

Moorside News 16th December

The end of term has arrived and what a busy last couple of weeks it has been and the extremely cold weather has brought with it challenges and new opportunities for the children! Because our front playgrounds have been largely ice-bound all week, the children in KS2 have had the chance to be on the field which is not normally usable at this time of year. They seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We would like to thank everyone for your support this term and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful start to the new year.

Christmas Shows

We would like to congratulate all our children in Reception and Year 2 for their excellent performance in their Christmas productions for parents. After a couple of disrupted years where it has not been easy to welcome large numbers of people into school, it has been great for the children to perform to such welcoming and supportive audiences.

Playground Developments

Over the last couple of years, we have been developing our grounds so that we have a wider range of opportunities for children, including at breaktimes. One aim has been to develop the playgrounds so that the children have access to different experiences as they move through school. Therefore, it was very exciting last week to see the new reaction boards in use which have been fitted to the upper hall. I am sure that over the coming years, the children will really enjoying playing with them. They will also prove very useful to any children who want to improve their reaction speed for the sports they play.

Safeguarding and Well-Being

Throughout term time, school plays a vital role in supporting children's safety and well-being both in and out of school. Christmas is a positive and joyous time for many families. However, it can also put pressure on some families in different ways. Below are a set of links to organisations and services which can offer support over the Christmas period.

Libraries are safe/calm spaces if things become difficult at home.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/warm-and-welcome-places/>

What's on list for LCC libraries: <https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/index.asp>

Our libraries are all warm and welcome spaces, where you can find:

- a warm drink
- a space to sit
- free computers and Wi-Fi

- charging points for your phone or laptop
- events and activities
- help from staff to find information

Other Helpful Organisations

The Samaritans - if you are having a difficult time or are concerned about someone else

<https://www.samaritans.org/branches/lancaster/> or call 116 123 from any phone

Safenet - for support relating to domestic abuse

<https://safenet.org.uk/> or call 0300 3033 581

NSPCC - if you are concerned about the welfare of a child

0808 800 5000

Water Safety

Following the very sad and tragic death of four children at the weekend in the Midlands after falling through ice, we have talked with children about the dangers of ice on lakes, ponds, rivers and canals. If you want to talk about this further with your child, the link below might be useful.

<http://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>

Winter Jumper Day

For our winter jumper day last week we managed to raise over £460 for the Save the Children appeal.

Mrs Murphy's Christmas Tree Competition

The winners of this years Christmas tree competition to raise money for Moorfs were:

Pre-school: Jacob

Reception: Robyn

Year 1: Freya

Year 2: Theo

Year 3: Hannah

Year 4: Jess

Year 5: Seb

Year 6: Lucas

School Lunches

We are due to start back the new year on Week 3 of the menu. Unfortunately, due to staffing and supply issues the menu for the first week is as follows:

Tuesday - Meat & Potato Pie OR Pasta

Wednesday - Roast Dinner OR Quorn Tikka

Thursday - Beef Burger OR Macaroni Cheese OR Jacket Potato

Friday - Pizza OR Sandwiches

Sorry for all the recent changes the kitchen are having to implement at the moment. We are hoping to resume normal menu from week beginning 9th January

Diary Dates

January 2023

Tues 3rd School Re-opens for Spring Term

Tues 3rd 4LUN visit to Maritime Museum

Wed 4th 4CLO visit to Maritime Museum

Fri 6th 4BOW visit to Maritime Museum