Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head towards the festive season, school remains as busy as ever. It has been wonderful to see children embracing new experiences, from learning vital road safety skills to exploring our new WildWood area.

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school over the past two weeks for Parents' Evenings. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend and meet with their child's teacher. We are always keen to hear your views and would really appreciate your feedback about your experience of Moorlands. If you have not already done so, please take a few moments to complete our short parent questionnaire. Your feedback helps us to celebrate what is working well and identify areas where we can continue to improve.



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We also have plenty of achievements and upcoming events to celebrate, and we hope you enjoy reading about them in this week's newsletter.



Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who came to school in non-uniform on Friday and made a donation to **Children in Need**. The generosity of our school community never fails to amaze us. Together we raised **£539.20** to support vulnerable children and young people across the UK. Thank you for helping us make a difference and for supporting such a worthwhile cause. 💛

Year 4 Become Road Safety Champions!



Year 4 have had a fantastic two weeks learning all about staying safe on our roads with visits from the Kirklees Road Safety Team. The children took part in an exciting Speed Watch activity on Moorlands Road, where they observed traffic and recorded vehicle speeds. They were pleased to see that many drivers followed the 20mph speed limit, although they also noticed that some road users were not wearing seatbelts, sparking lots of thoughtful discussion about road safety.

The learning continued in the classroom with a range of engaging activities designed to reinforce important safety messages.



Last Friday, children explored the theme "Be Bright, Be Seen!" with the Road Safety Team. The children learned why it is so important to be visible to motorists during darker mornings and evenings. Using their excellent sewing skills, they created their own reflective accessories with special reflective thread and proudly took them home to wear. We were incredibly impressed with both their creativity and their commitment to helping keep themselves and others safe. Well done, Year 4!

OPAL- WildWood opening



After a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication, we were delighted to officially open our new **WildWood** play area on the bottom playground this week. What was once an overgrown and unused patch of land has been transformed into an exciting outdoor space for children to explore and enjoy.

This project has only been possible thanks to funding from an **nPower grant**, the support of our gardeners and fencing contractors, generous donations of resources, and many hours of staff time. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped bring this vision to life.

Although the area is already proving to be a huge success, there is still much more to come. Future developments include seating areas, hammocks, a wooden shelter and storage area, a bug hotel, and a bird hide where children will be able to observe the wildlife visiting the new bird boxes around the site.



The children have embraced the new space with enthusiasm, enjoying opportunities to crawl, climb, squeeze through the fairy door, play in the pallet teepees, and work collaboratively to build dens. It has been wonderful to see their creativity, teamwork and imagination flourish outdoors, and we look forward to developing the area even further in the coming months. 🌿🌳🪵







Bike Loan Available



We currently have a newly serviced bike available for loan. It is suitable for a child of approximately Year 3 or Year 4 age and can be borrowed for use at home until your child grows out of it. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

Help with Bikes

We would also like to say a huge thank you to **Mr Eccles** for his continued support with bike maintenance in school. Mr Eccles has generously taken bikes away for repair and, last week, spent time working with children in Upper School, teaching them how to look after and maintain their bikes. The children really enjoyed the sessions and learned some valuable practical skills. We look forward to welcoming him back to school again soon.





Choir Performance

We are very proud of our school choir, who will be performing at the **Bandstand in The Piece Hall, Halifax**, on **Sunday 22nd November 2026 at 11:00am**. The children have been working incredibly hard and are looking forward to sharing their singing with the local community. If you are able to come along, we would love to see you there supporting them. Why not make a morning of it and enjoy the wonderful Christmas Market while you're visiting? We know the children will appreciate having a friendly audience cheering them on!

Reading Café Reminder

A reminder that our **Reading Café** takes place in **Bookingham Palace** every Wednesday morning from **8:30am to 8:45am**. Parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to join us for a story and share the enjoyment of reading together. It is a lovely opportunity to spend a few minutes reading with your child before the school day begins, helping to foster a lifelong love of books and stories. We look forward to welcoming you!

Pedestrian Gate Reminder

Please help us to keep our office phone lines free for important calls at the end of the day. A number of children have been pressing the buzzer on the pedestrian gate even when the gate is already open. We

would appreciate it if families could remind children that the buzzer should only be used when the gate is closed and assistance is needed. Thank you for your support.

Could You Inspire Our Children?

