



# Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Thursday, 23 November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week at Moorlands!

## Ryder Dutton Christmas Card Competition



Some of our children entered the Ryder Dutton Christmas card competition. We are delighted to announce that Brandon in 5T was a runner up in the competition. As a runner up, he will receive a £50 Smyths voucher and a £100 cheque for school. Well done, Brandon!



## England Rocks Winners!

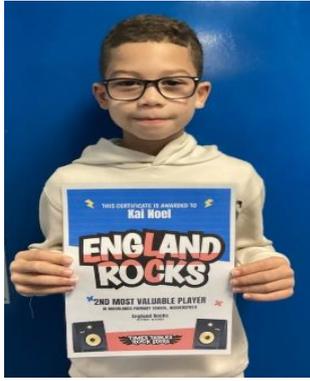
Last week there was a real buzz for times tables spreading round the school. The children in Years 2 - 6 took part in the England Rocks competition run by TT Rockstars. They loved hearing daily updates and working out who was moving up and down the leaderboard each day. After a very tense three days of competition, we are pleased to announce that the winning class was 5T who earned the most points as a class. Second place was awarded to 4H and third place to 6F.



There were some outstanding points scored by individuals across school. Most valuable player, earning the greatest number of points across the whole of Moorlands, was Isabelle in 4H, the second most valuable player, Kai, also came from 4H and the third most valuable player was Madison in 6F.

Well done to all who took part.





### TT Rockstar Challenge

Following on from the huge success and enjoyment that the children got out of the England Rocks competition, we are launching a new tournament format that will run each half term for years 2-6. This will be an individual challenge, where children will compete to move through 'rounds' to ultimately take up a place in the final. Round 1 - own class. Round 2 - own year group. Round 3 - the phase. Final - top 5 from the phase compete in live final. This half term the challenge will focus on 'effort' - the more children practise and play on TT rockstars, the higher up the leaderboard they will be. Please encourage your child to log onto TT rockstars and join in a fun way to learn their times tables!

### Christmas Cards - Next Week



As we all know, children love to send Christmas cards to one another. Each year group will have their own post box/collection point and, as usual, the cards will need to be clearly named, stating the correct class. This will start from 1st December.

### Shout Outs



Harry in 2H was very proud to show us his two trophies and a medal. As part of Blackley All Stars Cricket Club, he was awarded a medal for all of his hard work before he moves up to the next level. From Westend Football Club he received one trophy for a penalty shoot-out and another for lots of skills points. Well done, Harry!

Congratulations to Abdullah in 5KS who was awarded the 'Opposition Player of the Match' after Huddersfield beat Sheffield 15-11. He was chosen by the Sheffield U10 rugby team because of his incredible defence, terrific tackling and scoring a try. Well done to Eva and Sienna from Year 2 who did their Brownie promise last week to be invested into Brownies. We hope you love your time in the Girl Guiding Association.



Well done to Emily who came third out of 14 competitors in her Kata category at the Welsh open championships on Sunday, 19th November. Well done to Isabelle B 5T who has taken part in her gym club inter-gym competition and won 3rd place in her age category for her floor routine. We are super proud of her efforts, especially as she was up against gymnasts who were in secondary school.



On Friday, 27th November, Jacob M in 6F travelled to Poland to compete in a tournament with his team Barnsley FC. During the weekend they played against 23 other teams, including Juventus, Feyenoord Rotterdam, Palma, Genk, Leeds United and Derby County. They also played against clubs from across Poland, including Katowice, which is where the team stayed. We are very proud of Jacob and his team, who finished 4th out of 24! A brilliant effort and fantastic experience!



On Friday evening, Isla in Year 6 swam in her first swimming gala, competing in three strokes. She did really well and got gold for her breaststroke, swimming one length in 28.42s. Well done, Isla.

Emily in Year 6 was very excited to come runner-up in the Young Recycling Hero award yesterday afternoon. What a great role model you are Emily, well done!

Well done to all the children who took part in the gym festival last week. You were fantastic.

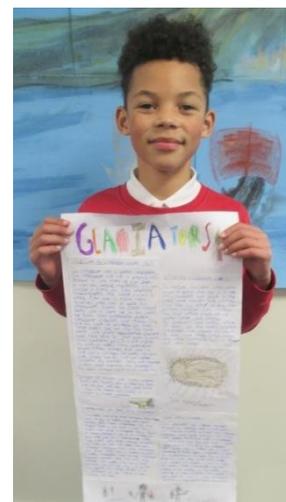


## Moorlands Star Writer of the Week

This week's star writer is Saul G from 4G. Saul produced a wonderful, non-chronological report about the Romans. We were very impressed with the vocabulary he used as well as his beautiful presentation.

