



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our New Memorial Garden and Forest Trail

Over the summer holidays, we have been very fortunate to have the support and involvement of four local Freemason Lodges whose volunteers created a wonderful Memorial Sensory Garden and Forest trail for our School.

We are also extremely grateful for the generosity of the companies who have been involved in this project. Without the support of MKM Building Supplies, Charles Wilson Engineers Ltd for the free loan of the digger, JCB Insurance who insured the digger, Crown Paints, Kenwood Damp Proofing PLC, Wicks DIY, B&Q, Dobbies Garden Centre, Bletchley, Woburn Sands Emporium, Acorn MK Garden Supplies, Bletchley Turf and Tesco's, this project would never have been realised.

There are too many people to thank individually, but a special mention must go to Anthony Bailey who helped to make all this happen and who brought the team together with the idea. After three months of planning and fund-raising and three weeks of hard graft on site, the Freemasons team created something really very special for us.

The Garden has been officially opened and with the endorsement of the family, we are honoured to name the garden 'Alice's Garden'. Most of you will be aware of the significance of this gesture by the family and we hope that the children will enjoy and benefit from our Memorial Garden and Forest trail for very many years.

Alice was a little girl who loved dancing and performing so we decided to use the money raised by parents over the past year to commission a bespoke handmade performance stage and music area in our Early Years area. Our talented site manager, Jamie constructed this over the summer holidays. And we are delighted with the final result. We would like to thank you, as parents, whose support of the children's fund-raising efforts allowed this to happen.

The children will be able to extend their learning of the creative arts and the environment and nature through their use of these valuable resources.





MacMillan Coffee Morning – Wednesday 27th September



Parents are invited to join us for our MacMillan Cancer Support Fund-raising Coffee Morning on Wednesday 27th September from 9.00am to 10.30am.

We would also appreciate donations of cakes which can be dropped off the day before, (Tuesday 26th Sept). On the Wednesday, please come to car park entrance after you have dropped off your children. Enjoy a chat with your friends and help support this worthwhile Cancer Support Charity with a donation of £1.50 for coffee and cake. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you for your support



DIARY DATES:

Date	Event
Tuesday 26th September	Deadline for ordering school meals for Wk. Beginning Mon 9 th October.
Thursday 28th September	Year 4 Trip to Bradwell Abbey – please return your permission slip and payment for the trip.
Friday 29th September	Flu Immunisation for children – Reception to Year 6
Monday 23rd October – Monday 30th October School closed for Half Term Holidays	
Tuesday 31st October	School Re-opens at 8.30am
Tuesday 14th November	Individual School Photos

Meet the Class teachers

Thank you to all of you who attended our Meet the Teachers events at the start of term. They went really well as did our drop-in sessions for our parents to meet our Special Educational Needs Coordinator Mrs De Voogt. Please remember that we are here to help at any time if you have any questions, concerns or worries.

Water Bottles and Book Bags

Please remember that your child needs to bring a water bottle (filled with water not squash or fizzy drinks) and their book bags to school every day.

Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch, please make sure that they bring it with them in the morning rather than you bringing it to the school office mid-morning please.

Attendance

Well done - Attendance has been good overall. Congratulations, Foxes and Ladybirds for coming top this week. There was a bit of a dip in attendance in the 2nd week as the children adjusted to being back in school. But our **big concern** is the persistent lateness of a few families. Since the start of term, 2103 minutes (**over 35 hours**) has been lost in valuable learning because of children arriving late. Our start time is 8.30am and the gates close promptly at 8.45am. Thank you to those parents who get their children to school on time every day. But for a few families, we will have no alternative but to refer persistent lateness to the Local Authority who may issue a fine. **Your child's education matters and part of that education is about making sure children learn to arrive at school on time.**



Attendance for week 18th Sept



Ladybirds ~ **98.7%**



Owls ~ **94.7%**



Hedgehogs ~ **93.4%**



Squirrels ~ **91.5%**



Foxes ~ **98.0%**



Badgers ~ **91.1%**



Falcons ~ **92.1%**



Skylarks ~ **90.0%**



Whole school ~ **93.3%**

Best Wishes

Angela

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