



# Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Friday, 23 February 2024

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a wonderful half term holiday and hope you had time to relax with family and friends. We welcomed children back on Tuesday and enjoyed hearing all about their holidays. You may have noticed that, over the holidays, we have had two ActivAll boards fitted in the playground. The children have enjoyed using them at playtime this week. A huge thank you to our PTA who have contributed £1000 towards the cost of the boards.



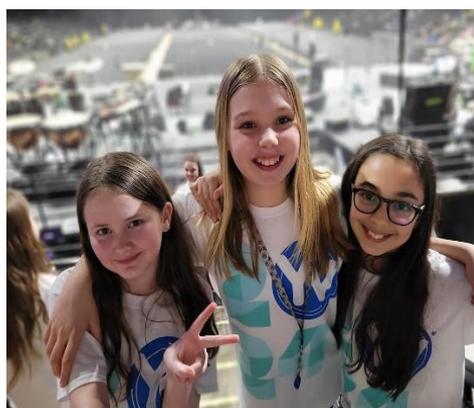
It's been a busy start to the half term, with Year 1 visiting Manchester Airport, our Young Voices choir performing at Sheffield Arena and today six of our awesome runners are taking part in the West Yorkshire Cross Country finals! Good luck to them all.



## Young Voices

On Wednesday, our amazing Young Voices choir travelled to Sheffield Arena to sing with thousands of other children. They performed alongside Natalie Williams, Nandi Bushell, MC Grammar and Urban Strides street dancers. They were all incredible, as always. Our children were superb role models throughout the day and took part in the performance with great passion. It was definitely a day they will never forget. Thank you to our children, staff and parents who supported the event. Here is a link to more photos of the day

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/BbWFKsoOJhDgq>



## Welcome

This week we have welcomed three new members of staff to the Moorlands team; Mr Kenworthy, Miss A Smith and Mrs Pugsley. We are sure they will settle in very quickly.



## Reception Chinese New Year Assembly

On the Friday before half term, our Reception children performed their Chinese New Year assembly to families. They were wonderful! Thank you to everyone who came to watch them.



## TT Rockstars Challenge Final

The children in Years 2 - 6 worked hard on their times tables to make it through different rounds in our TT Rockstars Challenge competition. The Phase 2 live finals took place on the Friday of last half term where the top five from Phase 2 (Years 2 and 3) battled it out to become ultimate champions. Please see results below. Special shout out to Noor who



was the youngest finalist in her category and took joint first place - amazing work, well done!

### Phase 2

Joint 1st - Jed 3S and Noor 2H

2nd - Jamie 3CM

3rd - Olivia 3S

4th - Lily 3CM

The Phase 3 final will take place at the end of this week and results will be published in the next newsletter.

## World Book Day – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

As you all know, we love books at Moorlands and World Book Day is a good reason to shout a little louder about our love of reading. We will, as always, be inviting the children to dress as their favourite book character. This doesn't mean you have to go out and buy something new - please don't. Many characters wear normal everyday clothes - we would just like the children to be able to share their love for certain characters.

We are also arranging a whole school pre-loved book swap event. This is where the children can bring in one book that they have finished reading and no longer wish to own and swap it for a pre-loved book that they want to read. Children can bring in their book on any day starting on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March until Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March to give to their class teacher.

## Character Spoon

To celebrate World Book Day, we would like children to make a wooden spoon into their favourite book character. We know we have so many wonderfully creative children, we can't wait to see the results.



There will be a prize for the most creative spoon in Key Stage 1/Reception and Key Stage 2.

Here are a few ideas to get you started.

Please give any finished spoons to your class teacher.



## Book Fair



We are excited to announce that, as part of our World Book Day celebrations, we will be having a school book fair on Wednesday, 6th March 2024.

The book fair will be organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Lorna Wray. We know that, by giving children a choice, they are more likely to want to read for pleasure at home. We would love you to attend with your children from 3.25pm onwards in Buckingham Palace to see the variety of fabulous books available.

Every book purchased will help go towards brand new FREE books for our school as well - Usborne will help transform our school library by donating up to 60% of the value of total book fair sales in FREE BOOKS to the school.

There will be a large variety of books to look at and, if you choose to, books can be ordered at the fair and paid for by using cash or card. World Book Tokens can also be used. Books are not to be taken away from the book fair, instead you fill in a form and your brand-new books will be delivered to school later this month.

