



# Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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X @MoorlandsHudds

Thursday, 01 February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great week at Moorlands. Last Friday, MP Jason McCartney came to visit Year 6 and ex-pupil Jamal came to share his love for music with Years 1 and 2. Reception enjoyed a fairy tale dress up day yesterday as part of their fairy tale topic. There were some super outfits and it was lovely to see dragons, wolves, knights and princesses whizzing around the playground at breaktime.

## Visit of Jason McCartney MP

Year 6 had a very special visitor on Friday. Jason McCartney, our local MP, came to speak to the children about his role as a member of Parliament. Back in November, when it was Parliament Week, Year 6 wrote persuasive letters to Jason McCartney, encouraging him to think about, and possibly make a change around matters that were important to them, such as: climate change, cost of living crisis, equality and road safety. Jason was so impressed that he wanted to meet our wonderful Year 6 pupils in person.

He held a question-and-answer session with the children, where they really impressed him with their thought-provoking and insightful questions. He also did some litter picking with a small group of Year 6 children around the school grounds.



## Musician Visit



Last Friday, one of our former pupils, the very talented musician Jamal, visited Years 1 and 2 to share his passion for music and explain why we should learn to play an instrument.

## Chicks!

Year 5 have been looking after their chicks and watching them grow this week. Sadly for us, but happily for them, today they are going to their new forever home on Mr Womersley's brother's small holding in Stainland. No doubt they will settle in quickly with the other chickens from last year's egg project. We look forward to getting updates on how big they have grown.

## Goodbye

We would like to say goodbye to Mrs Burnett, who will be leaving us soon. She has been part of the Moorlands team for nearly 3 years. We would like to thank her for all her hard work, we will miss her greatly.

## Moorlands Primary PTA Disco

We are all looking forward to the PTA Discos tonight.

The first disco is from 5.00pm to 6.30pm for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3.

The second disco is from 7.00pm to 8.30pm for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Please note, all children need to be picked up from the disco, **they will not be able to walk home on their own.**

Please ensure any medication your child may need is sent to the disco (e.g. inhalers etc). **Mobile phones must not be brought.**

**The hall doors will be labelled, so each year group will enter through a different door. Children will be checked off the entry list when they come through their year group door. Please note that the gate to the YMCA path will be locked, so will not be in use.**

When dropping off your child, please take their coat home with you and bring it back at pick up as we don't have space to store them all.

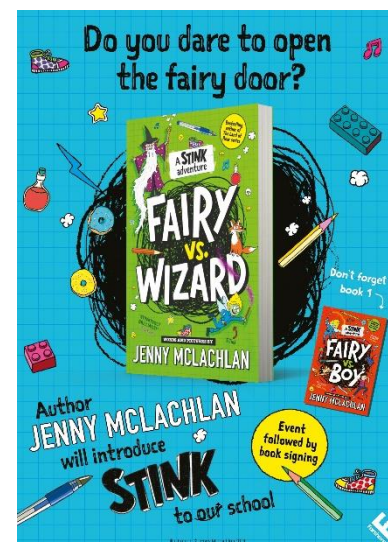
There will be stalls for your child to purchase extra things on the night – including sweets, crisps, drinks, small toys/keyrings, cakes and biscuits. Please note that this time we are not serving hot dogs. Please send change if you can! Water will be available free of charge.



We hope your child is excited about the disco – if you have any questions, please contact the PTA on [moorlands.primary.pta@outlook.co](mailto:moorlands.primary.pta@outlook.co)

### Author Visit for Years 3 and 4

On 26<sup>th</sup> February, author Jenny McLachlan will be visiting Years 3 and 4 in school. She will be telling the children all about being an author and her book. She will be selling and signing books after the event. Children can bring in money to buy books, which should be in a named envelope. The books are priced £7.99 for one book or £14 for books 1 and 2.



### 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
<b>DD</b>	Ruby R	Harley M-K	<b>2S</b>	Anya K	Leo D	<b>4H</b>	Elsie D	Giovanna W
<b>HH</b>	Rosie G	Alfie C	<b>2H</b>	Lois H	Caitlin W	<b>5T</b>	Ivy G	Arthur F
<b>SS</b>	Reuben G	Emma R	<b>3M</b>	Esme J	Amelia B	<b>5KS</b>	Mia G	Emily D-B
<b>1P</b>	Lucy L	Ethan H	<b>3CM</b>	Victoria B	Freddie S-J	<b>5S</b>	Alfie L	Harper D
<b>1K</b>	Faith-May P	Toby C	<b>3S</b>	Reuben T	Lennie C	<b>6W</b>	Zaynab S	Oscar S
<b>1O</b>	Suleman K	Arthur C	<b>4G</b>	Dakota S	Esmae H	<b>6C</b>	Zoe E	Lucy-May L
<b>2J</b>	Amelia W	Teddy L	<b>4W</b>	Maryam K	George O	<b>6F</b>	Lyra C	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.