Our Curriculum Committee would like to help children learn more about the wide range of careers and opportunities available to them in the future. We are looking for parents, carers, family members and members of our local community who would be willing to come into school and talk about their job, career journey or area of expertise.

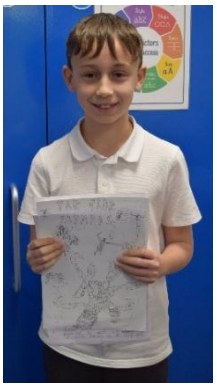
Visits could be arranged with a whole year group or an individual class, and would be a fantastic opportunity for children to learn about different professions, workplaces and skills.

If you would be interested in supporting this initiative, please contact the school office at **office@moorlandsprimary.org.uk**. We would love to hear from you!

📝 Curriculum Committee Writing Competition

The Curriculum Committee recently reviewed all **17 entries** received for our school writing competition. Members were impressed by the creativity, imagination and effort shown by everyone who entered. After discussing what makes a great piece of writing, the committee shortlisted their favourite entries and voted for the winners.





Congratulations to our winners:
🏆 **KS1 Winner:** Lottie (1P) for her writing about Class 1P.
🏆 **KS2 Winner:** Joe (6T) for their writing about Gods and Goddesses.
A huge thank you to all the children who took part. The quality of the entries made choosing the winners a very difficult task!

Spring After School Clubs

Yesterday, we sent out our offer letter for the Spring Term After School Clubs. These will start on the first day back after Christmas and run until we break up for Easter. Signups will open at 7pm on Thursday, 26th November. If you are unable to get your child a place on a club, you can sign them up for the waiting list in case there are any cancellations. Please note, we have been made aware of an error in the initial offer letter; Golf club was listed as both for Yrs. 3-6 and Yrs. 4-6, to clarify, it will be running for **Yrs. 3-6.**

School Parliament Christmas Card Competition

The School Parliament is excited to launch our annual **Christmas Card Competition!** This is a fantastic opportunity for children to get creative and design a festive Christmas card that represents our school. The winning design will be used as the school's official Christmas card, which will be sent to partner schools, visitors and members of our wider community.

How to enter:

- Designs should be completed on **landscape A5 paper**.

- Entries should be **colourful, festive and suitable for a wide audience**.
- Children may use any art materials they wish, including pencils, paints, felt tips or collage.
- Please make sure your name and class are written clearly on the back of the design.

It's free to enter and everyone is welcome to take part!

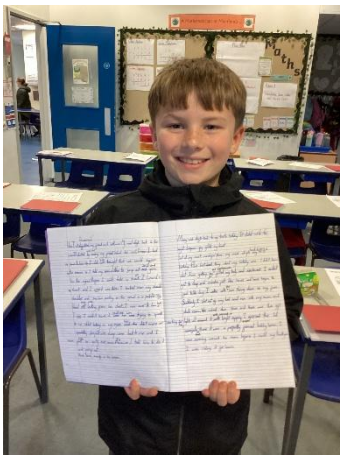
The School Parliament will judge the entries and select a winning design, along with some highly commended entries.

We can't wait to see all the wonderful festive artwork and celebrate the creativity of our pupils! 🎄 ✨

Closing date: 20th November

Please return entries to school by this date.

Moorlands Star Writer of the Week



This week's Star Writer is Eden from 5F. We have using the video 'The Piano' for our stimulus this week and Eden has included some fantastic descriptive phrases. My favourite sentence was 'My desperate cries always come back to haunt me and I have felt so guilty ever since.'

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!

Shout Outs



Well to Lucy in 4H who is not only a super swimmer but is now able to help save others who might be struggling in the water. Arlo is delighted to share that he achieved his Learn to Swim Stage 3 certificate this evening. He is feeling very proud of himself and is looking forward to the challenge of Stage 4.





At the Elland U9s Rugby League Presentation Evening, Xavier in 5W was proud to receive the Most Improved Player Award after a fantastic season, breaking his try-scoring record and impressing coaches with his performances.



A few weeks ago, Lily and Clara (4H) and Ariana, Elsie and Rosie (4W), attended the Medalist of the Year Nationals 2026 at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool with their dance school, Bodyrockerz. All the girls danced brilliantly, taking part in solos, pairs, rock 'n' roll, syllabus and team routines. We are so proud of you all for your hard work, dedication and fantastic performances. Well done girls!

Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week Awards

Each week, two special certificates are awarded in every class: Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week. These awards are given to students who consistently demonstrate excellent behaviour and a fantastic attitude towards learning, always doing their best. We are thrilled to announce the recipients of this week's 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	Jack	Sire	**2S**	Isla	Nephelie	**4H**	Amelia	Albie
HH	Lillia	Elliott	**2M**	Logan	Evelyn	**5W**	Jacob	Idrees
SS	Sam	Novah	**3M**	Hiba	Brody	**5S**	Thomas	Caelan
1P	Chester	Aspen	**3HS**	Noor	Reuben	**5F**	Cody	Seamie
1S	Zayd	Lachlan	**3G**	Beatrix	Alfie	**6T**	Nieve	Ella
1O	Isabella T	Evie	**4CM**	Hashim	Leo	**6C**	Rex	Lennie
2J	Isla	Ada	**4W**	Ellie	Rosie	**6S**	Mohammad	Annalise

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Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 18th November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 3rd December	Usborne Book Fair 3.20pm in school hall
Monday 14th December	9.15am Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Monday 14th December	Approx. 2:30-2:40pm* Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15th December	9.15am Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15th December	Approx. 2:30-2:40pm* Reception Christmas Performance
Wednesday 16th December	9.15am Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 16th December	Approx. 2:30-2:40pm* Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Thursday 17th December	9.15am Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18th December	Christmas jumper day
Friday 18th December	Last day of term

*We are trying to time the afternoon performances to end as close to home time as possible. Due to this we don't have an exact start time for each performance yet but it will fall between 2:30pm and 2:40pm.

Keep up to date with all the latest news, events, and celebrations by following us on Instagram **@MoorlandsHudds** and visiting our school website: **www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk**.

We regularly share:

📢 Important school announcements

📸 Photos and highlights from school events

🎉 Student achievements and celebrations

🗓️ Key dates and reminders for parents & carers.

As always, we have an **open-door policy** – if there's anything you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to reach out. We value our school community and are always here to support you!


USBORNE
Book Fairs
You're invited to our
Book Fair
When is the fair?
Thursday 3rd December
Where will it be held?
The School Hall
When does it start?
3.20pm
Our Usborne Partner is,
Lorna Wray
Come to our book fair and earn free books for our school!


MOORLANDS SCHOOL PARLIAMENT
CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION!
FREE TO ENTER!
DESIGN OUR OFFICIAL CHRISTMAS CARD!
*Sent to other schools & community partners!
THEME:
"CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS & OUR MOORLANDS COMMUNITY!"
(Include elements of Moorlands)
FORMAT:
LANDSCAPE A5 DESIGN
(Hand-drawn, digital, paint, welcome)
WINNERS & PRIZES
KS1 WINNER
(EYFS, Y1, Y2)
DESIGN PUBLISHED!
KS2 WINNER
(Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)
DESIGN PUBLISHED!
DEADLINE: FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER
(Circle calendar date)
SUBMIT ENTRIES TO SCHOOL PARLIAMENT MPs OR MRS FREEMAN.
JOIN IN & GET CREATIVE!
MOORLANDS SCHOOL PARLIAMENT 2026


You're warmly invited to our
Community Christmas Café
Everyone welcome!
Good company brighter days
A time to come together, share and celebrate!
The Community Committee would like to invite older members of our community to join us for:
Refreshments and baking
Watch the Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance
Singing
And lots of festive fun!
Friday 11th December
1.30 – 3.00pm
Moorlands Primary School
Limited to 20 places, so please contact the office on 01484 655800 to book a place.
We look forward to welcoming you!
Kind People Stronger Communities Brighter Futures
Moorlands Primary School
Community Creates Christmas Magic


Moorlands Primary PTA
Christmas Raffle
We are getting into the festive spirit at Moorlands Primary PTA and are busy organising our Christmas raffle!
We are reaching out to local businesses to kindly ask whether you would be willing to donate a prize towards our raffle.
Any donation, big or small, would be greatly appreciated and will help us raise much-needed funds to support the children at Moorlands Primary PTA, providing additional resources and exciting opportunities to enhance their learning experiences.
As a thank you for your generosity, we would be delighted to acknowledge and promote your business on our PTA social media pages, recognising your kind contribution and support for our PTA.
As a PTA, we are incredibly grateful for the generosity and support of our local community.
If you would be happy to contribute a prize, please don't hesitate to get in touch.
moorlands.primary.pta@outlook.com
Thank you so much for your time and consideration.
Moorlands Primary PTA


