



22.12.2023

Moat Farm Junior School

Message from Mrs Shaw & Mrs Scotney

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to start this week's newsletter by saying thank you to all of our families for your attendance to all of our events this term. It has been so busy with our Winter Market, Nativity, Forest School Experiences, a class assembly and so much more! We love seeing you all here and it is always a wonderful opportunity to get to know you better. You trust us with your most prized possessions and your feedback is so important to us.

Mrs Jones

We are so pleased to let you know that Mrs Jones has had a baby boy called Arthur! He arrived safely and mummy and baby are doing great. She is enjoying her maternity and looking forward to her first Christmas as a mummy.

Attendance News!

A document is published every year with all schools listed by their end of year attendance, we are thrilled to let you know that for the last academic year (22-23) we came top with the highest end of year attendance in Sandwell! This is fantastic news and we would like to thank you for your support in making sure the children are in every day and on time. This is a team effort around our children, it is so important that we continue to work together to give our children the best start in life! Super special thank you to Mrs Stewart, whose role is above and beyond that of an Attendance Officer, she is part of our nurture, pastoral, safeguarding and office team. She always works behind the scenes to help us support our children and families in whichever way they need it.

Geography

We are always keen to broaden the horizons of our children and get them interacting with similarly aged children around the world. We have had many ventures this term, including the following: as a reading reward, selected children shared a passage from their favourite book with children in Indonesia, Pakistan and China on Zoom; schools in Uganda and Bangladesh have joined us on Zoom for assemblies; year 4's unit on rivers and flooding finished with a presentation from children in Bangladesh, talking about this topic from their perspective; year 3's finished their topic on 'The World' with a presentation from children in China talking about their daily life there; our children have exchanged postcards with children in Mexico and Tunisia (we intend for them to be able to 'meet' the child they exchanged with on Zoom in the new year); we have a group of children on the 'Global Schools Alliance Primary Council' meeting other children around the world twice a term to discuss issues (the next one will be in February on environmental issues) and finally some children have made a video tour of the school which we will send out to overseas schools to help us build even more links. We hope to continue these amazing experiences into the new year! A special thank you to Mr McCormick for making these amazing international opportunities possible for our pupils.

Winter Market

Our Winter Market ran so smoothly. Santa said what a welcoming and lively school ours is. Thank you to all of our families who came to support the event. A special thank you also to all of our staff who gave up their own time to make this event so brilliant for our families. Well done to Archie in Red 3 who won our elf by guessing his correct name (Louis).

Forest School Experiences

Our first ever Forest School Experiences went so well! The feedback from pupils and parents have been overwhelmingly positive and we really appreciate this. We enjoyed spending time with our children and their families around the fire. The stories were all specially selected from a range of books about Christmas with a common theme – trees! Thank you to Mrs Wilding for providing a big selection of books for our teachers to choose from. Special thank you to Mr Adams and Mr Norton for making sure all the health and safety aspects were covered so that we could do this event safely and mostly dry! We were so impressed with how confidently our children read their poems.

Nativity

To kick start the Christmas festivities, a range of children from years 3-6 performed in our school nativity. The children began by auditioning for roles back in October. Once the children were chosen and roles were distributed, children began learning their lines. Our nativity wasn't just your normal nativity, it was a nativity play with a twist! We had a judge, cows, donkeys, policemen and even our very own Ant and Dec! All children worked extremely hard to learn their lines and putting everything together. We also had lots of singing and even danced to 'The Sheep Shimmy!' We all had an amazing time rehearsing and performing it to everyone. The nativity was a success! Bring on next year! Thank you to Miss Roberts for leading on this amazing experience for our budding actors, actresses and singers.

Pantomime

After the success of last year's Aladdin pantomime, we booked the same company to come in to school this year. But this time, it was to perform Jack and the Beanstalk. All of our pupils got to watch it in two sittings. What a wonderful end of term treat, ready to send the children home to spend the holidays with you. The children and staff laughed out loud. What a joy! Thank you for your voluntary contributions, we rely on those to continue to provide these amazing experiences for our children.