If you cannot attend the fair or you would like to browse the brilliant books beforehand, please scan the QR code below. This will take you to the full catalogue and Special Offers.

If you wish, you can then place an order at the fair or by:

- 1) Completing the google form: <https://forms.gle/Ci6QvzEvsqfvdjKF8> or
- 2) Contacting Lorna Wray directly.

Please do not order from the Usborne website as this will not link to our school and will not count towards our new books. All orders must be placed by 8pm on Friday, 8th March 2024.



You will receive your brand-new books by Friday, 22nd March 2024.

We are looking forward to this event and to having more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

For more information and for tailored book recommendations for your child, please contact: Lorna Wray ([lorna.wray.books@gmail.com](mailto:lorna.wray.books@gmail.com))

## 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 books: Fairy vs Wizard and Fairy vs Boy. 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.

## PTA Family Easter Egg Bingo and Non-Uniform Day



Our wonderful PTA are hosting another fun filled Easter Egg Bingo. It will be on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March** (note the change of date) in the school hall and this year there will be two sessions, so more people can join in the fun. The first event will be from 4.30pm to 5.30pm and the second event from 6pm to 7pm. The doors for the event will open at 4.15pm and 5.45pm. Entrance is free, but you do need to book a place (see below). Children must be accompanied and monitored by an adult throughout the event. There will be refreshments and various fun activities, including the very popular Easter Egg tombola. Bingo tickets will be on sale on the night. Please come along and help the PTA raise much needed funds for Moorlands.

We are opening each event to 300 people; please could you respond with the number of people (including children) that will be attending the event. We are really looking forward to seeing you there.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bkd6z2xnrEiZONnapWJTymXqjJpsNRdAqbZyMHkKv8ZUNUk1R0FRRzdBNjEwVkdIMEJWUFIEMU9QNC4u>

Before we can have an Easter Egg Bingo, we need Easter eggs. On Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, we will be having a non-uniform day where we will be asking children to donate an Easter egg.

### Year 1 Reading Morning

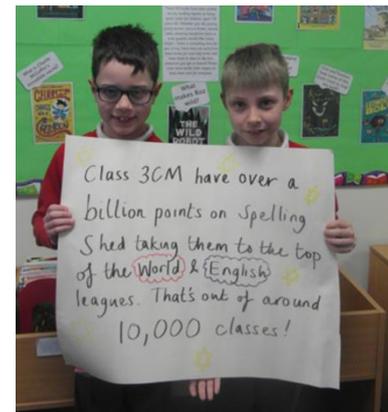
We would like to invite parents/carers of the Year 1 children to join us every Tuesday morning from 8.45am - 9.10am to enjoy reading a book with their child in school (please note the change of day from Wednesday to Tuesday). We kindly ask that you enter through your child's classroom door and sign in on the sheet. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Moorlands Marvels

We have a very special award, called Moorlands Marvels, for children who go above and beyond our expectations! This award is very rarely given out as it is saved for very special occasions, where we think WOW!

This week we are delighted to be able to announce that Reggie in 5S has been given the Moorlands Marvel Award. In an RSHE lesson about bullying, Reggie was trying to explain the effects bullying can have. He showed it by using a plain piece of a paper and began scrunching it up to explain that this is what it would look like to have words constantly said or things done. Then Reggie opened it up to show what had happened to the paper and the lasting damage done to it, showing that words and deeds can last a lifetime. The class loved the explanation and could see the effects. Reggie enjoyed a hot chocolate and biscuit with Mrs Denney and Mrs Freeman in recognition.

The whole of 3CM have also been given the Moorlands Marvel Award in recognition of their class contribution to Spelling Shed. Year 3 are extremely proud that 3CM, 3M and 3S are currently sitting in first, second and third ranking for the Moorlands Primary School league. Excitingly, 3CM are currently ranked the number one class on Spelling Shed in both the World and English Leagues. This means they have gained more points than around 10,000 classes who access the resource! Well done to all those who have been contributing to the



score that is now over a billion, and a particular shout out to Freddie and Jonah, who have been draining devices daily in their bid to outclass the competition! 3CM were treated to hot chocolate and biscuits in recognition of this fantastic achievement.