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Christmas Fair
Join us at The Oakes Care Home for our Christmas Fair. Enjoy delicious food and drinks, browse a variety of local craft stalls and enjoy music and entertainment throughout the day. Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you for some festive fun!
December 12th | 2pm-4pm
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bridgeoak.co.uk
enquiries@bridgeoak.co.uk
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ASHBROW SEND ACTIVITY INFORMATION EVENT FOR PARENTS

Join Local Offer, Fresh Futures, Local Services 2 You and PCAN for a friendly information event, please drop by for refreshments and a chat.

- ✅Central Stars
- ✅HAF
- ✅Rainbow Valley
- ✅Bricktopia
- ✅Kong Style Academy
- ✅Adrenaline Dance Academy
- ✅Kirklees Keep in Mind

Find out about what inclusive activities are available for children and young people with SEND

Tue 10th Nov 1-5pm Chestnut Centre,
2a Chestnut Street, Huddersfield HD2 1HJ

FRESH FUTURES | Kirklees Local Offer | local services 2 you | PCAN | Kirklees Families Together | BEST START IN LIFE



ALMONDBURY SEND ACTIVITY INFORMATION EVENT FOR PARENTS

Join Local Offer, Fresh Futures and PCAN for a friendly information event, please drop by for refreshments and a chat.

- ✅Inpals
- ✅Central Stars
- ✅Short Breaks
- ✅OpenEd Lego
- ✅Kirklees interaction
- ✅Rainbow Valley
- ✅Bollywood Dancing

Find out about what inclusive activities are available for children and young people with SEND

Fri 13th Nov 1-5pm, Almondbury Library
Off Farfield Rd, Huddersfield HD5 8TD

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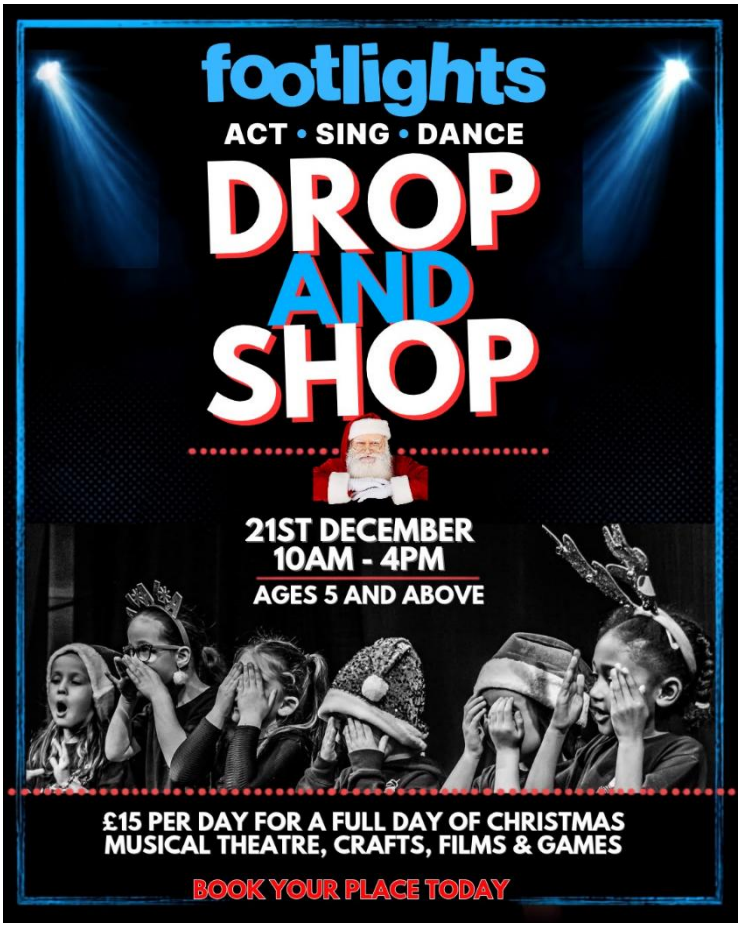

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STAGE SCHOOL Saturday 3-4years.9.30am - 11am
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