### Charity Event

Thank you very much to all children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who entered the 'Name the Panda' competition. We have raised £21.10 for our Year 6 charity, Diabetes UK. The lucky winner of the fluffy panda and books is Zubaria in 6C with her panda name Oreos! Well done!



## Shout Outs



Taiah took part in a gymnastics competition on Sunday and was awarded three 1st places and two 2nd places. Wow Taiah, we are very proud of you.

Last Friday Jacob M in 6F travelled to Malta for a football tournament with his team Barnsley FC. They competed against 14 other teams from across Europe including Inter Milan and Juventus. Jacob and his team finished in 2nd place, an amazing achievement and fantastic experience for them all. Matilda C was in a show on Sunday at the Lawrence Batley



Theatre. She was singing and dancing with her Musical Theatre Group at Limelight Theatre School. Well done, Matilda.

## Sports News

On Tuesday, 30th January we took two hockey teams to Salendine Nook High School for a competition. Our teams did amazingly well, especially to say lots of them hadn't played hockey before!

Team 2, consisting of Isaac, Isobel, Millie and Codie did amazingly well.

Team 1, consisting of Blake, Winston, Oliver and Taylor came 3rd overall - just missing out on the final.

A special shout out to Taylor who jumped in last minute!

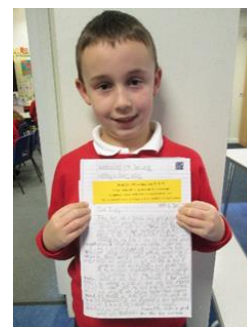
Well done everyone.



## Moorlands Star Writer of the Week

This week's Star Writer is Joe, 3S, for the fantastic diary entry for the character Rhodopis. Joe included some fantastic sentence openers, ambitious vocabulary and diary features. He also thought very carefully about the character and made links with the story. This is a wonderful piece of work which Joe should be very proud of! Well done!

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!



## Safer Internet Day 2024

On Tuesday, 6th February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet. This year the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Moorlands Primary School and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers

which are available at: [saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents](http://saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents). Whether you have five minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or Mrs Denney, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Did you know we have a dedicated E-Safety Hub for Parents and Carers? You can find it in our Parent and Carers Hub on our website or here:

<https://express.adobe.com/page/3YeIj1GfPExas>

In our parent hub, there are also resources to support with learning about the latest social media trends, how to safely introduce a mobile phone, stories for Reception and Key Stage 1 children and much more. We hope you find it useful, not only now, but as your child progresses with technology.

Northorpe Hall also offer a FREE online workshop; 'The impact of the digital age on mental well-being'. Information on how to keep our children and young people safe using the internet and social media to avoid the potential of a negative impact emotionally and mentally.

There are currently two sessions coming up, with plenty of spaces. Book here:

[chewsnews.northorpehall.co.uk/workshops.php?type=pc&id=52](http://chewsnews.northorpehall.co.uk/workshops.php?type=pc&id=52)

### **Moments Matter, Attendance Counts**

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Recognising how important your child's attendance is, we will begin to announce the class with the best attendance in our weekly assemblies and newsletters.



### **Universal Free School Meals**

We would just like to remind parents/carers that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to Universal Free School Meals. As a result, no payment is required for school meals until children start Year 3. If your child is in one of the relevant year groups and you have made a payment, this will be refunded to your ParentPay account.

### **Statutory Free School Meals**



If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child may be eligible for Statutory Free School Meals which continue beyond the end of Year 2.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190.

- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

To apply follow the link below.

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>

Please contact school if you need any help with the application.

### **Lost Property**

Lost property from this half-term is now on display in the entrance hall. It will be there until Thursday, 8 February 2024. After this date, items in good condition will be donated to Uniform Exchange as we have nowhere to continue to store them. Please come and have a look as we would love to reunite as many items as possible with their owners - we have three winter coats as well as the usual uniform items out on our Lost Property table.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

1 <sup>st</sup> February 24	PTA Discos
7 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Year 1 Phonics screening information (9.10am after reading morning)
8 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Year 1 Phonics screening information 5.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> February 24	How we teach Maths evening - Early Years and KS1 – 5pm - 5.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> February 24	How we teach Maths evening KS2 5.30pm-6.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Year 6 SAT's Information evening – 6.00 pm.
9 <sup>th</sup> February 24	School closes at the end of the day for half term.
19 <sup>th</sup> February 24	INSET Day - teacher training, school closed.
20 <sup>th</sup> February 24	School re-opens.
20 <sup>th</sup> February 24	1O to Manchester Airport
21 <sup>st</sup> February 24	1P to Manchester Airport
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 24	1K to Manchester Airport
21 <sup>st</sup> February 24	Young Voices Choir to Sheffield Arena
27 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Strictly Pennine Dance Festival
7 <sup>th</sup> March 24	World Book Day
15 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Deadline for Year 6 Residential Balance Payment
21 <sup>st</sup> March 24	PTA Easter Egg Bingo
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 24	Year 1 Easter assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 24	School closes at the end of the day for the Easter holidays

Remember there are regular updates on X @MoorlandsHuuds 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.



