

MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE WE PREPARE FOR TOMORROW BY ACHIEVING TODAY

MESSAGE FROM MRS SHAW AND MRS SCOTNEY

Dear parents and carers,
Strike Action

As you are already aware, the NEU Teachers' Union have proposed strike action in the coming weeks, on the dates below:

- 1st February
- 1st, 15th and 16th March

We would like to reassure you that we will keep you up to date with any developments. Earlier on this week, we sent emails to the classes that will be closed due to the strike action on Wednesday 1st February. Unless you have had an email to say your child's class is closed, please send your child in to school as normal. As we have previously mentioned, teachers who are members of the NEU, are not required to tell their employers whether they intend to take strike action. Therefore, we cannot confirm that there will not be any further class closures added to the ones we have been made aware of. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible, if there are any additional closures. We would like to reassure Red 6 and Green 6 parents that their trip to Hartlebury on the strike day will still be going ahead as planned.

Red 3 Class Assembly

It was Red 3's class assembly this morning and what an amazing time we all had! The children shared the work they have been covering in their English lessons, based on Michelle Robinson's 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. The children spoke so confidently, and all returned to class with super, huge smiles on their faces - they should be very proud of their very first class assembly at our school!

Attendance Breakfast

A massive well done to Blue 4 and Red 6 who have had the best attendance since we returned this half term. Both classes received a wonderful winner's breakfast at 8:30am this morning, where they enjoyed the food and had a lovely start to the day. Another two classes will receive a winning breakfast before we break up for half term.

Red and Green 4 St Hilda's Church Trip

On Tuesday 24th January, Red 4 and Green 4 visited Saint Hilda's Church. Year 4 are currently exploring the world that Jesus wanted in their Christianity topic. Part of this topic involves visiting a church and looking at the services they offer for the local community that promote the type of world Jesus wanted. Reverend Jenni and Pastoral Minister Richard welcomed the children in. They both shared their great knowledge about the Kingdom of God and the values Jesus wanted the world to have. In addition to this, the children took part in an activity exploring the church and were able to see, touch and hold religious items. WOW! It will be Yellow 4 and Blue 4's turn to visit Saint Hilda's Church on Tuesday 31st January.

Year 3 Gurdwara Trip

On Wednesday 25th January, Year 3 went on their RE trip to the Gurdwara as part of their 'What is it like to be a Sikh in Sandwell today?'. We are so impressed with their behaviour and how respectful they were during the visit. We loved talking to the children about their trip when they got back. Some of the things they said:

'I really enjoyed the music.' - Maxwell

'I liked the big doors that led to the main hall. They had glass on them and I could see through it.' - Evelyn

'We got to see The Five Ks.' - Ariya

'I liked hearing the reading from the Guru Granth Sahib.' - Aniyah

Science at Moat Farm Juniors and Beyond

Each half term, our Science leader Mrs Rowley hosts a Science Network meeting for other schools, across Dudley, Sandwell and Birmingham boroughs. Science leaders from a variety of schools come together to hear about current trends and issues in primary science and how these can be implemented/addressed in their school. Ideas and examples are shared within the group, thus improving the quality of education in science for pupils far and wide. The group is very lucky that Kate Redhead, from the Primary Science Teaching Trust helps lead the sessions. So far, we have looked at curriculum coverage, resourcing, practical activities and working scientifically. In the future, we will be looking at curriculum and personal development, assessment and monitoring. As a school, we always seek to collaborate with other schools in order to always continuously improve.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Scotney

What we've been up to



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CHURCH VISIT



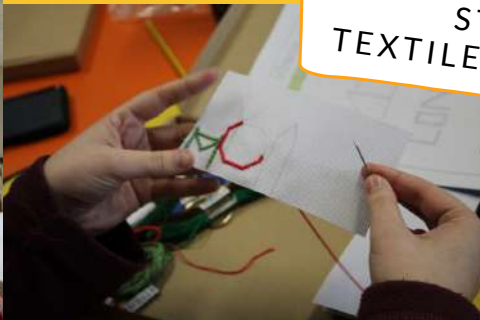
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BIRD FEEDERS



