

# Moorside News - 1st October

Welcome to our first newsletter for October. After wondering where all the rain had gone in late August and September, we have found out in the last few days. On wet days, please allow extra time for the 'school run' as we always have a higher number of children late on these days.

## Visits

Since our last newsletter, it has been brilliant to see so many visits going out again after a quiet couple of years. In the last two weeks, Y3 have visited Leighton Moss, whilst Y1 have been to the Blue Planet Aquarium near Chester. Both visits, provided the children with excellent experiences to support their topics. A major feature of the Y3 visit were the **very assertive ducks** who joined us for lunch!



*1 - Spotting birds from a hide*

## Safeguarding

As well as educating your children, an important part of our work is ensuring that the children are safe. Parts of our curriculum (PSHE and Kidsafe) specifically teach the children how they can keep themselves safe in different situations. We also work with families when they are facing challenges. Another aspect of our work is to respond when there are concerns about a child's welfare which involves school making referrals to agencies for support. The school also receives information from Lancashire Police through a scheme 'Encompass' if there has been an incident in a child's home. We

have just updated our key Safeguarding policies and these can be found on our website. Should you need support or have concerns about a child's welfare our four named staff are:

Roger Shone, Alison Lay, Lisa Newton and Alice Earnshaw

## Development of the School Grounds

We are very lucky in having extensive school grounds of which we already make good use. Over the coming year, we are going to be involved in a project to 're-wild' aspects of our grounds. This should prove to be an exciting project and really enhance parts of the site. At the moment our plans include:

- every child planting a bulb somewhere in the grounds
- leaving more areas to grow in the spring and summer
- spreading wild flower seeds - similar to the banking by Bulk Road

## Parents' Evenings

We very much value contact with parents and the partnership it develops. Providing our Covid cases remain at their current level, we plan to run face-to-face meetings shortly after half-term, with the option for telephone consultations for those people who cannot attend in person. More information about this will follow shortly.

## Covid-19 Update

As I have mentioned in previous letters, we will update parents about cases so that you have some awareness of the levels in school and to give some indication as to whether your child's symptoms could be Covid or just a cold. In many respects, it is hard to tell the difference. Our current numbers are as follows:

1 case in Y2

1 case in Y4

2 cases in Y5

1 case in Y6

As before, please could adults and secondary age children keep testing regularly and keep your child off school until you have spoken to us if you they have symptoms.

## Absence Reporting

When reporting a child absence please leave as much details as possible with regards to symptoms and reasons for absence. We are still monitoring and recording covid cases and looking out for any potential new cases. A reminder of symptoms of covid are:

1. A high temperature – (this means feeling hot to touch (you do not need to measure temperature)

2. A new continuous cough
3. Loss of taste or smell

If you or your child have any of these symptoms you will need to have a PCR test.

## Stepping Stones Car Park

We have had a request from our neighbours, Stepping Stones School, asking that parents do not use their car park. On numerous occasions cars are parking in staff spaces and taxi drop off areas to drop off and pick up children. This causes problems for the ir staff who need to use the car park.

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### NHS Anxiety Workshop

**CHATS**

IS YOUR CHILD SUFFERING WITH **ANXIETY?**

Join a free workshop for parents by parents

\*Gain greater understanding of anxiety  
\* Increase confidence/ability in supporting your child  
\* Explore self-care strategies

To book a place contact:  
chats\_123@yahoo.com  
Rebecca 07950784015  
Claire 07908452426

**NHS**  
Lancashire & South Cumbria  
1945 Foundation Trust

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### Lancaster Tennis Club

There are still a few places available for indoor tennis lessons at Lancaster Boys' Grammar School on Saturday mornings 9-10am for children aged 5-9. Start date Saturday 2nd October. Other lessons available outdoors throughout the week. If interested, please contact Michaela Parkinson on 07443 467495 or email [michaelatennis@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelatennis@hotmail.com).

**Lancaster Tennis Club**  
is offering  
**INDOOR TENNIS LESSONS  
FOR AGES 5-9**

WHERE: Lancaster Boys' Grammar School Sports Hall  
WHEN: Saturdays 9-10am

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## Vale of Lune Rugby Club



Vale of Lune RUFC

# READY TO ROAR?

### Calling all Year 6 girls!



- Do you want to learn new skills?
- Be part of something new and exciting?
- Have fun and make friends for life?

Our new girls team, **Vale Valkyries** is starting at Vale of Lune RUFC for all girls in Year 6. We guarantee lots of laughs, great coaching and fab facilities! Come down and be part of something amazing.

**When:** Thursday evenings from 7th October 2021

**Time:** 7pm – 8pm

**Where:** Vale of Lune RUFC, Powderhouse Lane, Lancaster, LA1 2TT

For more information or to register, please contact:  
Louise (07528 828110) or Beth (07366 443337)

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