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Moorlands School NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's Letter

Dear Friends of Moorlands,

Another school year has flown by and what a busy year it has been! One of the great pleasures of being Headteacher is that I get to go along and enjoy all of the events that take place towards the end of the summer term. This morning it was the EYFS End of Year Celebration, and what never ceases to amaze me is the progress that the children make between Squirrels and Reception.

'Meerkat Manners', the KS1 play on Tuesday evening, showed that next step of progression. The children looked wonderful in the animal costumes that they had made, lines were delivered confidently and songs were sung, with accompanying actions!

The Key Stage 2 Summer Concert last week was an excellent showcase of the quality and breadth of music education that takes place at Moorlands. Unusually, for a prep school, we have a large number of Ensembles which give the children the opportunity to enjoy making music together, and it was great to hear them alongside soloists, a large school orchestra and some amazing singing. The Chamber Choir have been truly exceptional this year and their rendition of 'Bring Him Home' did bring tears to people's eyes.

Many of you are aware that Mr Marshall is imminently to be a first time father, so we wish him and his partner well and will look forward to hearing of the safe arrival of their son! We also have a number of members of staff who are pregnant. So, congratulations to Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Uddin and Miss Hill, who will all be leaving us at various points next school year for maternity leave. As I am sure you appreciate, this will mean some changes to 'best laid plans', and planning is already underway for this and parents will be updated.

The weather was kind for Rounders Fest last week, a most enjoyable event, and it is always good to welcome back former pupils to play. Year 5&6 went on a challenging, but most enjoyable walk up Ingleborough, at the start of the week, where many were joined by family members.

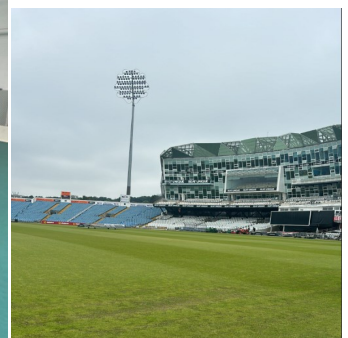
The vast majority of our Year 6 class have been with us since Nursery and Reception and so Leavers' Assembly on Wednesday was a wonderful recollection of their experiences over that time. Many of the Year 6 families have much longer connections as well - through older sibling and parents who are themselves former Moorlanders - so this is going to be a particularly hard year group to say goodbye to!

However, we wish Year 6 all the very best for the future, wherever it takes them they will still be our Intrepid Moorlanders! Thank you for your continued support for Moorlands over the past year and whatever plans you have for the summer, enjoy time with family and friends doing something you enjoy!

Jacky Atkinson
Headteacher

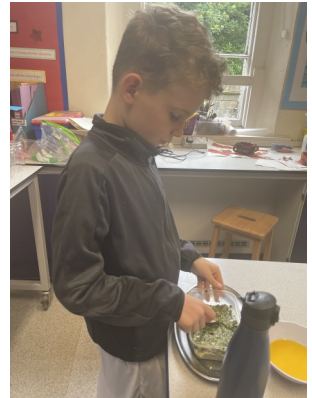
Year 5 & 6 Cricket in the Classroom

On Wednesday 26th June, Year 5 and 6 visited Headingley Stadium to take part in a series of workshops based around cricket, the children learnt new bowling and fielding skills using the indoor facilities as well as a tour of the ground, changing rooms and a visit to the museum!



Greek Day

Year 3 and 4 had a smashing time on Greek Day! The students delighted in making and painting replica Greek pottery with Mrs. Monteagle, producing pieces that remarkably resembled real artifacts weathered by time. Year 3 took to the kitchen to bake delicious Spanakopita, a Greek pastry filled with feta and spinach, which was a hit with everyone. Meanwhile, Year 4 prepared an authentic Greek salad that was equally impressive. Both classes showcased their talents with plays they had rehearsed in Drama with Mrs. Matthews and performed a lively Greek dance in front of parents. The event was a true celebration of Greek culture, and parents enjoyed sampling the wonderful foods their children had created. The highlight of the day was when parents joined in for a repeat of the dance, displaying some impressive moves of their own!



British Theatre Dance Association Examinations

Congratulations to everyone who took part in their drama exams! Everyone performed very well and lots of award were won!



KS2 Summer Concert



Lion Learners

Squirrels loved having a visit from Lion Learners. They learnt about various creatures and they were very brave stroking them and even holding them!



Moorlands Year 6 Camp Out!



Year 5&6 Ingleborough Climb!





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MORE INFORMATION ON OUR BRAND NEW SESSIONS WILL BE RELEASED VERY SOON!



Sand Moor Juniors 1000 Hole Gold Challenge!

Alyssa Joyce in Year 6 will be following in her Dad's footsteps over summer, playing 36 holes of golf to help fundraise for Candle Lighters.

ULTRA GOLF MARATHON Sand Moor Juniors' 1000 HOLE CHALLENGE (approximately 275+ miles!)

Please see the link below for more information about the challenge and how to donate.

[Sand Moor Juniors' 1000 Hole Challenge! *PLEASE READ* \(campaign-archive.com\)](http://SandMoorJuniors'1000HoleChallenge!*PLEASEREAD*(campaign-archive.com))

Year 1 & 2 Production—Meerkat Manners!



THANK YOU SO MUCH

A big thank you to everyone that supported the Summer Fair, through volunteering, donations, preparations and attendance. The MSA managed to raise a profit of around £350 despite the 3 hour downpour!

Due to weather that day we have plenty of leftover refreshments, ice lollies and crisps and we'll be hosting a stall at Roundersfest today.

Well done to Dolly Winfield for correctly guessing the name of the doggy as Daisy. All names were sold raising a total of £49 for the NSPCC.

Congrats also to Andrew Ferris and Adam Akhtar winners of the football target, who have both collected their football prize, and to Saima Khan, winner of the netball target whose prize is at reception ready to be collected.

Wishing everyone a relaxing summer break.

THE MSA