### 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>	Henry B	Mila T	<b>2S</b>	Sanuthi A	Molly S	<b>4H</b>	Isabella M	Charlie V
<b>HH</b>	Jack M	Evie R	<b>2H</b>	Alice P	Owen T	<b>5T</b>	Taylor J	Alfie A
<b>SS</b>	Yousef R	Reuben G	<b>3M</b>	Nieve D	Ella B	<b>5KS</b>	Emma G	Zak G
<b>1P</b>	Daisy G	Stanley D	<b>3CM</b>	Lily-Mae C	Zy'aire M-P	<b>5S</b>	Callum B	Beth N
<b>1K</b>	Dexter P	Daniel J	<b>3S</b>	Esme A	Ismail F	<b>6W</b>	Seren B	Zara V
<b>1O</b>	Ella V	Eesa R	<b>4G</b>	Isla C	Ella K	<b>6C</b>	Harmony W	Blake R
<b>2J</b>	Maisy H	Grace T	<b>4W</b>	James C	Olivia R	<b>6F</b>	Alexa D	Jacob M

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.

## Spelling Shed League -Year 2, 3 ,4 ,5 and 6

A big well done to our spelling shed league leaders for Spring A. The league for this half term was based on **‘the number of points scored’**. Well done all. There has been a real battle for the top spot this half term. A big shout out to 4W who spent most of the half term leading the league.

Position	Name	Points ↓
1	 Jonah 3CM	115,173,504 pts
2	 George 4W	62,776,450 pts
3	 Jed 3S	49,955,342 pts
4	 Oscar 3M	44,101,782 pts
5	 Olivia 3S	31,889,832 pts
6	 Anna 3M	28,259,906 pts
7	 Leo 3M	24,336,664 pts
8	 Beth 5S	23,975,288 pts
9	 Madison 6F	23,299,928 pts
10	 Seth 2J	20,616,870 pts



### Keep up the hard work, Spelling bees!

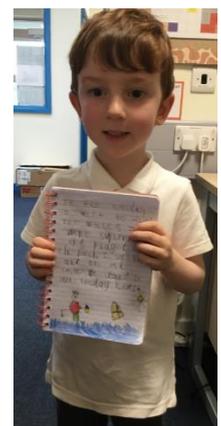
The next Spelling Shed league began on **20.02.24** and is based on **‘the number of games plays’**. Get playing for your chance to top the league and be named Spelling Bee Champion. Enjoy and good luck!

### Shout Outs



During half term, Emily D, Zoe and Emily P took their dance exams in ballet, tap and acro - they all did really well and are now practicing hard for their show at Victoria Theatre in Halifax this summer with Pennine Academy of Dance. Well done girls.

Henry from DD completed some fantastic writing about his half term. His neat presentation, accurate spelling and punctuation helped us to read his work and find out that he visited Wales, played on the beach and saw some boats.

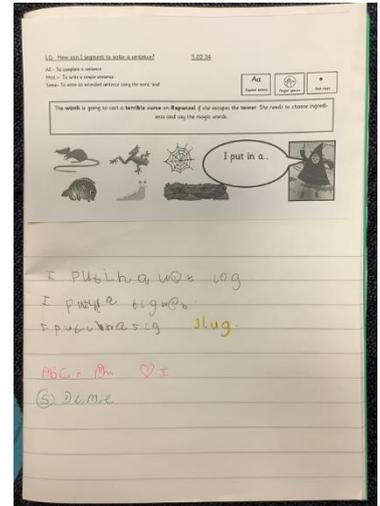


## Moorlands Star Writer of the Week

This week's Star Writer is Willow from Sparkling Stars. With support, she wrote about casting a terrible curse and what ingredients she would need. Willow worked really hard to form all of her letters correctly and make sure that she used her capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly.

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!



## Wickes

A huge thank you to Andrew Knapton, the Operations Manager at Wickes in Huddersfield. He has arranged for us to receive two large outdoor storage containers for our Summerville shelter from their Community Project Donations. We are currently in the process of developing the space and the containers are perfect for all the games and furnishings the children have requested.



## Ramadan

We would like to remind parents and carers to let us know if their children will be fasting during Ramadan either by email or telephone call to the school office.

