

# Moorside News 5th November

Welcome back and Happy Diwali. It's great people will have the chance to celebrate together this year.

## Re-wilding and Gardening in the School Grounds

This week we have started on a project to develop our grounds to encourage wild-life and to teach children about sustainable ways of producing food through a long-term gardening project in conjunction with a number of outside agencies. You may remember that before half-term we wrote asking for contributions of bulbs for each child to plant. We hope to start planting in the week beginning 15th November. If you have not sent a bulb yet, then we will be happy to receive them. This will mark the beginning of an exciting project which will hopefully run throughout a child's time with us.



## Black History Month

Throughout the year, our assemblies cover different themes. Sometimes they cover the value we are looking at that month. On other occasions, they look at topical issues, festivals and celebrations. Last month we talked about Black History Month and its significance. Below is a flier about a local event on this theme which may be of interest to you.



## FACING THE PAST

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

with artist

**NAYNA LAD**

BLACK PORTRAITS (MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE)

**LANCASTER PRIORY**

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2021

**FREE DROP-IN SESSION**

1pm-4pm

*In these sessions, Nayna will help participants imagine the faces of enslaved Africans through layering materials and adorning with patterns and features.  
Ideal for families.*

Contact [steph@lancasterpriory.org](mailto:steph@lancasterpriory.org) for further details.



## Reminder - cake and treats in school

Last month we sent some information about sending food into school for special occasions. We have included it again here as a reminder:

From time-to-time, children bring in a treat in the form of some sweets or chocolate to give to their classmates. We are aware that there are a wide range of reasons why not all children can eat what is brought. Our approach has been to allow a child to share these out, but the children have to take them home and get permission from their parent before they can eat them. Where food is involved in an official school based activity, thorough checks are carried on the ingredients and the medical and dietary needs of the children. When food is brought from home, we don't get the opportunity to carry out these checks. Whilst we don't want to be 'kill joys' and spoil the way children can mark their birthday, we are temporarily asking that food treats are not sent in for the time being while we weigh up options.

## Wellbeing Cafe - Wednesdays

At the Wellbeing Cafe on Wednesday 10th November - we have Victoria Matthews from the Children and Family Wellbeing Service. She is here to talk to parents about what support is available through this service, offer advice and strategies around common issue for example sleep, routines and boundaries, fussy eaters and much more.

If you would like to drop in for an informal chat the Wellbeing Cafe is run every Wednesday and is held in our learning mentors room, accessed via the Year 3/4 entrance on the top playground where you will be asked to sign in. Please wear a mask when on school premises.

## Food Bank Friday

A huge thank you for the generous amount of donations we have received for our Food Bank collection today.

## Moorfs Event - Usborne Books

This November we have the fantastic opportunity to get lots of FREE books into school, simply by you doing your Christmas shopping.

Erin Skillicorn, Usborne Partner at The Reading Corner, is running a Christmas Shopping Event for us this weekend (5th-7th November) and for every order placed school will get to chose fantastic books for our library.

There are two easy ways to shop:

1. Browse The Reading Corner's Christmas Gift Shop on the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/559388775319182/?ref=share>

2. Browse The Reading Corner's website and take a screenshot of your basket to send to Erin:

<https://usborne.com/gb/partner/thereadingcornerlancs/>

\*To place your order contact Erin via email ([thereadingcornerlancs@gmail.com](mailto:thereadingcornerlancs@gmail.com)) or Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/thereadingcorner1/>) by Friday 12th November.

\*Delivery of books will be completed by Friday 4th December at the latest.

Last November we got over £400 worth of fabulous books into school, so lets see if we can beat that this year.

## MOORFS News

MOORFS held their AGM this Wednesday. After over four years as Chair Laura Berry stepped down as chair. We would like to thank her for her dedicated work. During her time as Chair, MOORFS have organised some amazing events and supported the school through a number of donations. Richard Briggs has taken over as Chair. I am sure he will do a great job, ably supported by Nicola Sarjent and Amy Pammenter as treasurer and secretary, alongside the team of valued volunteers.

## Parents' Evenings

Next week we are hosting parent/teacher meetings for all classes. We are excited about this as this will be the largest number of parents we will have had in school since February 2020! To help us run the evening smoothly, here is a reminder about the arrangements for parents attending face to face appointments:

-1 parent/carer may attend per family

-please ensure that you are free of Covid symptoms and please wear a mask until you reach the room for your meeting

-try and arrive 5 minutes before your appointment - your child's books will be available for you to look at

We want to keep to time, so you may knock on the door at your allotted time. The discussions are important, so if there are wider issues you wish to discuss your child's teacher may offer to continue the discussion at another time to allow them to meet the next parent.

We should point out that appointments may have to be re-scheduled if any Covid cases amongst teaching staff occur.

## Battery Recycling

For a number of years we have been recycling batteries in school . Children can bring them into class to be placed in the collection boxes near the dining room. We will also be placing a collection box in our main school reception area.

## Diary Dates

### November 2021

Fri 5th	Food Bank Friday
Wed 10th	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
Thurs 11th	Parents Evening 4.00pm-7.30pm
Thurs 11th	Reception Photos appear in this weeks Lancaster Guardian
Wed 17th	YR5 York Residential – Group 1
Mon 22nd	School Photographer (possibly in on 23rd if overrun)
Wed 24th	YR5 York Residential – Group 2