our team have now progressed to represent Sandwell at the Black Country Sports Hall Athletics Competition in May!

Rights Respecting Schools Award

In the Autumn term, our school started working towards becoming a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School. We are delighted to announce that on Friday 26th January 2024, we achieved our first accreditation - bronze! We are now working towards silver. This award allows us all to learn about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which outlines what children need to survive and thrive, becoming the best they can be and achieving their potential. A UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships, whether between adults and pupils, between pupils or between adults. It is proven to benefit everyone in the school community to grow and learn together. We are thrilled to be on this journey.

Reading

At Moat Farm, reading is at the heart of our curriculum. Building a culture of Reading for Pleasure and developing each child as a fluent, expressive reader is vitally important for your child's future prospects. To support this, we ask that each child reads at least three times a week at home and that this is recorded in your child's Reading Record. Not only is reading a life skill, but this is also an opportunity for you to spend quality time together.

At the end of each week, every class submits the number of children who have read a minimum of three times, a star reader for each class is chosen and the results are recorded in our exciting Battle of the Readers leader board. Results are announced weekly, with the winning class receiving either five minutes extra playtime, Read at 3 or Comfy Reading time. You have to be in it, to win it, so let's get your child reading at home three times weekly and see their class winning Battle of the Readers!

Bikeability Year 5

Since the start of January, year 5 classes have taken part in Bikeability training. This intervention helps children learn how to ride a bike, some for the first time. For children who can already ride, they are taught how to navigate safely around local streets using the correct road positions and signaling. The biggest challenge that the children have faced was the weather. In the last three weeks, we have faced the bitter cold, occasional showers and even a snippet of sunshine. However, through all this, the children have shown amazing resilience and determination to learn and perfect their riding skills. The instructors were incredibly complimentary and highlighted the motivation and optimism throughout all classes. Well done, year 5! Currently, arrangements are being made with BikeRight to carry out this intervention with year 6 in the summer term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,
Mrs Shaw and Mrs Scotney

Our school in pictures...

Our athletics team came 1st out of 17 schools in Sandwell!



Year 5 Bikeability



Chess After School Club



Cosy Book Talk



Blue 6 Zoom with a school in Pakistan!

Teacher Training Dates

MONDAY 17TH JUNE

MONDAY 22ND JULY

DIARY DATES

31.01.24

GREEN 5 CLASS
ASSEMBLY

31.01.24

MATHS PARENT
WORKSHOP

6.02.24

GREEN 4 AND
YELLOW 4 TRIP
TO ST HILDA'S

7.02.24

RED 4 AND BLUE
4 TRIP TO ST
HILDA'S

7.02.24

RED 5 CLASS
ASSEMBLY

12.02.24 - 16.02.24

HALF TERM
HOLIDAY -
SCHOOL CLOSED

21.02.24

YEAR 3 TRIP TO
GURDWARA

22.02.24

YEAR 5 TRIP TO
YOUNG VOICES

26.02.24

PARENTS' EVENING

29.02.24

PARENTS' EVENING

06 - 08.03.24

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YEAR 4
RESIDENTIAL
(INGESTRE)

07.03.24

WORLD BOOK
DAY /
STARBOOKS

13.03.24

YEAR 5 SPACE CENTRE
TRIP
(YELLOW 5 AND GREEN
5)

15.03.24

YEAR 5 SPACE CENTRE
TRIP
(RED 5 AND BLUE 5)

18.03.24

YEAR 4 ROMAN
WORKSHOP

19.03.24

YEAR 4 FIRE
SAFETY TALK

19.03.24

YEAR 3 SPRING DISCO -
3:30-4:30
YEAR 5 SPRING DISCO -
5:00-6:00

20.03.24

YEAR 3 TRIP TO
LEICESTER MUSEUM
- GREEN 3 AND BLUE
3

21.03.24

YEAR 4 SPRING DISCO -
3:30-4:30
YEAR 6 SPRING DISCO -
5:00-6:00

21.03.24

YEAR 3 TRIP TO
LEICESTER MUSEUM
- YELLOW 3 AND
RED 3