MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

Message from Mrs Shaw & Mrs Scotney

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had yet another fantastic week at Moat Farm, our pupils never fail to impress us with their attitude towards their learning. We see so many pupils thoroughly enjoying their learning as we go from class to class, desperate to show us what they are up to. It is a really important time of year for our Year 6 children who are preparing for SATs in May. They are a real credit to you and their teachers, they are working so hard in lessons, interventions and booster sessions. So many of our Year 6 pupils come and see us to share their successes and discuss how they are doing. They are all superstars and deserve to reach their true potential!

Football Tournament

Our lower school mixed football team took part in a football competition at WBA Academy Dome. In the group stage they won 4 of their matches and drew 1 placing them top of the table. Semi-finals against Old Park Primary ended a draw. Superbly placed penalties from Freddie, Lilly and Zak and a miss from Old Park saw us go through to the final.

Here we faced a strong Grove Vale Primary School. The final saw us go 2 - 0 down in 3 minutes. The team showed great resilience and Zak put the ball in the back of the net twice to make it 2 - 2 at the final whistle. The second goal crossing the line right on the final whistle to take us to penalties again.

Another tense penalty shoot-out followed – our penalty takers kept calm and again put the ball in the back of the net when it was their turn. Grove Vale took their final penalty and they had to score to take it to sudden death. Well, what a keeper we have in Jaya – she saved their 3rd penalty and then Zak went on to score his penalty making us the winners of the competition! Gold medals for team Moat Farm out of 11 schools!

We are super proud of you all - Jaya for playing in goal in a competition for the first time and being a hero, Mohammed for a solid defensive performance in every game, Ivy for being adaptable to a defensive position in the absence of another pupil and wow what a throw in she has-- we scored twice from her throw ins, Lily for being a tricky winger and helping out in goal when needed, Louie for being a midfield engine - he was covering all over the pitch, Freddie another tricky winger who played some great balls through to Zak and also helped out defensively, Zainab who got involved all over and helped us on the attack and lastly to Zak whose strength and speed was too much for the opposition defence and who scored an impressive 15 goals during the morning! Wow!

We are super proud of you all! Our Player of the Tournament was Mohammed who was fantastic in defence stopping the opposition on the attack and who commanded, praised and talked to his teammates throughout each match.

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50 lucky pupils from Year 4 attended a residential stay at a 400-year-old Jacobean Mansion - Ingestre Hall Residential Centre in Staffordshire. The children got to try out exciting activities like recording live music, exploring different textiles in art to create fantastic pictures, creating a dance to acting on stage in the drama studio. They got to explore an amazing new place, make new friends and got to know their classmates even better. It was a privilege to see the children go beyond their comfort zone and be open to new experiences. During the stay the children developed new skills, discovered new passions and staff loved to see their confidence grow during each session. As well as the art form sessions led by specialist Ingestre Hall tutors during the day, the children got to play indoor sports during break/free time such as table tennis, pool, air hockey, table football or relax with a book/board game. They also got to spend plenty of time outdoors in the beautiful landscaped gardens during breaktimes. During the evenings the staff and pupils went on a night walk in the forest with their torches and had a disco on the last night. One of our staff members said it was amazing to watch the pupils transform before her eyes into a new version of themselves. We now look forward to a return visit with Year 5 on 10th April.

Year Five Space Centre Trip

This week, Year 5 classes went on a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicestershire. It was a brilliant day and it has kick started our new science unit in which we will learn all about space. The children were so excited to see the rocket tower on the horizon as we approached the Space Centre on the coach. The day went by in a blur! We had a session in the U.K.'s largest planetarium – The Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium in which we learned all about the life of an astronaut and the dangers they face in space. Each class also attended a Mars Rover Workshop. To say it was engaging for the children would be an understatement! After an informative talk on the history of the different Mars rovers, the children worked in small groups to program their own rover to overcome a series of challenges. It was competitive and challenging! We definitely have some budding computer scientists among our children. Maybe one day they'll work on a real Mars rover! The children spent the rest of the day exploring the museum, including climbing the stairs to the top of the rocket tower. It was wonderful to hear the children exchanging facts about space on the coach ride home. It was a fantastic school trip and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Maths Review

Last week, we invited a colleague from Stour Vale Trust, who is also a member of The National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics' Maths Hubs, into our school to review our current Maths provision and the embedding of the teaching for mastery approach. He was so impressed with how much our staff have transformed our maths curriculum. The use of equipment to bring maths to life was seen in all classes, alongside highly engaged pupils, who spoke about how much they are enjoying maths lessons. We are so pleased with this feedback.

We cannot believe we are only one week away from the Easter holidays already, yet we still have so much more to learn and enjoy before we break up – Year Four have the Romans coming to school, Year Three are off to Leicester Museum, Spring discos, Litter Watch assemblies, supporting World Down Syndrome Day and finally we look forward to our first Prefect Leadership Day!

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Scotney

LEARNING IN PICTURES



RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day was celebrated again at Moat
Farm! Every year we come together to help raise
awareness to end child poverty. This year, the
event had a focus on supporting those in need
during the current living crisis focusing on issues
like lack of food and homelessness. To mark this
special event, we took part in a non-uniform day
and asked parents/carers to kindly donate if they
could on our just giving page.





WORLD BOOK DAY



UPCOMING EVENTS

20.03.24

Green 4 Class assembly

20.03.23

year 3 trip to leicester museum (Green 3 and blue 3) 21.03.23

Year 4 Spring disco 3:30-4:30

year 6 spring disco 5:00-6:00 21.03.23

World Down
Syndrome Day

21.03.23

year 3 trip to leicester museum (yellow 3 and red 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

11.04.24

Year 4 Fire Safety 18.04.24

Parent Coffee Morning 13.05.23

17.05.24

SATS week

21.05.24

Year 6 photos 1:30

27.05.24

31.05.24

Half Term



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from From Mon 12th - Fri in Half Terms 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

COCONUT TREE

One child (10 & Under) eats free per paying adult. Valid from 23/03/2024 - 14/04/2024

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

BILLS

Two kids can eat free ALL DAY (Weekdays) from Monday 25th March – Friday 12th April 2024, with one adult main dish.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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