All work chosen for Moorlands Star Writer of the Week will be shared on the school website and can be found under the 'Curriculum' tab on the website's main page.

Be sure to keep checking our newsletter and website to see who the next Moorlands Star Writer will be!



## British Legion



Thank you to everyone who supported The British Legion Poppy Appeal at the beginning of November by purchasing poppies, snap bands, zip pulls and key rings. Altogether we raised an amazing £918.57. Thank you to our poppy sellers from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

## Children in Need

Thank you everyone who donated to Children in Need last Friday. Our non-uniform day raised £570.57. Well done everyone!

## Jason McCartney MP



In Year 6 this half term, we have been learning how to write formal letters. This involved writing a letter to our local MP, Jason McCartney, to highlight issues in our local area that we felt passionate about and that needed addressing. Just by coincidence, that same week, Isaac and Winston met Jason McCartney whilst at Scouts and went to say hello. We are looking forward to Jason's reply to our letters.

## Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week Awards.

Each week, every class award two certificates: Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week.

These awards are for children who have shown they are wonderful role models and have an amazing attitude to learning - trying their best all the time.

We are delighted to share that the following students are this week's recipients of these awards.

Class	Award winner		Class	Award winner		Class	Award winner	
	Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week		Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week		Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week
DD	Miah EH	Aubrie C	2S	Faria A	Riaan B	4H	Lydia H	Frankie S
HH	Hugo B	Remy F	2H	Luca L	Harry P	5T	Josie P	Haider K
SS	Noor Ul-Ayn M	Bowen T	3M	Oscar C-W	Halo W	5KS	Zak G	Phoebe C
1P	Daisy G	Romaan A	3CM	Sienna W	Aaron H	5S	Libby T	Dany N

1K	Zikra S	Oliver D	3S	Vinny R	Isabel B	6W	Joshua S	Zara V
1O	Joseph B	Daisy M	4G	Kai H	Willow G	6C	Georgia S-C	Jake B
2J	Matilda S	Douglas T	4W	Archie T	Olivia D-A	6F	Aaliyah M	Eli J

They were presented with certificates in assembly, which will be on display in school for a week, and have been given a privilege card which entitles them to go for lunch first with a friend on a day of their choice this week and a non-uniform day on Friday of this week.

**Fruit Shop Payment for Spring Term 2024 – Years 3-6**

If you would like your child to have fruit and healthy snacks from our Fruit Shop during the Spring Term 2024, would you please make a payment of £14.70 via your ParentPay account by Wednesday, 13 December 2023. This represents a charge of 30p for 1 item every day from our Fruit Shop. Please note that your payment means that your child opts into our Fruit Shop for the full term and, due to the numbers and logistics involved, we are unable to make refunds for absence, etc. If you prefer to pay via a Paypoint, please contact the office to request a Barcode.

**The Big Ambition**

The Children’s Commissioner for England has recently launched ‘The Big Ambition’ to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country. We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come. Children or parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

**School Council Christmas Card Competition**



The last day to enter our Christmas card competition is tomorrow. We have had some wonderful designs and are looking forward to choosing the winning two cards on Friday afternoon.

**Christmas Cards and Gifts**

Did you miss the chance to order your child’s personalised Christmas cards and gifts before half-term? Don’t worry - The online shop will re-open for final orders from 17th - 24th November. Orders can be from new customers or previous ones who wish to order additional items. Please contact the PTA on [moorlands.primary.pta@outlook.com](mailto:moorlands.primary.pta@outlook.com) if you have any queries.

There will be two categories Reception/KS1 and KS2. The winning designs will be used as this year’s official Moorlands Primary Christmas Cards. The winning cards will be shown on our Newsletter, Website and Twitter page. Winners will receive their design made into a card and a small prize.

Entries must be on A5 paper.

**The design should include something about Moorlands Primary School.**

**Full names and class should be written on the reverse of the entry.**

Entries need to be handed to class teachers or your School Council representative by Friday 24th November.

Entries cost 50p and all proceeds will go towards school funds to buy more resources for the children of Moorlands Primary.

## PTA Raffle Prize Donations

The PTA are working very hard to raise money to support our children in school. They will be holding a raffle during the school Christmas performances and would like to put a plea out for prizes. If you have any unwanted gifts or prizes you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office. If anyone owns their own a local business, donations would be much appreciated. Thank you everyone.



## Parent Questionnaire

In order to continue to make Moorlands even better, we value your feedback. Please spend a few minutes completing our questionnaire. Either click on this link or scan the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/94gAEqRBHZ>



## Year One - Five to Twelve Study.

Pupils from our school have been selected to take part in the new **Five to Twelve** study!

