



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can



28th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 Trip to Milton Keynes Museum

Year 1 spent a fun filled day at MK Museum, which was specially opened for us – and we had the whole place to ourselves! We played with old Victorian toys, sat on a steam tram, made our own thaumatropes, experienced a Victorian Classroom and even hugged a snowman! We enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine and learnt lots of new facts from our guides Ron and Kim. If like me, you were wondering what a thaumatrope is click here for more information

<https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/thaumatrope-for-kids/>



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Stepping Up to Nursery and Reception

New children were welcomed into Nursery and Reception today for their first "Stepping Up" which went really well. Our new children have another "Stepping Up" on Friday 5th July at 9.30am. **If your child is due to start in September, please make sure you have returned the Registration form and Funding Contract for new nursery children and the school dinner menu for new Reception children by next week.**

Please remember that all children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. Why not give the school dinners a go and you can save the time and money making packed lunches at home.



Sports Afternoons

Here's a reminder of the Sports Afternoons for each year group. Please come along to the playground entrance for 1.20pm for a prompt start and some sports fun.

Mon 8th July	EYFS sports afternoon with parents 1.30-2.30
Tues 9th July	KS1 sports afternoon with parents (Y1&Y2) 1.30-2.30
Thurs 11th July	LKS2 sports afternoon with parents (Y3&Y4) 1.30-2.30
Mon 15th July	UKS2 sports afternoon with parents (Y5&Y6) 1.30-2.30



First News Digital

First News is the leading source of news and news-based learning for children. It is age-appropriate, impartial and helps keep kids reading and developing their critical literacy skills. We are thrilled to offer all students a free First News digital subscription over the summer holidays. It's packed with fun and educational content that will keep minds active and entertained all summer long.



First News digital is available via an app and includes:

- Daily news stories which children can read, listen and react to. These include reports on the Euros, the Summer Olympics, and the upcoming general election.
- Weekly polls to vote on
- The latest episodes of Sky Kids FYI weekly news show
- Fun puzzles and games: great for improving vocabulary
- Tips & Talking points for parents and carers to help you talk about tricky topics with your children. Click here for our school's unique access link:



<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2024-gen/?fn=33616155539>



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The Summer Reading Challenge (Milton Keynes Libraries)

The Summer Reading Challenge will be running again this year in Milton Keynes Libraries. Children of all ages are welcome to participate and it is free to take part. So, remember to put a date in the diary to visit a library and boost your child's reading over the summer holidays.



HAF – Holiday Activity Fund and Vouchers

The food vouchers that were introduced during the pandemic as a temporary support to families will soon be ending. As funds are now limited, eligible families will be **offered 1 week of food vouchers** from the Household Support Fund during the Summer holiday. They will then no longer be offered in other holidays.

Any families that are currently eligible for benefit related free school meals can sign up to the **HAF activities and food programme**. The HAF Summer Activities and Food programme will be taking place Monday 29th July to Thursday 22nd August 2024 – providing over 24,200 free activity and food sessions for children, young people and their families who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals.

The programme will go live on **Monday 1 July** via the online booking system. More information can be found via the HAF webpage www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/HAF

We are **delighted to be welcoming APA back to Moorland primary school** to run sessions for our families. The local family centres and other schools will also be running a variety of activities so please get booking as soon as the portal opens to avoid disappointment. See also a poster for anyone with teenagers aged between 14-16, an opportunity to join in with 2 games of bowling and a Nando's meal for free.

APA ALL PEOPLE ACTIVE SUMMER FIT & FED!

Moorland Primary School, Beanhill, MK6 4ND

FREE HOT LUNCH & HEALTHY SNACKS INCLUDED!

Mon 29th July - Thurs 22nd Aug (Mon - Thurs for 4 weeks)

Registration 9:55am, pick up 2pm

FREE SPORTS (football, basketball, boxing, rounders, fitness)

DANCE, TEAM CHALLENGES, ARTS & CRAFTS, HEALTH, WELLBEING & NUTRITION EDUCATION

Info: james.gregory@allpeopleactive.org 07739840717

BOOK HERE: www.eeqv.org/experience/8986

APA ALL PEOPLE ACTIVE TEEN SUMMER BOWL!

HOLLYWOOD BOWL & NANDO'S @ XSCAPE! MK9 3XS

2 GAMES OF BOWLING & DINNER OUT AT NANDO'S!

Weds 31st July, Weds 7th Aug, Weds 14th Aug, Weds 21st Aug

6pm - 9:30pm

For young people who receive Free School Meals

For 14 - 16 year olds!











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Together We can Improve Attendance

Well done Falcons for bouncing back into Green and gaining 1st place. There were lots of children unwell this week with most classes' attendance falling into the RED. We do hope that everyone makes a full recovery over the weekend and are ready for the last three weeks of term.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 24 th June 2024	
 Ladybirds ~ 78.5%	 Owls ~ 79.4%
 Hedgehogs ~ 87.8%	 Squirrels ~ 93.3%
 Foxes ~ 94.7%	 Badgers ~ 87.2%
 Falcons ~ 97.6% 	 Skylarks ~ 83.4%
 Whole School ~ 88.6%	

With just three weeks to the end of term, if your child has been attending school every day for the half term, term or especially the whole year – that's absolutely brilliant. Well done and keep it up. If not, it isn't too late for your child's own attendance to improve. Every minute of every day counts. There's still lots to learn, lots to do and this is our final push to the end of the school year.

Moorland Attendance HERO – Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time.



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Date	Event
Tues 2nd July	Year 6 visit to Bletchley Park – please return reply slip by Monday
Tues 2nd July	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week beginning 15 th July
Thurs 4th July	Whole school transition day for current Reception - Year 5 pupils Y6 pupils moving up to Secondary will be contacted by their new schools with details of days and times of their transition visits
Fri 5th July	New EYFS starters – Stepping up session 2: 9.30-11am Reception class – Stepping up to Y1 all day
Mon 8th July	EYFS sports afternoon with parents 1.30-2.30
Tues 9th July	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week beginning Monday 2 nd Sept
Tues 9th July	KS1 sports afternoon with parents (Y1&Y2) 1.30-2.30
Thurs 11th July	LKS2 sports afternoon with parents (Y3&Y4) 1.30-2.30
Fri 12th July	New EYFS starters – Stepping up session 3: 9.30-11am Reception class – Stepping up to Y1 all day
Fri 12th July	End of Year reports sent home
Fri 12th July 5pm	Year 6 Performance for Parents – a letter has been emailed to parents
Mon 15th July	UKS2 sports afternoon with parents (Y5&Y6) 1.30-2.30
Thurs 18th July	Year 6 Prom – a letter has been emailed to parents
Fri 19th July 3pm	Last Day of term
Monday 22nd July – Tuesday 3rd September – The School is closed for the Summer Holidays	
Wednesday 4th Sept 8.30am	All Children return to School

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best Wishes

Angela Garner

Mrs. Angela Garner
Headteacher



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