



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see all our children return on Monday. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and were able to have some time to relax and refresh ready for 2024.

We have had assessment week in school this week. The children have been doing assessments in Reading, Writing, SPaG and Maths. A huge well done to the children for working so hard.

Welcome

We have new members of staff that we have welcomed to the Moorlands team this week. Educational Support Assistants, Mr Greenwood in Year 5 and Mr Harron in Year, and Sports Coach, Miss Clough.

PTA Fundraising

A huge thank you and well done to our PTA who raised £1250 running the café and raffle during our Christmas performances. A huge thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and refreshments.

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	Phoebe Mc	Imogen S	2S	Olivia N	Thea B	4H	Gracie F	Maiza A
HH	Evie B	Rio R	2H	Hannah M	Henry S	5T	Clare E	Isabelle B
SS	Seth N	Aisha F	3M	Rex W	Ella B	5KS	Mia G	Kianne W
1P	Ariana D-R	Rosie S	3CM	Keyaan G	Jonah B	5S	Christian M	Brooke L
1K	Reagan V	Una T	3S	Tabitha T	Isobel D	6W	Aran G	Emily D
1O	Holly P	Arlo F	4G	Olivia T	Georgia G	6C	Callum B	Ruben S
2J	Aleesa A	Leo C	4W	Zoha A	Maryam K	6F	Jacob J	Winston G

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.

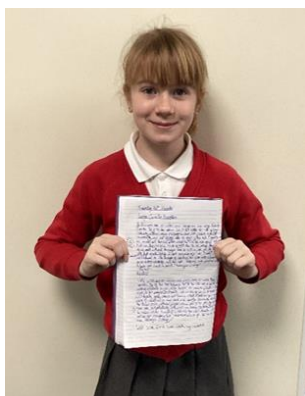


Shout Outs

Brandon took part in Elf the Musical over the Christmas holiday as part of the choir. He participated in two shows at the AO Arena in Manchester on Saturday, 23 December with his Stagecoach Performing Arts School group. He was very excited and loved every minute of it (and not at all phased by the shows being sold out!).



Moorlands Star Writer of the Week



Olivia in 6W has received star writer of the week for her super character description of Ebenezer Scrooge. She used very mature vocabulary and included lots of year group expectations. She also re-drafted her work in parts to up-level sentences to improve on what she had already written. A brilliant piece of work which she should be very proud of. 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 will be the next Moorlands Star Writer!

Workshops

Northorpe Hall continue to offer a wide range of free workshops, both face-to-face and online. All workshops are informal, confidential and safe spaces for either parents/carers and/or our young people. They range from:

ADHD Awareness Session (diagnosis not needed)

Autism Awareness Session (diagnosis not needed)

Understanding Behaviour as Communication

Impact of the Digital Age

Healthy Relationships with Food

The Teenage Brain

There are also a number of workshops relating to anxiety, self-esteem, supporting sleep and much more.

You can book here:

[Information Sessions for Parents and Carers \(northorpehall.co.uk\)](http://northorpehall.co.uk)

If you require any additional support with emotional well-being, you can contact our Senior Mental Health Lead, Mrs H Woodhouse via hwoodhouse@moorlandsprimary.org.uk

Or for Self-Help and guidance:

[Well-Being \(adobe.com\)](http://Well-Being (adobe.com))

Attendance: the top facts to know & share

**MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, **just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs**, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.¹

And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- **More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs**, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.²

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**.³



Dates for Your Diary

23 rd January 24	3CM to Bagshaw Museum
25 th January 24	3M and 3S to Bagshaw Museum
1 st February 24	PTA Disco
9 th February 24-	School closes at the end of the day for half term.
19 th February 24	INSET Day - teacher training, school closed.
20 th February 24	School re-opens.
20 th February 24	1O to Manchester Airport
21 st February 24	1P to Manchester Airport
22 nd February 24	1K to Manchester Airport
21 st February 24	Young Voices Choir to Sheffield Arena
27 th February 24	Strictly Pennine Dance Festival
7 th March 24	World Book Day
21 st March 24	PTA Easter Egg Bingo
22 nd March 24	Yr.1 Easter assembly
22 nd March 24	School closes at the end of the day for the Easter holidays

Remember there are regular updates on X @MoorlandsHudds and on our school website 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.

