

MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MONDAY
22ND
APRIL

Message from Mrs Shaw & Mrs Scotney

Dear parents and careers,

We have had another fantastic week at Moat Farm with wonderful learning opportunities taking place across the whole school. We have had the pleasure of visiting lessons and witnessing learning from Year 3 to Year 6 daily, speaking to our fabulous children and listening to their experiences. With the sunshine now making an appearance, it has been lovely to also see our pupils making the most of the outdoor space during P.E. lessons and lunchtimes too.

Ingestre Hall residential

50 lucky pupils from Year 5 attended a residential stay at a 400-year-old Jacobean Mansion - Ingestre Hall in Staffordshire the first week back after half term. The children got to try out exciting activities like recording music, exploring different textiles in art to create fantastic pictures, creating a dance and acting on stage in the drama room. 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 we 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 children went on a night walk in the forest with their torches, played the Moat Farm version of Bongo Bingo - Moat Madness Bingo and also had a disco on the last night before coming home. A great time was had by all pupils and staff! So far this academic year, we have sent our pupils on 3 residential. They have been so successful that we have already booked 3 more for next year – watch this space!

Hands on science experience

What an exciting opportunity Year 6 had last week. An aspect of the Year 6 science curriculum is to study the circulatory system, in particular the functions of the heart and its different components. In order to embed this knowledge, the children were given a hands-on experience, with a specialist company, who allowed the children to dissect a sheep's heart, identifying the different sections and seeing how the blood flows through. The atmosphere in all Year 6 classes was buzzing, the company were blown away by the knowledge of our children and their enthusiasm, we are so proud of our future doctors, scientists and surgeons!

Fire safety

The fire service visited Year 4 to educate our pupils about fire safety. They covered various topics such as fire prevention, different methods of escaping our homes during a fire and the importance of placing fire alarms in the correct places in our homes. They also discussed the various ways fires can start and the dangers of hoax calls. To reinforce safety measures, we practiced the "stop, drop, and roll" technique and its importance in case our clothes catch fire. The pupils loved the fire brigade coming into school and team of fire fighters were so complimentary about our pupils' behaviour, attitudes and knowledge.

SATs

With SATs only a few weeks away, Year 6 children are all working extremely hard towards these national tests. They are full of enthusiasm, attending booster sessions and interventions with a constant smile on their face and a hardworking attitude. We have been astounded by the dedication and desire for achievement that all children have demonstrated, and we know they are all going to try their absolute best. If you have any questions regarding SATs, please speak to your child's class teacher, as always thank you for your ongoing support.