YEAR 3 GURDWARA
TRIP



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STAR PUPILS

STAR OF THE WEEK

LOWER SCHOOL

BLUE 3 - ARJUN S

GREEN 3 - LANWE A

RED 3 - EVELYN L

YELLOW 3 - EMANUELA L

BLUE 4 - JASKARAN K

GREEN 4 - ANAYA K

RED 4 - ZARA C

YELLOW 4 - JASKEERAT S

UPPER SCHOOL

BLUE 5 - MATILDA A

GREEN 5 - ORLANDO W

RED 5 - TEJA V

YELLOW 5 - DANIELLE H

BLUE 6 - AALEYAH R

GREEN 6 - FINNEAS D

RED 6 - ANTONIO N

YELLOW 6 - LEA'LA P

HEADTEACHER AWARD

JAMES T R4

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AYMAAN K B5

SPORTS SUPERSTARS

LOWER SCHOOL

BLUE 3 - BOBBIE-ROSE P

GREEN 3 - N-JAI G

RED 3 - JOEL E

YELLOW 3 - JAKE F

BLUE 4 - KAIDEN H

GREEN 4 - HASAN K

RED 4 - ADEEBA F

YELLOW 4 - CONNOR C

UPPER SCHOOL

BLUE 5 - ARMAAN S

GREEN 5 - SCARLETT M

RED 5 - CERY S

YELLOW 5 - JAI S

BLUE 6 - SHAMISO K

GREEN 6 - AIDEN S

RED 6 - ERIN S

YELLOW 6 - HARRY P



BATTLE OF THE READERS

POSITION

CLASS

READ 3
TIMES OR
MORE

PERCENTAGE

FULL CLASS
NUMBER

#1

GREEN 6

29

97%

30

#2

YELLOW 5

28

93%

30

#2

RED 6

28

93%

30

#2

YELLOW 6

28

93%

30

#3

BLUE 5

28

90%

31

#3

RED 5

27

90%

30

SPECIAL MENTIONS

LOWER SCHOOL

BLUE 3 - MOHAMMED Y

GREEN 3 - JEEVAN B

RED 3 - EVIE H

YELLOW 3 - ISABELLA E

BLUE 4 - MANRAJ S

GREEN 4 - LOLA J

RED 4 - ALFIE W

YELLOW 4 - NAVJOYT K

UPPER SCHOOL

BLUE 5 - BEAU T

GREEN 5 - KHADIJAH A

RED 5 - EDISON R

YELLOW 5 - LANCE R

BLUE 6 - LOGAN B

GREEN 6 - MILLIE M

RED 6 - LEWIS B

YELLOW 6 - PERRY R

Teacher Training

Dates

MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2023
THURSDAY 29TH JUNE
FRIDAY 30TH JUNE

DIARY DATES

31.01.23

RED 6 & GREEN 6
HARTLEBURY
MUSEUM TRIP

01.02.23

YELLOW 6 &
BLUE 6
HARTLEBURY
MUSEUM TRIP

01.02.23

RED 5 CLASS
ASSEMBLY

03.02.23

NSPCC
NUMBER DAY

06.02.23

12.02.23

CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

20.02.23

24.02.23

FEBRUARY HALF
TERM

27.02.23

TEACHER TRAINING
DAY

29.06.23

TEACHER TRAINING
DAY

30.06.23

TEACHER TRAINING
DAY



ATTENDANCE NEWS

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Attendance Update

We need to try really hard this year to make sure every year group is achieving or beating our **96%** target. We can only do this if we all work together!

Our attendance for
w/c 16th January 2023 is

96.6%

Lower School Weekly Attendance Champions:

Red 4 (97.9%)

Upper School Weekly Attendance Champions:

Yellow 5 (99.3%)

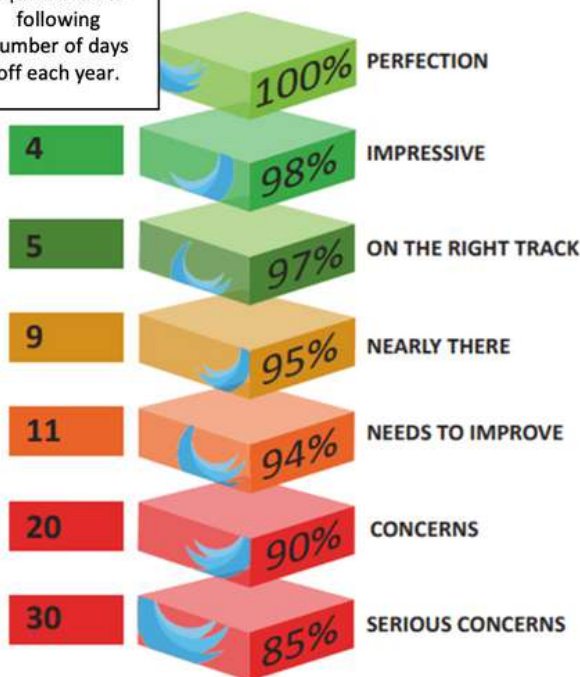


**Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME**

Well done to the 12 classes who reached or beat our target of 96% attendance this week. Keep up the excellent attendance. Remember – every day matters!

How well is your child doing?

Equates to the following number of days off each year.



Moat Farm Junior Attendance League this half term

Lower School

Blue 3		Blue 4	1
Green 3	1	Green 4	
Red 3		Red 4	1
Yellow 3		Yellow 4	

Upper School

Blue 5	2	Blue 6	
Green 5		Green 6	
Red 5		Red 6	
Yellow 5	1	Yellow 6	

Each week, classes receive a point for having the best attendance within lower and upper school.



Weekly Attendance w/c 16.1.2023

Yellow 3	97.3%
Red 3	97%
Green 3	97%
Blue 3	94.7%
Yellow 4	96.5%
Red 4	97.9%
Green 4	94.8%
Blue 4	97%
Yellow 5	99.3%
Red 5	93.7%
Green 5	98.3%
Blue 5	92.6%
Yellow 6	97.3%
Red 6	98%
Green 6	98%
Blue 6	96.5%