## Dates for Your Diary

27<sup>th</sup> February 24

Strictly Pennine Dance Festival

5<sup>th</sup> March 24

\*\*\*Rescheduled\*\*\* New date\*\*\*\*

Year 1 Phonics screening information 5.30pm

How we teach Maths evening - Early Years and KS1 – 5pm - 5.30pm

How we teach Maths evening - KS2 - 5.30pm-6.00pm

Year 6 SAT's Information evening – 6.00pm

6<sup>th</sup> March 24

Usborne Book Fair – 3.25pm

7<sup>th</sup> March 24

World Book Day

15<sup>th</sup> March 24

Deadline for Year 6 Residential Balance Payment

18<sup>th</sup> March 24

Non-uniform day – Easter egg donations

19<sup>th</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 @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.





## OUTLANE JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

**NEW & OLD PLAYERS WANTED TO JOIN OUR TEAMS:  
WE HAVE 2 TEAMS ACROSS ALL OUR AGE GROUPS AND IN  
2024 ARE SETTING UP AN EXCLUSIVE U13s GIRLS TEAM.**



### PRE-SEASON TRAINING:

**U9s & U11s: STARTING 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 7pm  
UNTIL 8pm AT COLNE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

**U13s & U11s : STARTING 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 6pm  
UNTIL 7pm AT THE CRICKET ASYLUM**

### CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**NEIL WADDINGTON:**  
neilwaddo@icloud.com

**JORDAN CROFT:**  
jordycroft25@gmail.com



## OUTLANE U13s GIRLS TEAM

**NEW PLAYERS WANTED FOR  
U13s GIRLS TEAM ENTERED INTO COMPETITIVE SOFTBALL  
LEAGUE**

**FREE COACHING FOR ALL GIRL PLAYERS!**



**TRAINING STARTS ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL AT 6pm**

**SESSIONS LED BY LEVEL 2 QUALIFIED FEMALE  
COACH**

**GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS 5,6,7 & 8 ELIGIBLE TO  
PLAY IN THE TEAM. ANY GIRLS YOUNGER CAN  
JOIN THE U9s MIXED SOFTBALL TEAM.**

### CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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## 36TH OAKES



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*Ages 6-8 year olds*

We meet on **Wednesday** evenings  
**17.30-18.30** (Term-time)

**Oakes Baptist Church Hall**

For more information please get in touch and come  
and see what we are about:  
[beavers@oakesscoutgroup.co.uk](mailto:beavers@oakesscoutgroup.co.uk)

## 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





# Girls Cricket sessions



## When?

Thursday 22nd Feb  
Every Thursday until  
Thursday 21st March



## What time?

Each session is 6-7pm



## Where?

### Newsome Academy

Castle Ave  
Huddersfield  
HD4 6JN



## How much will it cost?

£10 for 5  
indoor sessions



## Who's it for?

Any girls looking to get into playing cricket and having a good time playing sport. No previous cricket experience required, come along and give it a go!

# 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 Ceilis 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



## Huddersfield Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

A 6 week tennis course for 8-11 year olds starting at the end of February.

This Youth Start course is booked through the LTA and only costs £34.99

What is LTA Youth Start?

LTA Youth Start is designed to help children who are new to tennis start playing, building their confidence and skills along the way.

Who is LTA Youth Start suitable for?

The LTA Youth Start programme is suitable for children aged between 4-11 years old who have never played tennis before. If your child has played tennis before, then our Youth Programme might be more suitable.

What does the LTA Youth Start programme include?

The LTA Youth Start programme includes:

- Six top-class tennis sessions
- Equipment
- Branded t-shirt
- Activity cards
- Certificate upon completion from your coach

The link to book on the next one is below:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HuddersfieldLawnTennisSquashClub/BookCourse/fa81be6a-eb15-4676-8b6d-b52e21905478>

Venue details:

Huddersfield Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, Cemetery Road, Edgerton, HD1 5NF. Tel 01484 422541



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West Yorkshire



# Volunteers NEEDED

**To read with children in local primary schools as a Reading Friend**

- Volunteer just one hour a week - perfect if you are retired or if you are interested in working in a school.
- We can help introduce you to your local school who need volunteers
- Fully funded training provided by Kirklees Success Centre

*Come along to a taster session to find out more!  
at Focal Community Centre, New Hey Road, Lindley,  
HD3 4DD*

*Friday 9th February 2-3pm*

**Adult Learning  
Kirklees**

☎ 01484 234153

✉ [success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk)

**Employment  
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**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**