

# Moorside News -1st April

Welcome to our last newsletter for this term. There's lot to share today.

## Year 3 Egyptian Day and Exhibition

Congratulations to Y3 on an excellent display of Egyptian themed models and artefacts. There were some amazing items on show yesterday. Many pictures have already been shared via Facebook. This topic began back in January with a visit to the World Museum in Liverpool and it was great to see the culmination of their work this week.



<https://sway.office.com/b7qAhPpy6cZ7p7iS#content=crO191YtH8rxSU>

*1 - Just one of the many excellent display items produced by the children (and parents). Thank you to Alex from Y3 for this exhibit.*

## School Council Cake Stall

Thank you for your kind donations for the cake stall yesterday. We had so many that we had to extend the sale to today! At the final count we have raised an astonishing £556.91. The council will be finalising their spending plans after Easter. Thank you to Mrs Walsh for working with the School Council on this event.

## Driving and Parking

This is a frequent item in the newsletter, but it still remains important. Please can we remind people that the two disabled spaces in the car park are for the parents who officially hold a blue badge for themselves or their child. At the moment, as far as we are aware, there are only two families that this applies to. These spaces should be free at all times for them to use. Please share this with anyone who picks up from school on your behalf.

On behalf of our children and neighbours, please could everyone drive and park safely and considerately on the roads around school. As we have mentioned before we aiming to work with the City Council on a wider project about traffic around the school site, but are struggling to get someone to respond to us which is slowing us down.

## Smart Watches - reminder

We have written on a previous occasion about smart watches. We would like to remind everyone that smart watches are not allowed in school or on school trips or residential. This is because of the ability of many of them to take photographs. Photography is tightly controlled in school and photographs are only taken on school devices for specific purposes.

## Defibrillator

This week we had a defibrillator fitted. It is located just inside the two blue double doors near the Lower Hall. It is available to anyone on the school site. We just hope that no one ever needs it.

## School Grounds Development

Hopefully you will be aware from previous newsletters about our plans to develop our grounds to increase the range of opportunities we can offer the children. We are still welcoming volunteers to work on this project. Please see the picture for our initial ideas for developing our pond area. Thank you to Richard Brigg for the design.



## New Lunch Menu/Special St Georges Day Lunch

The new Spring/Summer menu was uploaded to Parentapp earlier in the week. This new menu starts on 25th April (Week 3) We will continue with the current menu first week back after the holidays on week 2.

On Thursday 21st April, the kitchen are putting on a special St Georges Day menu as detailed in the flyer. No need to pre-book, children can just choose on the day.



## Moorfs - Spring Fair Friday 22nd April

The Fair will be after school on Friday 22nd April, until 4.30 Part of the fair is an exhibition of children's artwork, which they create at home and bring in on the day of the fair. This year's theme is to create a Wild Garden. This can be a model, a drawing, anything you like! We can't wait to see your creations!

The day of the Fair is a non-uniform day in school, in return for bringing in a piece of wrapped chocolate which will be used in our chocolate Tombola at the Fair. We will be having a pre-loved book stall at the Fair, please bring any donations to school on the day of the Fair. There will be games and activities throughout the Reception and KS1 playgrounds, please bring some change! There will also be some refreshments. If you are able to help out at all at the Fair, please drop us a message at [moorfs@moorsidepri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:moorfs@moorsidepri.lancs.sch.uk)



We hope that everyone has a good break and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 19th April when school re-opens.

## Diary Dates

### April

- 1st April **School Closes at 2.00pm**
- 19th April School re-opens for children
- 20th April RAP Gill Garth Farm visit
- 21st April RF Gill Garth Farm visit
- 21st April St Georges Day special lunch menu
- 21st April Tuck shop for KS2 starts (every Tues & Thurs)
- 22nd April RK Gill Garth Farm visit
- 22nd April Moorfs Spring Fair (Non Uniform Day)
- 26th April Online Safety for Parents - a briefing held via Zoom at 6pm
- 27th April 1C Malham Gordale visit
- 28th April 1PG Malham Gordale visit
- 29th April 1H Malham Gordale visit

## Useful Contacts During the Holidays

School holidays can be a difficult time for some families because normal support networks or agencies that people rely on are temporarily unavailable. With your help, we have supported local food banks which can be accessed if necessary. The City Council also have a fund available:

<https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/community-hub/household-support-fund>

Other useful contacts include:

Samaritans: 0330 094 5717

Domestic Violence Support: 07341 363 433

Olive Branch: 01524 555715

Lancaster City Council Housing Team: 01524 582 929