DT

All of our year groups have been working on their DT projects this week. Year 4 have been exploring automaton toys, the history of them and how they work. They designed their toys and made them using a range of tools and equipment. Year 6 created LED lights, after completing research into the history of lights and what they thought would make a 'good' light, they moved onto the design process. All of Year 6 were given the criteria of designing and making a light to sell in the Viking section of a museum gift shop. The children researched Viking designs and after generating their own ideas, they chose a final design. Following this, the children used G clamps and saws to cut the wood to the correct dimensions and sanded it down. Then they etched the design onto the plastic template and teachers soldered the battery onto the wood. Year 5 have been busy creating motorised buggies in D.T. They have been sawing, drilling, gluing and decorating our buggies. In the build up to this week, they did market research, explored who are target audience would be and then designed their buggies. They cannot wait to try them out and see how fast they go!

We hope you and the children have enjoyed all of the opportunities that we are trying so hard to make available to our pupils. We have the highest of expectations for every single one of our pupils and we thank you for your ongoing and unwavering support.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very, very Happy New Year!

Mrs Shaw & Mrs Scotney





PUPIL OF THE TERM

LOWER SCHOOL

BLUE 3 - KAYLA

GREEN 3 - CHLOE

RED 3 - ALFIE

YELLOW 3 - ISOBELLA

BLUE 4 - FREDDIE

GREEN 4 - ROBIN

RED 4 - ISABELLA

YELLOW 4 - BLAKE

UPPER SCHOOL

BLUE 5 - ESME

GREEN 5 - ALISHBA

RED 5 - JULIA

YELLOW 5 - AMINA

BLUE 6 - MEGAN

GREEN 6 - LEWIS

RED 6 - HARSHVEER

YELLOW 6 - FURQAN



READING CHAMPION

LOWER SCHOOL

BLUE 3 - HERMIONE

GREEN 3 - JAAP

RED 3 - CHRISTINA

YELLOW 3 - RILEY

BLUE 4 - DYLAN

GREEN 4 - EVIE

RED 4 - OLIVIA

YELLOW 4 - ARJUN

UPPER SCHOOL

BLUE 5 - SUKHPREET

GREEN 5 - SAADIA

RED 5 - AMANPREET

YELLOW 5 - AMINA

BLUE 6 - SKYE

GREEN 6 - SARA

RED 6 - EWAN

YELLOW 6 - BEAU



Teacher Training

Dates

MONDAY 17TH JUNE 2024

MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024

Diary Dates

08.01.24

ALL PUPILS BACK
TO SCHOOL!

26.01.24

YEAR 3 CLASS TRIP
TO THE GURDWARA

31.01.24

MATHS PARENT
WORKSHOP

12.02.24 - 16.02.24

HALF TERM
HOLIDAY -
SCHOOL CLOSED

22.02.24

YEAR 5 TRIP TO
YOUNG VOICES

26.02.24

PARENTS' EVENING
(DETAILS TO BE
SENT OUT SOON)

29.02.24

PARENTS' EVENING
(DETAILS TO BE
SENT OUT SOON)

06 - 08.03.24

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YEAR 4
RESIDENTIAL
(INGESTRE)

07.03.24 - 13.03.24

WORLD BOOK
DAY

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

15.03.24

YEAR 5 SPACE CENTRE
TRIP
(RED 5 AND BLUE 3)

18.03.24

YEAR 4 ROMAN
WORKSHOP

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
- CLASSES TO BE
CONFIRMED

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
- CLASSES TO BE
CONFIRMED

25.03.24 - 05.04.24

HALF TERM
HOLIDAY

08.04.24

ALL PUPILS BACK
TO SCHOOL!



OUR SCHOOL IN PICTURES...



YEAR 6 DT



YEAR 4 DT



YEAR 5 RECORDING THEIR OWN VIDEOS IN COMPUTING USING DIFFERENT CAMERA SHOTS!



CLASS PARTIES!



OUR SCHOOL IN PICTURES...

ZANDER FROM BLUE
3 IS A JUNIOR BLACK
BELT IN KICK
BOXING!



ATTENDANCE RAFFLE



ARCHIE FROM RED 3 WON
OUR ELF - LOUIS!

MRS SCOTNEY
FORGOT TO TAKE
THE GROUP PHOTO
OF GREEN 4'S XMAS
FOREST SCHOOL,
BUT SHE DID NOT
FORGET TO MAKE UP
FOR IT - HERE THEY
ARE!



OUR CHRISTMAS FOREST SCHOOL EXPERIENCES!



YEAR 3



YEAR 4



YEAR 5



YEAR 6

