

# MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MONDAY  
26TH  
FEBRUARY

## **Message from Mrs Shaw & Mrs Scotney**

We hope you had an enjoyable and safe half term as we welcome you all back to Spring 2 and the second half of the academic year. There is so much to look forward to with new curriculum themes beginning, extra after school clubs starting and trips and residential on the horizon. It promises to be a half term full of learning and fun – two things we always try to ensure go hand in hand at our school!

On Thursday, Year 5 participated in the Young Voices 2024 concert at Birmingham Resorts World Arena. It was a magical and unforgettable experience for our children, staff and for the parents watching in the audience. Year 5 arrived at the arena just after lunch and got settled for the afternoon rehearsal. The internationally acclaimed conductor David Lawrence was amazing at keeping thousands of children entertained and engaged for 3 hours of practice! After the rehearsal, the children tucked in to a well-deserved packed lunch (technically a packed tea). At 7pm, all the adults had arrived and the show began. The atmosphere was electric! It was a true concert experience and our children were the headlining act! There were celebrity performances from MC Grammar, the incredible child drummer sensation Nandy Bushell and jazz singer Natalie Williams. Not to mention dance groups, pyrotechnics, dazzling outfits and of course thousands of school children singing together beautifully. The children behaved impeccably throughout the day and we were complimented by another school, who were so impressed with the conduct of our wonderful Year 5 children!

We would like to thank parents for agreeing to let their children attend and for picking them up so promptly. It was a long day but I'm sure you'll agree, totally worth it! It was a truly memorable experience and Mr Gregory stated that he will never ever forget hearing the Coldplay song Sky Full of Stars sung by thousands of children. Can we take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all our staff who organised this wonderful experience and for giving up their evening to ensure everyone had such an unbelievable time!

### **Year Four Times Tables**

Our year 4s are working so hard on their times tables, almost 70% of all of our Year 4 children are already averaging 25 out of 25 on soundcheck mode of times tables rockstars! They amaze us every day with many children giving up some of their lunch time to come to practise their tables with us on Times Tables Rockstars. Please keep encouraging them to practise at home, their Multiplication Times Tables Check is in June, it will be here before we know it.

### **Moat Farm University**

There was a real buzz in the Leadership Office on Friday afternoon, when Miss Climpson started the Design and Technology University with lower school pupils. Pupils will be researching, designing, making and evaluating moving insects and animals using their mechanical construction knowledge. Watch this space for how they are getting on over the next four Fridays.

### **Attendance Week**

The first week back had a real focus on attendance, it was brilliant to see so many pupils on Monday dressed in our farmyard theme – the farmers and animals worked so hard throughout the day! Each day allowed us to highlight excellent attendance with classes winning extra playtime, crops to exchange for a class breakfast, a horse piñata and our yellow house able to wear their own clothes on Friday, due to being the best attenders Monday – Thursday. The whole school exceeded our target of 96% last week and we would like to thank all our parents and carers in getting their children in to school making every day count!

### **Parents' Evening**

We are really looking forward to welcoming parents and carers back into school for our second parents' evening this year. This will give us the opportunity to share the children's books and the wonderful progress they are making. Remember to make sure you add one of the parent stickers into your child's book by a piece of work you are really impressed with! Teachers are also looking forward to speaking to many parents and carers on the telephone too. We have continued to give families this option as we understand sometimes it is difficult to return to school in the evening.

Looking forward to yet another fantastic week in school with your amazing children.

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Scotney

# LEARNING IN PICTURES

**FARMER DAY**



**TENNIS**



**ATTENDANCE HIT THE PINATA**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**26.02.24**

PARENTS' EVENING

**29.02.24**

PARENTS' EVENING

**06-08  
03.24**

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL  
(INGESTRE)

**07.03.24**

WORLD BOOK  
DAY/STARBOOKS

**13.03.24**

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

**13.03.24**

BLUE 4 CLASS  
ASSEMBLY

**14.03.24**

YELLOW 5 CLASS  
ASSEMBLY

**15.03.24**

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

**18.03.24**

YEAR 4 ROMAN  
WORKSHOP

**20.03.24**

GREEN 4 CLASS  
ASSEMBLY

**21.03.23**

YEAR 4 SPRING DISCO  
3:30-4:30

YEAR 6 SPRING DISCO  
5:00-6:00

**21.03.23**

YEAR 3 TRIP TO  
LEICESTER MUSEUM  
(YELLOW 3 AND RED  
3)

**20.03.23**

YEAR 3 TRIP TO  
LEICESTER  
MUSEUM (GREEN 3  
AND BLUE 3)

**22.03.24**

EARTH DAY

**25.03.24**

**05.04.25**

EASTER  
HOLIDAYS

**10.04.24**

**12.04.24**

YEAR 5 TRIP TO  
INGESTRE HALL





# 2024

“WE SANG  
ALL  
NIGHT!”



“IT WAS  
AMAZING!”