# A fantastical time

This February half term @ BARNSELY MUSEUMS





**CANNON HALL**  
MUSEUM PARK & GARDENS

**Pinecone Pets**  
**Thursday 15 February**  
Make your own marvellous mouse or fantastic fairy friend using just pinecones and other natural materials in this eco-friendly workshop.  
**10am-12 noon and 1pm-3pm | All ages | Free, drop-in. In the North Glass Training Room, Cannon Hall Walled Garden**

**Thumbelina**  
**Tuesday 26 March**  
Brought to life through dance, live music and song, Thumbelina is a gentle and playful performance with the beauty of the natural world at its heart. Children are invited to take part in Thumbelina's journey, build a shelter from sticks and escape with her from the hungry toad.  
**11.30am BSL-interpreted performance, 2pm relaxed performance | Ages 3-8 | £5pp. In the Ballroom, Cannon Hall Museum. Running time 1hr including interactive play. Booking essential: [www.cannon-hall.com/whats-on](http://www.cannon-hall.com/whats-on)**

Enjoy lots of free family fun in the museum try out some traditional toys, dress like a Victorian or bake in the wooden kitchen in the Servants Hall.



**COOPER**  
GALLERY

**All at Sea!**  
**Friday 16 February**  
Come along and have fun making your own maritime masterpiece inspired by the seascapes in the Cooper Collection.  
**10am-12 noon and 1pm-3pm Free | drop-in. In the Sadler Room**

Coming soon

**Multisensory Trails**  
Explore our beautiful outside spaces at Cannon Hall and Worsbrough like never before on our free multi sensory trail, listen to the sound of water rushing, take in the smells of wildflower or see if you can spot a fish!



# Huddersfield Football Development





At Moor End Academy (Sports Hall)  
Dryclough Rd, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield,  
HD4 5JA  
Starting on Tuesday 6th February 2024  
**In association with First Kick Football**

School years - Reception & Year 1	6:00pm - 6:45pm
School years - Year 2 & Year 3	6:45pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,  
Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Tuesday at Moor End Academy, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Bradford City, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United, Liverpool, Leeds United, Everton and Oldham.

The cost of the course is just £5.83 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £40 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

**\*\*NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT\*\***

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including: Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.

**Liam**  
**TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE**  
**0113 457 3715 or 07514 316534**

We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing  
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked




# HALF TERM GOLF CAMPS

**Monday                  Thursday**  
**12th February    15th February**

**@Crosland Heath Golf Club**

**£20 PER DAY  
10-1PM  
6 + YEARS**

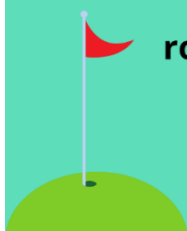


**Bring own pack lunch  
Fun Games  
Develop skills  
Make new friends**

**All Enquiries**

**roch\_morris@hotmail.co.uk**

**07540085820**





# Kane Irish Dance

## LITTLE SHAMROCKS AGES 3 TO 5

This programme is fun. We teach our preschoolers the fundamental basics which gives them the passion to be an Irish Dancer.



## LEPRECHAUN KIDS AGES 5 TO 12

This is our childrens foundation Irish Dance Programme. We teach from a syllabus set by an international rewards system for Irish Dance. Children are able to attain assessments for Badges, Medal Tests, and Grade Examinations. They are also able to compete.



## TEENAGER IRISH DANCE AGES 12 TO 18

80% of girls in England feel they don't belong in sport, and by the time they're 18, they're more than twice as likely to experience poor mental health than boys. We know music and movement are proven to have a profound positive impact on mental wellbeing. It creates the space to find freedom through expression and joy in community.



## ADULT IRISH DANCE AGES 18 PLUS

Irish Dance can be enjoyed by all ages. Your never too old to learn and take part. We also have Medal Tests, Grade Exams for adults too.



Our Dance School is Registered with C.R.N.



Rebecca Kane TCRG



## CEILI - IRISH SOCIAL DANCING

Keeping traditional Irish Dance alive is very important to us. We will be hosting regular Ceilís which are group based social dances that bring the community together.

**BOOK A 6 WEEK BEGINNER COURSE**

[www.kaneirishdance.com](http://www.kaneirishdance.com)  
07732801847



# SHELLEY FEBRUARY CAMPS



**WEDNESDAY 14TH  
FEBRUARY 2024**



**£20 PER DAY**



**9:00AM - 3:30PM**



**SHELLEY FC,  
STORTHESS HALL LANE,  
HUDDERSFIELD, HD8 0WA**



**RECEPTION CLASS - YEAR 7**

**FOOTBALL ONLY**

**WWW.PROJECTSPORT.ORG.UK/BOOKING  
07562 124175**



**MONDAY - TUESDAY  
12TH - 13TH FEBRUARY  
NEILEY PAVILION, HONLEY  
HD9 6QT**

**THURSDAY - FRIDAY  
15TH - 16TH FEBRUARY  
HONLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
HD9 6DY**



**£20 PER DAY**



**8:30AM - 4:30PM**



**RECEPTION CLASS - YEAR 7**



**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**