



Moorfield Primary School est. 1963

~ A learning community that develops exceptional people. ~

School Newsletter March 2019

The children have had a busy and fun packed half term with lots of opportunities to develop the wider curriculum.

The whole school had the opportunity to further develop their understanding of different faiths, religious beliefs and cultures promoting diversity and equality through an assembly and workshops led by Imran Kotwal from Muslim Learner Services.

Year 5 and 6 visited the Slavery Museum where they learnt about life in West Africa and the transatlantic slave trade, linked to their current topic on The Slave Trade. They also looked at Nelson Mandela as a focus of their previous South Africa Topic.

Year 1 and 2 visited Thurstaston Beach, as part of their science topic, with the children carrying out a grassland sweep, pond dip and beach comb. Thankfully the weather stayed dry and a good time was had by all.

Year 6 sang at the Brindley, as part of the Halton Primary Arts Network and our schools contribution to the HPAN art display was showcased at Runcorn Shopping City.

Year 5 entertained their audience, by singing with great gusto and enthusiasm at the annual spring concert at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College, singing songs from musicals accompanied by P&P's Jazz and Brass band.

Last week Year 5 and 6 had a visit from 'Got Your Back Halton'. The children were educated around Hate Crime and how these can adversely affect lives.



Egg Competition

It is coming up to that time of the year when we hold our Easter Competition. This year we have decided to decorate an egg. The competition will be judged on Thursday 18th April 2019. You have quite a few weeks to come up with some eggciting eggshibits. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each year group. We look forward to seeing your eggstraordinary ideas!!!



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Attendance

This term the 3 classes with the highest attendance are:

Gold Reception Mrs Wright 96.30%

Silver Year 2 Mrs Blundell 95.99%

Bronze Year 1/2 Mrs Caswell 95.53%

Well done Mrs Wright's class - A tin of sweets is coming your way!

Please Remember our school attendance Target is **95%**

Those children who have achieved 100% attendance during

Spring 2 term will receive a certificate of attendance on

Monday 15th April and will be invited to wear their own

clothes to school on Thursday 18th April.

Notices

Bikes and scooters

We actively promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle at Moorfield and welcome the number of children who walk to school or use their bikes or scooters to get here. To ensure everyone's safety, at the start and end of the day, it is essential those children (including toddlers) do not use their scooters or bikes on the playground. There have been an increased number of complaints from our parents as some children do not comply with the school rules and are at risk of causing injury to others. We do not want to have to put a blanket ban on scooters and bikes being on the school grounds so can I please appeal to everyone and ask that your child dismounts from their bike or scooters before entering the school grounds and walks them off the school grounds at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lost Property

We have a growing numbers of jumpers and cardigans in school with no name in. Please ask at the office if you are missing anything; please also check that each item of your child's clothing is clearly labelled.

Nuts in school

Peanuts are a common cause of food allergy, caused when the immune system reacts to the protein found in peanuts. Peanut allergy affects around 2% (1 in 50) of children in the UK and has been increasing in recent decades. Can I therefore please remind everyone that nuts are not allowed in school. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety and well-being of all our children and staff.

Active Halton

Active Halton is holding Easter Holiday activities from Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April. Activities include table tennis, football, multi-sport and lots more. All sessions are free. For more information and venues please contact Jenny Illidge at Jenny.illidge@halton.gov.uk or call 0151 511 7869.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents and carers who engaged with the recent survey carried out as part of this terms Parents evening. I have attached a summary of the responses and a taste of some of the additional comments made. The outcomes will be used to inform the School Development and training priorities for aims for the coming year.

Moorfield Primary School
Re: Parent / Carer Questionnaire Analysis
March 2019 - 110 responses

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	No Answer
My child enjoys attending Moorfield Primary School	64/110 58%	41/110 37%	2/110 2%	2/110 2%	1/110 1%	
My child is making good progress and achieving their potential	52/109 47%	50/109 46%	5/109 5%		2/109 2%	1
I feel that my child is safe and well cared for	56/110 51%	50/110 45%	2/110 2%	2/110 2%		
Behaviour in school is good and challenging behaviour is dealt with appropriately	49/110 44%	46/110 42%	4/110 4%	5/110 5%	6/110 5%	
My child is encouraged to be fit and healthy	57/109 52%	44/109 40%	2/109 2%		6/109 6%	1
The school takes account of children's views	45/110 41%	43/110 39%	4/110 4%		18/110 16%	
There is a good range of activities including trips and visits	42/109 38%	53/109 49%	8/109 7%	1/109 1%	5/109 5%	1
The school seeks the views of parents and carers and listens to their suggestions and concerns	34/109 31%	45/109 41%	10/109 9%	4/109 4%	16/109 14%	1
The school promotes equality of opportunity and eliminates discrimination	48/109 44%	49/109 45%	2/109 2%	1/109 1%	9/109 8%	1
The school encourages children to participate in a range of enrichment activities	51/110 46%	48/110 44%	1/110 1%	1/110 1%	9/110 8%	
The school keeps parents / carers well informed through letters, newsletters, social media, parent forum and teacher meeting	42/110 38%	59/110 54%	5/110 4%	2/110 2%	2/110 2%	

