

# MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can...

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**WE WON!!!!!!**

**We came first in the blue token scheme at Tesco & will be receiving £1500 to further develop the CEDAR hub learning environment.**

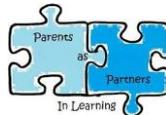


THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!



## Parents Consultation appointments

It's great that most of you have already signed up to attend your child's parent consultation meetings starting next week. If you haven't arranged a convenient date and time yet then please speak to your child's class teacher asap. This is a great opportunity to find out about your child's progress in school and celebrate their achievements, as well as find out how you can best support them at home. We really value your support and partnership - **Together we can help your child reach their full potential!**



## Welcome to Mrs Punter

We are delighted to welcome an additional teacher to our Y5/6 teaching team. Mrs Punter is an experienced and dedicated teacher and has very much enjoyed getting to know lots of the children this week. Mrs Punter will be teaching each morning and is very much looking forward to meeting you over the coming weeks.



## Remembrance Day -Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Year 1 – Year 6 will be walking to Coffee Hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November to join the Community's Remembrance Day Service. Last year, all the children made us so proud with the respect and empathy they showed throughout the service. Please remember that all children must wear their school uniform and appropriate warm clothing (coats, hats etc) as the service takes place outside. Please do not send them in their PE kits next Friday. We will be selling the British Legion poppies next week on the gate and in parents' meetings.

**<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q3B8953>**

We would love to hear what you think of our weekly newsletter. Please spend 30 seconds by clicking on the link above to answer 2 quick questions for us.

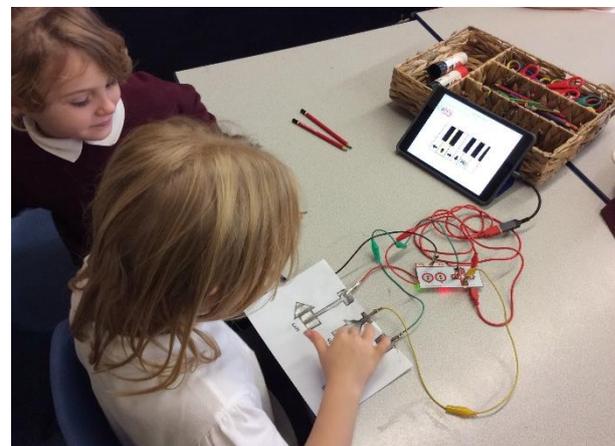
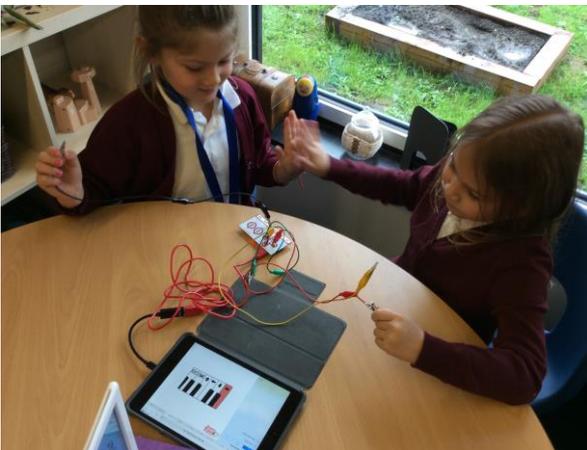
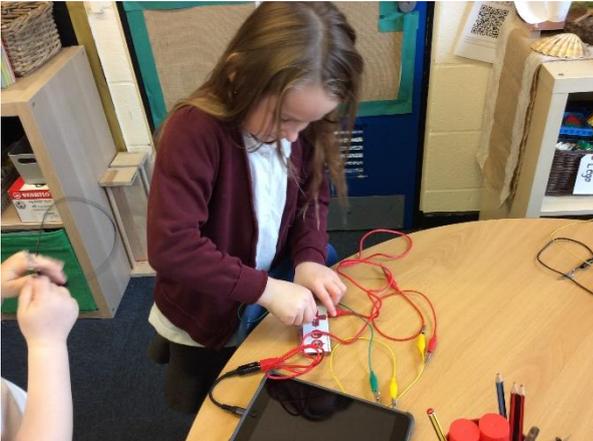
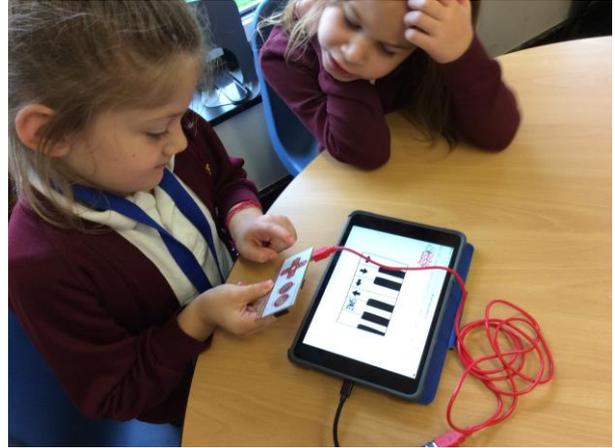


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## Music Workshop

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, we were incredibly lucky to invite Miss Yui from Conductive Music into school. She took Year 1 and 2 on an **unforgettable musical journey** where they discovered how to turn their bodies into musical instruments! They used a tiny device called a 'Makey' to explore sound, electricity and pitch - learning how to conduct electricity to make a sound. Giving a high-five has never been so much fun.