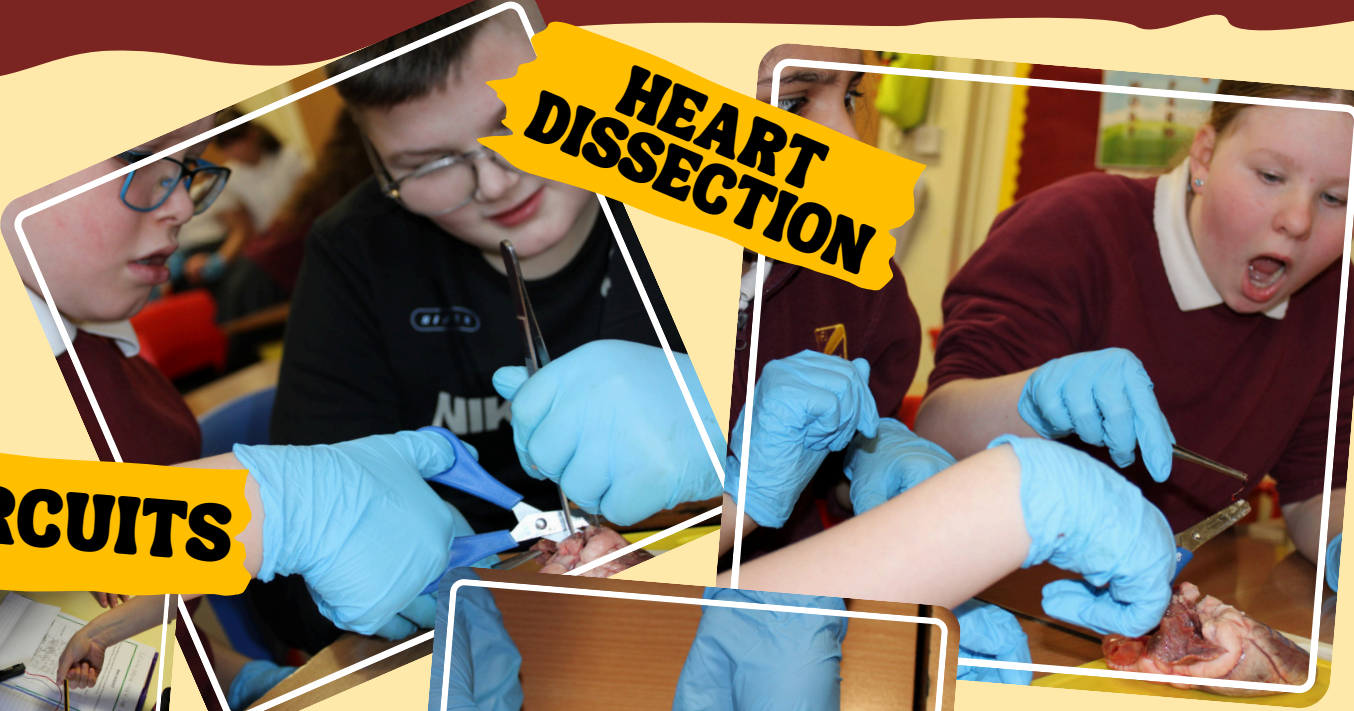
Swimming Festival

Pupils from Year 5 got to attend an Aquatics Festival at Sandwell Aquatics Centre last week. The group got to try out dry side diving first before putting their techniques into practise later in the day in the pool. They met Perry the Bull - the Commonwealth Games mascot, had lessons on water safety, got to participate in an Artistic Swimming lesson and then finishing the festival with a very competitive game of water polo! Not only did the festival give our pupils a taster session in various water activities but it also educated them about the importance of staying safe near deep water and the 'SAFE' around water message (stay away from the edge). One pupil said, "Wow, I didn't know there were so many different things you can do in a swimming pool, I've had a great afternoon!"

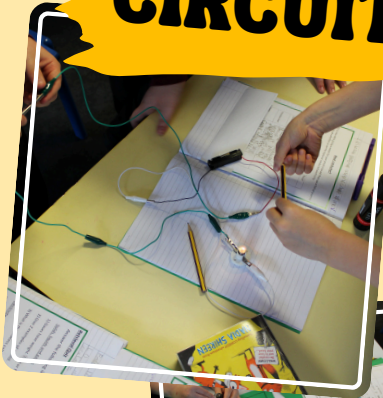
Thank you as always for your continued support.
Mrs Shaw and Mrs Scotney

LEARNING IN PICTURES

**HEART
DISSECTION**



CIRCUITS



**COFFEE
MORNING**



**INGESTRE
HALL**



FRENCH LESSON



UPCOMING EVENTS

06.05.24

Bank holiday
Monday

13.05.23

17.05.24

SATS week

21.05.24

Year 6 photos
1:30

27.05.24

31.05.24

Half Term

03.06.24

Year 5 SRE
parent meeting

WEEK COMMENCING

03.06.24

Year 4
Multiplication
Times table
Checks

WEEK COMMENCING

03.06.24

Year 6 bike
ability

04.06.24

Careers Fair

05.06.24

Year 6 SRM
Parent meeting
14:30

14.06.24

Year 5 Black
country
museum visit

17.06.24

Training Day

WEEK COMMENCING

17.06.24

Sports week
More information
to follow

01.07.24

Soccer Star
Fund Raiser

02.07.24

- Soccer Star Fund Raiser
- Year 4 Bear Creak

03.07.24

- Year 6/7 Transition Days
- Year 4 Bear Creak

04.07.24

Year 6/7
Transition Days