Huddersfield Football



Development

At Moor End Academy (Sports Hall)
Dryclough Rd, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield,
HD4 5JA

Starting on Tuesday 30th January 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





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ADULT LEARNING COURSES
STARTING JANUARY 2024



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COURSES FOR VOLUNTEERING/WORKING IN SCHOOLS

Reading Friends Training	<p>Would you like to share your love of reading with children in Kirklees schools and help to increase their reading ability? Our course will give you the skills and knowledge to be a Reading Friend Volunteer. Volunteers wanted across Kirklees.</p> <p>If you do not see your local school on the list, get in touch to be informed when we are running one in your area. You do not need to volunteer in the school where you complete the training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staincliffe Junior school - Starts Monday 15th January 9-12pm • St John's Primary school, Dewsbury - Starts Tuesday 16th January 2024 12-3pm • Gomersal St Mary's school - Starts Thursday 18th January 2024 9-12pm • Ravenshall school, Dewsbury - Starts Friday 19th January 2024 9-12pm
Speech Stars Training	<p>Do you have an interest in children's speech and language development or education? Full training will be given to volunteers who can spare a few hours a week to support children in a school or nursery setting as part of the Speech Stars programme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Smith Stadium - Starts Monday 15th January 2024 10-1pm • Saville Town Nursery - Starts Tuesday 9th January 2023 12.30 – 3pm
Preparing to Volunteer in Schools	<p>Would you like to volunteer in a school, possibly with a view to a paid role in the future? Our 6 week training course will help you to understand how schools work, including the curriculum, safeguarding, support needs of children with SEND, behaviour management and the types of activities you may be asked to support with. The final week will look at how you can make yourself stand out in interviews/applications.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westmoor Primary School, Dewsbury - Starts Wednesday 24th January 9-12pm • Mount Pleasant Primary School, Lockwood - Starts Wednesday 21st February 9 – 12pm
Maths Mates	<p>This course prepares volunteers who would like to support primary aged pupils in the classroom with their enjoyment and progress in maths.</p>	<p>Coming soon Register your interest with us.</p>

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COURSES FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Eat Well for Less	Our popular short course looks at ways to save money on your food bills and make healthy, tasty food for all the family.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Lane J1 & N School - Starts Thursday 29th February 9-12pm
Steps to Success	Need help to increase your confidence, self-esteem or motivation? Join our friendly tutor on this popular course to look at the way we think, explore our comfort zones and to learn strategies to help overcome the issues and barriers in our lives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online - Starts Thursday 18th January 2024 10-12pm
Create Time for Wellbeing	Leave your worries behind and join us as we bring a variety of craft projects to have a go at, which may include marbling, weaving, Acrylic paint pen crafts/glass painting, Macrame, Paper Flowers/egg box flowers, Felting, Marbling, Jewellery/beading or rag rugs. Everyone welcome at these sessions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saville Town Nursery - Thursday afternoons 1-3pm from 18th January (starts with jewellery making)
Knitting for Wellbeing	Did you know knitting is good for your mental health and wellbeing? From beginners to improvers, join our friendly class where you can learn the basics or more advanced techniques. Everyone welcome, materials provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate course starts at The Recovery & Wellbeing College in Mirfield (For anyone wanting to move on from the basics) - Starts Tuesday 9th January 10-12pm Heckmondwike Primary school - Wednesday 17th January 9-11.30am Netherhall Learning Campus community room - Starts Monday 15th January 12.30-2.30pm
Write Time for Wellbeing	Suitable for anyone, no experience needed. Take some time out for you and learn activities you can do anytime which can help when you are feeling stressed and overwhelmed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coming soon Register your interest with us.
Weight Off Your Mind Workshop	Would you like to gain more control over your eating and have a positive mindset when it comes to your eating habits? This 2 hour workshop will explore how we can overcome emotional and binge eating to help you make healthier lifestyle choices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ONLINE with the Recovery College in Mirfield - Monday 15th January 10 – 12pm