Five to Twelve is a new national study involving around 8,000 children attending primary school in the 2020s and their families. The study will explore how children are getting on in a range of areas in the post-pandemic context. By following children and their families over time, the study aims to provide a contemporary understanding of how children's environments and experiences impact on their future education and wellbeing outcomes.

For the first stage of the study, the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), which is delivering the study on behalf of DfE, will be sending letters to the parents or carers of the selected children at their home address in October 2023.

The information posted to families will list the various ways they can get in touch with the study team, should they have questions about participating or opting out.

If invited parents and carers have any questions, you can visit the study website at [fivetotwelve.org.uk](http://fivetotwelve.org.uk), or get in touch with the study team at [FivetoTwelve@natcen.ac.uk](mailto:FivetoTwelve@natcen.ac.uk) or on Freephone **0800 652 4568**.

## Christmas Performances 2023

Our planning for Christmas activities in school is well underway and our Christmas performances are one of the main events and one of the most exciting.

As usual, we would like to invite parents and carers to come and watch the children perform but, due to the size of our school, all our performances will be ticketed. The exception to this is our reception performance where tickets will not be required.

Tickets are free of charge, will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis and will be limited to two tickets per family to allow as many families as possible to attend. (This means that, where a year group has two performances, two tickets IN TOTAL can be requested, i.e. one for each performance or two for the same performance). Children will require a ticket, apart from those aged 2 and under who will be required to sit on an adult's lap. Tickets for children will be part of your family's ticket allocation of 2 tickets.

Parents and carers will be able to book tickets on ParentPay from Tuesday, 21 November 2023. To help us issue them in good time, we ask that you place your orders by Wednesday, 13 December 2023. Where a performance is oversubscribed, we will take into account the date and time the order was placed.

Performance dates and times are shown in the 'Dates for Your Diary' section at the end of this newsletter.

### Christmas Day Hampers:

For the last 14 years, Amber Novak and her family have organised a Christmas Day Celebration at the Jubilee Centre in Paddock for people who would otherwise be on their own, or for people who don't have enough to cook a Christmas meal for themselves.

Last year they gave out hampers to each of the guests who were very grateful for them. They would like to do the same again this year.

If anyone would like to donate, we are collecting donations, which we will take down to the Jubilee Centre in the last week of term (w/c 18th December). Thank you for your support.

### Respectful Driving and Parking



Please can we remind parents that the speed limit on Moorlands Road is 20 mph. This is to keep everyone safe and reduce pollution in our community. Residents are concerned about the speed some parents are travelling along the road, particularly around after school club time.

Can we also remind parents to park respectfully and not block or obstruct driveways which causes upset and stress for our neighbours.

### Dates for Your Diary

27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Multiplication Test Parent Information Evening
30 <sup>th</sup> November	New Parents (September 2024) open event (booking available through our website)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1/2 Christmas performance 2.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1/2 Christmas performance 5.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3/4 Christmas Performance 9.15am
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5/6 Christmas Performance 2.15pm
21 <sup>st</sup> December	School Christmas dinner
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Years 3/4 Christmas Performance 5pm
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Years 5/6 Christmas Performance 6.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas jumper day.

Remember there are regular updates on X @MoorlandsHudds and on our school website [www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk](http://www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk). As always, we do have an open-door policy, so if there is anything you would like to speak to us about, please do.



**Could your school help?**

We are looking for donations of toiletries, tinned & dried food and sweet treats. To give out to the guests who come to the Christmas Day meal. People who would have otherwise been home alone, or with not enough food for a Christmas Day meal.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Charlene on 01484 551551  
charlene.novak@thebranch.uk

**The Branch**



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**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
ANIMAL CARE CENTRE  
AT TAYLOR HILL



## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

### SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

10.30am-2pm  
FREE ENTRY



**ANIMAL HANDLING**  
FACE PAINTING  
QUIZZES  
CRAFT STALLS  
HOMEMADE CAKES

Meet members of the Huddersfield and District Beekeeping Society.

Stalls can be hired  
Please ring 01484 437184

All activities subject to weather conditions

01484 437184  
Close Hill Lane, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield, HD4 6LE

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# LET'S GET VACCINATED!

## Free Flu & Covid vaccines!\*

**WHEN&WHERE?**  
The Chestnut Centre  
(Sheepridge, HD2 1HJ)

Friday 1st  
December 2023  
1PM - 3PM

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!

Have your jabs in a friendly, local & familiar setting - Community Champions will be there to answer any questions!



\*Restrictions apply - please contact us, if you are unsure if you are eligible for the vaccines!



**COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS**

**MORE INFO**

01484 516444



**£6.50**  
PER PERSON

## FAMILY PANTO

# ROBINSON CRUSOE

**SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER**

2:30PM: DOORS OPEN / MEET AND GREET  
3:00PM: PERFORMANCE STARTS

JUBILEE CENTRE, MARKET STREET, PADDOCK, HD1 4SH  
WWW.THEBRANCH.UK | 01484 551 551

BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO BUY

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Donations can be dropped at Reinwood Infant school office, Lindley Infant school office or FOCAL centre-Wednesday between 1pm-3pm or call Keeley 07816937331



# CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL

We are looking for donations of new items that we can gift to children aged between 4-16 years. Items such as toys, hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, gift sets, hot water bottles and books will be gratefully received.

Put a smile on the face of a child, who may not receive a gift this Christmas time.



Salendine Nook Family Hub  
Working for the families of the children in our 7 schools

Thank you!

## Community Advice Fair

We're working together to make communities safer

On: Thursday 30th November 2023

At: Salvation Army, New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4BZ  
Time 10am-1pm

Come along and meet your local Police Community Support Officer along with other partners. Lots of information, help and advice available.

The Mayor of Kirklees will be visiting the event.



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# Central Youth Club

## Winter Holiday Sessions

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

11.00am to 3.00pm each day

Open to ages 8+ of all abilities, including SEND  
25 spaces available each day



Our groups are a great way to have fun, socialise and make friends. Come along and find out for yourself!



Free Lunch provided!!



The sessions are funded by the Department of Education's Holiday Activities and Food Programme supporting children and young people that are eligible for Benefits Related Free School Meals.

Booking essential via this link...

<https://forms.office.com/r/ntijPkfuLw>

All activities are inclusive. Arts & crafts, multi - sports, pool, table tennis, fun and games



Email: john\_field@sky.com  
Mobile: 07712 896462 Phone: 01484 435127  
Venue: Prospect Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2NX





## Festive Fun Christmas Holiday Sessions!

**SESSIONS  
ARE  
FREE**  
FOOD INCLUDED

### South Kirklees:

Northfield Hall, 40 Norfolk Ave,  
Huddersfield HD2 1GS

Wednesday 20th December  
Thursday 21st December

9am-1pm - Ages 8-12 years  
1:30pm-5:30pm - Ages 13-17 years (VR games included)

### North Kirklees

Ravensthorpe Community Centre - 24, Dewsbury WF13 3AR

Wednesday 27th December  
Thursday 28th December

9am-1pm - Ages 8-12 years  
1:30pm-5:30pm - Ages 13-17 years (VR games included)



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book online

**Energise**  
Registration is required. Booking is essential.  
Contact our bookings team for more information:  
M: 0330 1332642 E: [bookings@endorphins.uk](mailto:bookings@endorphins.uk)



## HUDDERSFIELD UNITED F.C.

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### GIRLS FOOTBALL

IS YOUR DAUGHTER IN  
SCHOOL YEAR 6, 7, OR 8?

IF THEY'RE ALREADY  
PLAYING FOOTBALL, OR  
WANT TO START, ALL  
GIRLS ARE WELCOME

JOIN CURRENT AND  
FORMER REINWOOD  
PUPILS IN A SUCCESSFUL  
ALL GIRLS TEAM

### NEW PLAYER ENQUIRIES

**NEIL [YR 6/7]**

**07849137283**

**ANTHONY [YR 8]**

**07428865467**

ALL COACHES CRB CHECKED

TRAINING:  
[APR-OCT] WEDNESDAY 6PM HD3 4GR  
[NOV-MAR 2024] THURSDAY 7PM HD2 1YY

GAMES [BY INVITATION]:  
[SEP-APR]: SATURDAY AM



## STRESS MANAGEMENT



A 2 week course examining all aspects of how stress can affect us and its impact on our mental health. We will look at methods and new ways of thinking that can drastically reduce stress levels in our daily lives.

**WHEN:** Fridays 17th and 24th November 2023

**TIME:** 1pm-3pm

**WHERE:** Jubilee Centre, Market Street, Paddock, HD1 4SH

**COST:** £1.50 (includes refreshments)

To book your place call 01484 551 551 or book online  
[www.thebranch.uk](http://www.thebranch.uk)



## WINTER Coat Appeal 2023

Join us in making a difference  
this winter by donating new and  
used coats for children in need.

Hats, gloves and scarves welcome too



Thank You x

**Moorlands Primary School**

**School Holiday Dates**

**2024/2025**

**School opens – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

**Half Term Close Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Reopen Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Christmas Holiday**

**School Closes Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Reopen Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Half Term Close Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Reopen Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Easter Holiday**

**School Closes Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Reopen Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

**School Closed for May Day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Half Term Closes Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

**Reopen Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**School Closes for Summer Holidays – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**



# Play | Sing | Learn

## with Musica Kirklees

| individual instrumental tuition | vocal lessons |  
| projects | choirs | orchestras | bands | ensembles |  
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