In Year 5 and 6, they experienced the world of coding, science and music colliding! They used Micro:bits to assemble coding blocks, create digital instruments and compose music together. It was an **absolutely fantastic day**.



## Staff Inset Day – CET Inspiration event

As part of our Inset day, members of staff from across all six Campfire Education Trust schools, the central team, Governors and Trustees attended their first ever CET Conference on Monday. The speakers were incredibly inspirational and gave a heartfelt insight into their lives and personal journeys. One of the themes of the training was that **'Our work changes lives'** and, with your support, we aim to bring that inspiration and insight to all children in our school. We thank Sarah Mitchell our CEO for making this an incredible day.

## School Sweatshirts on PE Days

Please ensure that your child wears their school sweatshirt to school every day including the days when they have PE lessons. Asking children to wear PE jogging bottoms and a t-shirt on PE days does not mean they can wear their casual jumpers to school. Thank you for your support.

## Starting School in September 2024?

The deadline for our Nursery children (born between 1 September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020) to apply for a school place for September may be a few weeks away (15<sup>th</sup> January 2024) but the 'busy-ness' of getting ready for family celebrations in December means that this very important deadline might be forgotten. If you haven't yet completed your child's School application, then please set aside the time to visit the Milton Keynes Council website [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions), to submit your on-line application, before the end of November. Then you can relax, forget about it and enjoy the family celebrations.

## Nursery Places for children - Rising 3's and 3 Year olds

We have a limited number of Rising 3 nursery places for children to start in our nursery in the term that they celebrate their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday; so if your child has or will celebrate their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday between **1<sup>st</sup> Sept and 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023** or **1<sup>st</sup> Jan and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**, then come and talk to us about starting at Moorland School nursery in January 2024. If you know any families with children aged 2 – 3 years who live locally and who might be interested in joining our nursery, then encourage them to contact us. We would love to show you around and share all the wonderful ways we help your children enjoy their early years.

## Christmas Fayre - Can you help with Raffle prizes?

If you have any Raffle prizes or Toiletries you would like to donate to our Christmas Fayre, then please speak to Mrs Nicholls who would be very grateful. Thank you.



## Coffee Mornings – A great way to meet people

Don't forget: our coffee mornings on Wednesdays between 9am and 10am in the Rainbow room if you fancy meeting with friends for a coffee and a chat.



## Attendance and Time-Keeping

Congratulations to **Ladybirds, Falcons, Squirrels and Foxes** for leaping ahead with an attendance of **over 96%**. Attendance was so much better this week which is fantastic. Keep up the good work! Let's continue with the effort to make everyone a Moorland Attendance HERO – Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time.

### Attendance for week 31<sup>st</sup> Oct



Ladybirds ~ **100%**



Owls ~ **94.6%**



Hedgehogs ~ **92.1%**



Squirrels ~ **97.2%**



Foxes ~ **96.7%**



Badgers ~ **90.5%**



Falcons ~ **98.6%**



Skylarks ~ **91.1%**



Whole school ~ **94.6%**



### Lateness = Lost learning

A small number of children have missed a staggering **746 minutes (over 12.5 hours)** in learning time **this week!**

Please arrive at school between 8.30-8.45am



## DIARY DATES:

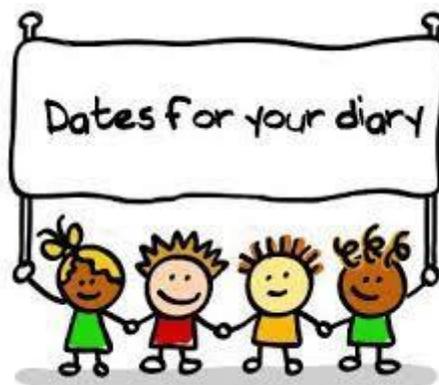
Date	Event
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parent consultation appointments – please contact your child's class teacher to book your time slot.
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance Day Parade
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Individual School Photos – children should wear their school uniform
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Deadline for ordering school dinners for the week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.</b>	11am – The After-School Club Singing Group will be performing at Moorlands Family Centre
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Children's Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – remember to book your child's Christmas lunch by 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm – 3.30pm</b>	Christmas Fayre
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (morning)</b>	Early Years Song time (Nursery and Reception)
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (afternoon)</b>	KS1 Nativity performance (Years 1 and 2)
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Children's Christmas Party (Donations of party food are welcome)
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	3pm – School closes for the Christmas Holidays
<b>The School is closed: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - School re-opens at 8.30am</b>	

Best Wishes

*Angela Garner*

Mrs. Angela Garner

Headteacher



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