



MOOR PARK

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Newsletter

Week 5

Tuesday 6th Feb

9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Year 6 Trip to Judges' Lodgings

Wednesday 7th Feb

No pens Day Wednesday

Thursday 8th Feb

2.00 pm

Team Photographs

School Disco

Years 3, 4 & 5 - 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm

Years 6, 7 & 8 - 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Friday 9th Feb

Interim Reports Year 6

9.05 am

Mass

9.00 am - 12.00 pm

Reception Entry Taster Morning

3.00 pm

House Music Competition - Henderson Hall

3.30 pm

Charity Cake Sale - Front Hall

3.45 pm

Half Term - Pre-Prep

4.15 pm

Half Term - Prep School

No Pens Day Wednesday should be interesting next week. The day will certainly challenge teachers to get creative and I would imagine that children will be doing more thinking and speaking as a result: plenty of scope for encouraging creativity, independence, critical thinking and possibly resilience, one would have thought and I look forward to seeing how it all goes. Encouraging our newly published Mindsets will gather pace towards September. We are really excited about the benefits they will bring to your children in the future.

The Maths Challenge was huge fun on Tuesday evening with children competing for their Houses. Despite several key figures being struck down by one of the many bugs currently doing the rounds, other children stepped up and the results were announced in assembly this morning. The House theme continues with House Music on the horizon next week. One of the highlights of the year, I am always amazed at what the children manage to produce, particularly in the House Songs. John Moore (Director of Music at Shrewsbury) will have the unenviable task of judging this year and I am sure he will be impressed.

Thank you to the many parents who have filled in our online survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2VWKR2FR>) as the responses will help us shape Saturday morning activities for Years 3 to 5 in the future. We will be closing the survey at the end of Half Term so please make sure that your views are heard. We will be in touch with the results as soon as possible. Kevin Donnelly and the Academic Committee are currently working on the details of our new Guided Study period and we look forward to sharing more on this in due course. Exciting times and major steps towards giving your children an advantage in a rapidly changing world.

Charlie Minogue, Headmaster

Quote of the Week

“Like when you sit in front of a fire in winter — you are just there in front of the fire. You don't have to be smart or anything. The fire warms you.”

— Desmond Tutu

Value of the Week

Koinonia

Notices

Off Games

If your child is Off Games, please let Matrons and/or Debs on the front desk know. There are forms on the front desk, or an email will suffice. Off Games MUST be in writing. Thank you for your help in this matter.

matrons@moorpark.org.uk



TICK TOCK

This week the caterpillar room has had lots of fun ice painting. They have made some beautiful pictures. They have also enjoyed playing with big boxes.

The butterfly room has loved outdoor learning, planting lavender and thyme. They liked digging holes for the flowers and watering them.

Mud Kitchen

Thank you to the MPPA for our amazing Woodland School Mud Kitchen.

If you have any donations of old pots, pans, wooden spoons etc, they would be very gratefully received.



Headmaster's Assembly

Middle School Worker of the Week

3C – Bertie T

4D – Annabel S

4T – Libby C

5M – Harry M

5S – Emily W

Good Egg Award

Will G, who went out of his way to help a member of staff carry a heavy load without being asked. Well done.

Pre-Prep Star Workers

Monty W

Ella T

Freya P

Ben T

Annabelle G

Headmaster's Awards

Megan W

Charlotte M

Otto D

Connie F

Pre-Prep Cup

The Pre-Prep Cup for Effort and Enthusiasm, goes to William M.

Music Awards

New Music Awards have been created at Moor Park. The following Awards will be available: Bronze Grade 1 standard. Silver Grade 3 standard. Gold Grade 5 standard. The following children have been awarded Silver.

Tom H

Alice S

Charlie W

Albert M

Emily W

Gabriel S

Paige B

Gia N

Ottillie S

Bella W

Will V

Gigi B

Music Matters

More and more studies are linking musical training with improved brain function and higher academic achievement. Practising a musical instrument regularly engages all four hemispheres of your brain at an electrical, chemical and architectural level which optimises brain power.

More information at: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-athletes-way/201503/10-ways-musical-training-boosts-brain-power>

Moor Park Equestrian

Charlotte, Caspar, Grace & Oscar competed in the 40cm Grassroots Championships on Sunday . Unfortunately we weren't placed on this occasion but everyone rode beautifully and enjoyed themselves.



Cheltenham Preview Evening

Please Save the Date. We are hosting a Cheltenham Festival Preview Evening with our panel on Tuesday 27th February. Ticket Price to include Drinks and Canapés. Further information to follow!



On Wednesday, Year 6 geographers were lucky to have an inspirational talk from Mr. William Oswald, past parent and co-founder of the Twins project. As in past years each member of Year 6 now has a pen-pal from the Mehran school, Karachi, Pakistan. The

children will share information about their respective countries and produce a project on an aspect of life in each other's country. Year 6 are also busy thinking about ways to raise money to support their new friends in Pakistan.

For more information please visit the Twins website - <http://twins.org.uk/pakistan/>.

Match Fixtures next week...

Netball

Wednesday

U11 v HCJS (A)

U10 v HCJS (A)



Football

Tuesday

U9 v Kings Hawford

U8 v Kings Hawford

Wednesday

Colts A v HCJS (H)

Colts B v HCJS (H)

Colts C v HCJS (H)

U13 A v Yarlett - Win

U13B v Wrekin - Win

Football

Colts A v Kings Hawford - Loss

Colts B v Kings Hawford - Win

Colts C v Kings Hawford - Loss



House Maths Challenge

On Tuesday during activities House teams from Years 5 to 8 took part in the House maths challenge. Years 3 and 4 all took part as part of their maths lesson. There were three gruelling rounds of different challenges from problem solving to sudoku to cross numbers. The competition between houses was very fierce with all giving their best. The results were announced in assembly on Friday 2nd February so ask your child who won!



School Council Disco

The annual School Council Disco this year is on Thursday 8th February. The children have voted for a Disney theme and all proceeds will go to our charity the Harry Johnson Trust.

Fancy dress is encouraged but by no means necessary. Cost for the evening will be £4 and added to your termly fees. It is presumed that all children will be attending the disco and therefore staying for supper. If you DO NOT wish for your child to attend, please let Debs on the front desk know on

office@moorpark.org.uk.



ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Bella W

Pastels



Year 4 Trip to Caerleon

A tour of the Roman Baths, a gladiator match in an amphitheatre, the discovery of a Roman fortress and the trying on of some real Roman armour. Just another one of Mr Crew's awesome trips. Lucky Year Four! It was a magical day and yet again we saw history brought to life. The children were a credit to Moor Park, it was such a wonderful day!



Boarding Table Tennis Competition

Congratulations to Alvaro and Ned on becoming the Moor Park Boarding Table Tennis champions!

Storm the Fort

It's that time again to launch **Junior Storm** to let the next generation of sports enthusiasts get involved with the award winning Storm The Castle event. Entries are now open for the 2018 Junior Storm.

Junior Storm is for children aged 5-16 and there are 3 different distances, based on age.

The 800m Junior Dash: 5-8yrs

The 2km Junior Challenge: 9-12yrs

The 2.8km Junior Ultimate: 13-16yrs

Entry for Junior Dash is absolutely **FREE** and Challenge/Ulimate only cost £5. All finishers get a medal and there are trophies for 1st/2nd/3rd boys and girls, plus there is a trophy for the best attended school.

