

# Moorside News 18th March

It looks like spring has finally sprung and many of the bulbs planted by the children in the autumn are coming up. We'll do some more later this year when the time is right.

## Visits

This week some of Y4 have been on a city walk and visited the maritime museum as part of their Lancaster topic. We feel that it is very important for children to understand and know about the place where they live. As part of this topic they have produced some excellent art work, a couple of which are below. We hope to post a selection of it on Facebook.





## Governor Vacancies

We currently have three vacancies for co-opted governors. Co-opted governors are unelected governors chosen by the school usually because they have a set of skills or experience which would be useful and helpful to the school. If you know someone who might fit this category or are interested yourself, please get in touch.

## School Grounds Development

We currently have some volunteers working on plans for a new pond area, jetty and fence to keep the area secure. For anyone who volunteered to help, we are hoping to organise a working party in about five to six weeks time. Natasha Butler (Sports Coach) and Joe Pickles, one of our staff, have kindly offered to run activities for the children while the parents help!

## Cake Sale - Tuesday 22nd March

Please see below a letter from Stepping Stones. We are happy to support Stepping Stones with this very worthwhile awareness raising and fundraising event. As they mention in the letter, they work with children with a range of needs. However, I am sure you are aware, there are many children in mainstream settings like Moorside who are neurodiverse. Therefore, the event is important in supporting children in many settings and not just Stepping Stones.

In the very near future our own school council are holding a similar event to raise money for projects they are working on. Look out for a letter from them shortly.

Enjoy the cake!



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Dear Parents & Carers at Moorside Primary School,

As some of you might be aware, it is Neuro Diversity Celebration Week 21 to 27 March. Neurodivergence is a term to describe a person whose mind works significantly differently to 'typical' styles.

Here at Stepping Stones we educate 32 children, all with difficulties of a social, emotional and mental health nature. These difficulties always have a cause, and quite often this cause is from a neuro diverse condition such as ADHD, Autism, Tourette's and others. We harness the skills of these children and want others to be aware of the challenges they face but also the skills which need celebrating.

We are holding a cake sale in the playground of Moorside Primary on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 3.00. There will be delicious homemade cupcakes for sale, the profits of which will be donated 50% to the ADHD Foundation and 50% towards provision of external activities for the children at Stepping Stones. We will be providing information leaflets about neuro diversity and our staff will be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding neurodivergence.

We thank you for your support in advance and look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Alison Dodd  
Head Teacher



## Fundraising achievements

Last weekend one of our year 2 pupils, Mimi, took it upon herself to hold her very own art exhibition to raise funds for Ukraine. Inspired by her 100 year old Great Grandma Mary, who recently passed away, Mimi curated the exhibition herself and many local artists attended. She managed to raise £54.50 which has been donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Well done Mimi



## Charity Walk

One of our year 5 pupils, Jacob, is back to fundraising again after a 2 year absence. This time he is taking on the challenge to walk from Preston to Kendal, 57 miles!, over 3 days. He is raising funds for the Disaster Emergency Committee for Ukraine. His previous efforts have raised around £4000 for the Morecambe bay Foodbank. Please see below his fundraising link if you would like to donate.

Well done Jacob

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gary-bowles6>

## Easter Lunch - Tuesday 29th March

The school kitchen are offering a special Easter Lunch on Tuesday 29th March. This will replace the normal lunch option on this day. No need to pre-book, children can choose on the day as they would for a normal school lunch.



## Tuck Shop - KS2

Our school council will be restarting the school tuck shop on Thursday 21st April. Flapjack will be available to buy at morning break every Tuesday and Thursday for our Year 3/4/5 & 6 pupils at a cost of .30p (one piece per pupil). Please send your child with the correct change.

## Moorfs News

Moorfs are busy organising some exciting events based around their Spring Fair on Friday 22nd April. More information to follow.



1 - Some of the events Moorfs are planning



*2 - Spring Fair date*

## Diary Dates

### March

- 18th March 4J Waking tour to Lancaster/Maritime Museum
- 21st March YR6 Hawes End residential Group 1
- 25th March 4CE Walking tour to Lancaster/Maritime Museum
- 28th March YR6 Hawes End residential Group 2
- 29th March Easter Lunch instead of normal school menu

### April

- 1st April **School Closes at 2.00pm**
- 21st April Tuck shop for KS2 starts (every Tues & Thurs)
- 22nd April Moorfs Spring Fair