

Half Term Update 21st October

We have reached the end of the first half-term. This is just a brief update to round off the half-term and to look forward to the next half-term.

Parents' Evening & Year 5 Amendment

The booking system for parent's evening has been open this week. Please remember to indicate when booking whether you are attending in person or wish to have a discussion on the phone. Miss Onek will run the meetings for children in 5MO, but she is now unavailable on the Thursday as she has been nominated for an award for her work for leading initiatives relating to Black History Month and will be attending an awards ceremony. Instead she will be available on Monday 8th November and Tuesday 9th November from 3.30 to 5.30pm. If you were planning on attending on Thursday, then please re-book for one of those two nights. Please follow the link to indicate the time slot you would like. <https://forms.gle/PNAJTTEH4kjuLT8U7>.

Y5 York Residential

It was good to talk to people at the briefing on Zoom last night. We are very much looking forward to taking the children away for a few days. We will send a more detailed letter after half term with some amendments to the packing list and information about Covid 19 and how we propose to manage the risk of infection in the days before and during the visit. Amendments include:

- bringing a head torch and a postage stamp

Although the information booklet says that children can take cameras, we have decided not to ask children to do that this time. Photographs will be available for parents to view via a blog set up specifically for the visit.

Covid 19 Update

Compared to many schools, our rates remain low, however they are at the highest they have been at any time during the pandemic. As a result we have introduced tighter controls in Y3 to prevent mixing between year groups and classes in that part of school. We hope that half-term acts as a useful break on infection. Please can we encourage families to keep testing as this has proved very helpful in reducing the spread of infection. Talk to us if you need advice or help.

Food Bank Friday - 5th November

We will be holding our Food Bank Friday on Friday 5th November. A list of items that the food banks are short of will be sent out straight after half term. A kind parent has asked about donating unused toys in the run up to Christmas and, as another Food bank Friday is planned for Friday 3rd December, we have asked the food bank to let us know if they can accept these. More details to follow.

These events are, as always, extremely well supported by our Moorside families. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lancaster Swifts - Korfbal

Lancaster Swifts are looking for boys and girls aged 7-15 to join our friendly korfbal club.

We train on Wednesday evenings (5:00-6:00pm at Lancaster Royal Grammar School) and have a number of other Moorsiders - past and present - already attending. After a fun warm up, we split into two groups (Under 11s and Under 15s) to play games and work on korfbal skills.

We welcome children who are new to korfbal as well as those who have played before.

Email Andrew Barnes for more information or to book a place for your child - hello@lancastercommunitysportshub.org.uk

How Do We Breathe?

To parents and children of Moorside Primary,

Lancaster Arts at Lancaster University will be presenting the final event of the Lancaster Festival COP'26 festival on the evening of 27 October from 6 to 7:45pm. Alongside a remarkable art installation by Michael Pinsky of a geodesic dome that simulates the polluted air of the future, there will be a discussion event entitled:

How do we breathe?

Arts, air pollution and health equity

The emphasis of this interactive discussion will be on the impact of air pollution on children and young people's health. We are particularly keen to include children as part of the conversation and in particular, Eco-councillors in schools (we know this is half term). We will have the artist present as well as a climate scientist, health professionals and medical students but it will be important that this event is accessible for all ages. Many of the most polluted roads host schools. We want to talk about the challenges for those schools on busy roads and what this means for people walking to and from school. We also want everyone present to be asking questions of each other and coming up with ideas on actions.

The event will be an hour and 45 minutes and there will be refreshments. Following the event, everyone will be invited to visit the pod, a few minutes away where there will be further hot drinks and a short musical performance.

Here is the link to the event:

<https://www.lancasterarts.org/whats-on/event/how-do-we-breathe-arts-air-pollution-health-equity/>

We are asking everyone to book (even though it is free) to ensure social distancing. If you have any questions, please contact Lancaster Arts producer, Alice Booth on alice@lancasterarts.org

Thank you!

Diary Dates

October 2021

Thurs 21st School Closes at 3.10 for half term

Fri 22nd Inset Day

November 2021

Mon 1st School Re-opens at 8.50am

Thurs 4th Flu Vaccinations

Fri 5th Food Bank Friday

Wed 10th Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm

Thurs 11th Parents Evening 4.00pm-7.30pm

Wed 17th YR5 York Residential – Group 1

Mon 22nd School Photographer (possibly in on 23rd if overrun)

Wed 24th YR5 York Residential – Group 2