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Free training available for Mentors

What is Mentoring? Do you want to be able to support others in your job, home or community? Do you want to develop your own skills and knowledge? Do you want to be able to help others who are struggling? Then this course is for you. This 5 week practical course aims to provide you with the skills, knowledge and confidence to be an effective mentor. It will cover:

- What is mentoring and why it is important
- Essential skills
- Important policies and procedures
- Good and effective mentoring

Course starts at The Recovery & Wellbeing College in Mirfield Friday 26th January 2024 10-12pm

To enrol, go to: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/courses/next-steps/peer-mentoring/> or call 01484 234153

EAT WELL FOR LESS

FREE 4 WEEK COURSE DELIVERED BY KIRKLEES SUCCESS CENTRE

Save money on your shopping and plan healthy, tasty food all the family will enjoy! The course will involve some classroom learning and cooking in the kitchen. Progression possible to a food hygiene course.

STARTS: THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2024 9.00AM - 12.00PM

WHERE: FIELD LANE J1/N SCHOOL

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE. TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL ON 01484 234153 OR EMAIL SUCCESS.CENTRES@KIRKLEES.GOV.UK OR CALL 01484 234153

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Knitting for Wellbeing

Learn a new skill—improve your wellbeing—Meet new people

Whether you are a complete beginner or would like to refresh your skills, everyone welcome to join us on this free, 8 week course delivered by Kirklees Success Centre

Starts Monday 15th January 2024 12.30-2.30pm

Where The Community Room at Netherhall Learning Campus

To book your place email success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk or call 01484 234153 or just come along!

Steps to Success

Set personal goals and overcome barriers

FREE 8 week Personal Development Course

Who is this for? Anyone who wants to move forward in life!

Taking steps to achieve a goal is always possible with some positive thinking and support from others.

New course starts ONLINE Thursday 18th January 10-12pm

To enrol, scan the QR code or success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk 01484 234153

Reading Friends

Have you got an hour a week to volunteer at a school in Kirklees to boost children's confidence and enjoyment of reading?

What is Reading Friends? Reading Friends is a volunteer project which involves adult volunteers giving up an hour of their time each week to read with pupils in Kirklees schools.

The Reading Friends training, provided by Kirklees Success Centres, will develop your knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Early stages of reading development
- Importance of a volunteer in school
- Reading, safeguarding
- Strategies to help children with phonics and difficult words
- Ways to support comprehension
- Different levels of support
- Offer feedback

What are the benefits? Reading Friends is a great opportunity for you to:

- Develop your knowledge and skills to provide effective reading support in schools
- Meet other volunteers
- Support your local community
- Gain experience as a starting point to exploring a career in schools
- Gain new skills and work experience to help you grow
- Earn and support your job applications
- Increase your confidence and motivation
- Meet new people

On average, children improve in their reading age by up to 5 months after 10 weeks of programme and become more confident and enjoy reading.

Training: This will need to be attended at 4 sessions before which take place at Netherhall Primary school, WPT 1.1P

- Tuesday 16th January 2024 10-12pm
- Tuesday 23rd January 2024 10-12pm
- Tuesday 30th January 2024 10-12pm
- Tuesday 6th February 2024 10-12pm

Do Book: Once you have completed the QR code or email success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk or phone 01484 234153 for more information

BRIDGE THE GAPS IN YOUR MATHS

FREE 7 WEEK COURSE FOR KIRKLEES ADULTS

This course is for you if:

- You want to boost your numeracy skills with enjoyable, activity based learning or
- You would like to increase your employability or strengthen your skills in the workplace or
- You would like to take the first steps towards gaining a level 2 qualification in maths (GCSE/functional skills) but may be apprehensive about returning to/starting formal learning as an adult

Course starts at the John Smith Stadium, Huddersfield on Tuesday 16th January 10-12.30pm

or from Dewsbury Library Wednesday 17th January 12.30-3pm

For more information, scan the QR code or call us on 01484 234153 or email success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk

Preparing to Volunteer in Schools

FREE COURSE

Are you looking to volunteer in a school, maybe to gain experience before applying for a paid role? Or you may already be volunteering but would like to increase your skills and knowledge? Our free 5 week course will increase your confidence in the classroom.