1. During your child's time at Moorfield Primary School, what achievements have made you most proud?

- When my child received a praise card
- When my child attended the golden tea party
- Progression in reading
- My child's love of maths
- Gold medal at town sports
- My child's confidence
- My child's perseverance with subjects that they have struggled with
- Many sporting achievements
- My child's attitude to learning and sense of citizenship
- The Christmas performance was amazing

2. How has the school supported your child in developing as a learner?

- Staff at Moorfield have always been supportive of my child and have encouraged her to develop and stretch herself
- I love that my child is encouraged to read daily
- Extra support with speech has been provided and very much appreciated
- By creating activities that my child finds fun
- Supported my child's medical needs
- Teachers have focussed on her confidence and bringing my child out of her shell to help her mix with other children
- Encouragement to develop skills also independent learning
- Staff are very supportive and help ensure my child feels safe and secure at school
- Pushing my child to exceed her potential
- Teachers have challenged learning to develop knowledge and understanding
- Regular feedback

3. Is the homework your child has received appropriate for their age and ability?

- Yes, we are firm believers in homework to develop the children's learning further
- Could be given more homework
- I think giving projects every half term is unfair, as children sometimes are on holiday
- More homework would be great for my child to improve on his greater depth work
- Yes the homework given is challenging
- I feel that the homework is a little too much for my child's age
- Yes it is appropriate, but children do not get a lot
- My child enjoys the different homework tasks each week
- Yes it is fun and keeps my child interested
- Yes, it is not excessive
- I would like to see more homework so that I have a better understanding of what children are doing in class

4. What do you think are the strengths of the school?

- Children are well cared for
- Recognising achievements – Praise cards etc.
- Supporting good behaviour
- Bringing children and families together
- Making sure children learn things that are relevant, as well as educational
- Very inclusive – Encourage and support individually
- The teachers are a credit to the school
- Happy environment
- Staff are clearly dedicated to helping children and this shows in the relationships that children have with teachers
- Great assemblies and trips
- Rewards and recognition for hard work
- School keep me informed of news and events well in advance, so we do not miss anything
- I have seen improvements academically in the school
- Teachers are dedicated and go above and beyond to care for the children
- Discipline
- Creativity, warmth, citizenship, sense of pride and belonging, giving equal rights to all areas of the curriculum
- Knowing the children well and focussing on their positive achievements
- Engaging the children in their learning
- Encouragement
- High standards and expectations
- Good sense of unity
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Moorfield's Got Talent

Thank you to all our children and parents who came to Moorfield's Got Talent last night. It was lovely to see the children's confidence shining through as they took to the stage to amaze us with their talents. Every child who took part was a winner!

Prizes were awarded to:

1st Place Grace Pugh-Jones

2nd Place The Pierce Sisters

3rd Place Alysse Cavanagh

We would also like to thank Michael Perks, our one and only compere for the evening, who did an amazing job!

Dates for your diary

- 15/4/19 Return to school
- 15/4/19 School Assembly with PCO Leah Jennerway - The role of the Police (Children only)
- 15/4/19 Year 6 SATs information meeting 3.30pm
- 16/4/19 Praise Assembly 2.30pm
- 17/4/19 PTA Easter Bingo
- 18/4/19 Non uniform day for 100% attendance children
- 19/4/19 School closes
- 23/4/19 School reopens
- 25/4/19 School nurse drop in session 3.00pm
- 2/5/19 School used as a polling station
- 3/5/19 EYFS parents maths information workshop 2.00pm
- 6/5/19 School closed May Bank Holiday
- 10/5/19 PTA dress down day
- 13/5/- 17/5 KS2 SATS and whole school Assessment week.
- 24/5/19 School closes 3.15pm
- 6/6/19 School reopens

We are always interest to hear your thoughts or suggestions. If you have anything that you would like to add, please fill in the box below and return to school. Thank you,

Comments:

Child's Name Class.....

Signed

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Finally—a word from our governors by Paul Martin.

Meet the Governors

Moorfield's Governing Board is made up of members co-opted from the local community, parents and members of staff.

The three main functions of Moorfield Governing Board are to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school.
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The current members of Moorfield Governing Board and their special responsibility are:

- Matthew Dodd (Chair of Governors) - Co-opted Governor: Curriculum, PE, Health & Safety
- Joanne McLean (Vice Chair) - Parent Governor: Communication, Maths, DT, Science
- Mrs Pam Jones - Co-opted Governor: SEN, Pupil Premium, EYFS, History, Geography, Humanities
- Mrs Pamela Brocklehurst - Parent Governor: Child Protection/Safer Recruitment, Music, Art, Drama
- Mrs Karen Smith - Co-opted Governor: English, MFL
- Mr Paul Martin - Parent Governor: Governor Training/Website, ICT
- Mrs Val Hill - Co-opted Governor: Looked After Children
- Mrs Lynne Webb - Staff Governor: Child protection/Safer Recruitment
- Mrs Lesley Blundell (Deputy Head) - Associate Governor
- Miss Kathryn Heyes (Head teacher)

For more information on Governance at Moorfield please go to -

<https://www.moorfieldprimary.co.uk/governance/>