Topics covered will include safeguarding, the different support needs of children with SEND, what activities you might be expected to support with in a classroom and questioning and feedback techniques.

Course starts: Wednesday 21st February 2024 Time: 9am-12pm

Location: Mount Pleasant Primary School, Lockwood

To enrol, scan the QR code (Course code: P12345678) or email success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk or phone 01484 234153

Speech Stars

Join Speech Stars and make a real difference to a child's early language and speech development!

We are looking for:

- Volunteers and students to help and volunteer to schools and nurseries across Kirklees to support children's communication and language skills.
- Volunteers with a degree in support children's speech and language development or students and volunteers already studying or interested in careers in Children, Speech & Language Therapy or Education.
- Educated individuals who could spend a few hours a week to help and volunteer in a local primary school or nursery to deliver our Speech Stars programme or complete Speech Stars as part of their course placement.

We are offering:

- Training covering all aspects of working in an educational setting and how to effectively support children's speech and language development.
- A placement within a local primary school or Nursery setting to deliver the programme (training eligible aged 18+ years old).
- Valuable experience in schools and nurseries which could help with future careers, further study, personal development or supporting children or young people with learning difficulties or speech and language difficulties.

If you are interested in training and becoming a Speech Stars volunteer, we are offering a free week course at John Smith Stadium, Huddersfield (Wednesday 14th Feb 9am-12pm)

Starts: Monday 16th January 2024 (10.00am - 1.00pm)

Monday 23rd January 2024 (10.00am - 1.00pm)

Monday 30th January 2024 (10.00am - 1.00pm)

Monday 6th February 2024 (10.00am - 1.00pm)

To book your 100 limited places please scan the QR code or visit the link <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/courses/next-steps/speech-stars/> or email success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk or phone 01484 234153

FREE COURSE TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH SPEAKING SKILLS

STARTS Tuesday 28th February 2024 11am At Diamond Street Community Academy

To book your place scan the QR code

Or email speechstars@kirklees.gov.uk or call 01484 234153 for more information

Social Conversations

Free 8 week course for Kirklees residents aged 16+ to improve their confidence and improve their English speaking skills.

For more information, scan the QR code or email success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk or call 01484 234153



To enrol for any of our courses, please Email success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk or phone 01484 234153.

Courses delivered by our team of friendly tutors from Kirklees Success Centre. We provide free adult learning courses for any Kirklees resident aged 19+ at community venues, schools, online and from our classroom at the John Smith Stadium in Huddersfield.

For courses at the Recovery College, please telephone 07717 867911 or enrol by visiting the recovery college website

<https://www.calderdalekirkleesrc.nhs.uk/courses-and-enrolment/>

More courses coming soon– get in touch today to register your interest or to be added to our termly update list or find us on Facebook – Kirklees Success Centre.



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School Holiday Dates

2024/2025

School opens – Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Half Term Close Friday 25th October 2024

Reopen Tuesday 5th November 2024

Christmas Holiday

School Closes Friday 20th December 2024

Reopen Monday 6th January 2025

Half Term Close Thursday 13th February 2025

Reopen Monday 24th February 2025

Easter Holiday

School Closes Friday 4th April 2025

Reopen Tuesday 22nd April 2025

School Closed for May Day – Monday 5th May 2025

Half Term Closes Friday 23rd May 2025

Reopen Monday 2nd June 2025

School Closes for Summer Holidays – Friday 18th July 2025