Moulton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another eventful half term here at Moulton Primary School, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your support throughout.

Over the past few months, our school has been buzzing with a flurry of exciting activities and events. We have had the pleasure of hosting various visitors, embarking on educational trips, and providing enriching experiences, as well as taking part in sports events that have broadened our pupils' horizons. Your involvement and partnership with the school continue to play an integral role in creating a vibrant and nurturing environment for our children to thrive in.

I also wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the fantastic turnout we had at the recent parent meetings. It was brilliant to see so many of you actively engaging in discussions about your child's progress and well-being. Your presence and participation are invaluable to us and greatly contribute to fostering a strong home-school partnership.

Looking ahead to the next term, I am excited to share that our main school focus will be on improving writing and nurturing the writing journey for our pupils. We will be using rich texts to provide exciting starting points and will be working closely with the children to see how they can plan and edit their work, before finally publishing a piece of writing - which I am sure we will enjoy showcasing to you all!

Wishing you all a happy and restful half term break ☺️

Take care,

Miss Jones

<u>DIY SOS project</u>

Unfortunately, we will be postponing the DIY SOS project on Saturday 2nd March due to a clash with the Year 4 Strictly competition. A new date will be shared after half term.

The Classroom News

Around the World with Year 2

Year 2 took part in a fantastic photography workshop this week. They practised taking photographs and then learnt how to edit them by removing the background, duplicating, rotating and changing the size. Thank you to Hyett Education for delivering such a fun filled workshop.

Year 3

Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying their learning this week! They have been making toys with links in D&T, they have been using the large apparatus in PE and learning lots of strategies to support mental multiplication in Maths. However, we are so proud of all the learning that has happened in English. The children have been so focussed on including setting descriptions, speech, paragraphs and having their beginning, middle and end! They have all done an excellent job! Here are some snippets of their work for you to enjoy.

Spelling Shed

Last term, we launched our new homework offer for all children Year 1-6. One of our expectations is that children log in to their Spelling Shed account at home and play the games set by their teacher to practise the spelling rule of the week. The website can be accessed using this link: https://play.edshed.com/en-gb

Every week, the child with the highest 'Shed Score' in each class receives a certificate to celebrate their efforts in the Family Assembly on Friday. This score reflects the points earned for the current week's assignment set by the teacher.

Here are the highest scoring classes for this week:

Top Spelling Shed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	1 Crick	74,104,775
2.	3 Crick	56,539,449
3.	5 Crick	41,753,668
4.	6 Tull	37,757,836
5.	2 Crick	35,672,508
6.	2 Spencer	31,238,566
7.	3 Spencer	29,353,140
8.	1 Tull	25,617,321
9.	1 Spencer	23,117,679
10.	2 Tull	14,536,898

Well done to 1Crick who have beaten the other classes this week!

If your class didn't make it to the Top 10, set yourselves the challenge to get there next week ☺.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Using TTRS is now part of our new homework expectation for children in Years 2 – 6; every week we will celebrate the most active classes and most improved users of the week who will be presented with a certificate in the Family Assembly. We recommend a "little and often" approach; spending a few minutes a day, 4 or 5 times a week is a good target.

Here is a reminder of the different games modes:

What are the different Game Modes?	
Single Player	
Jamming 4 or 8 coins/correct answer	The only game mode without a timer, players choose the table and operation (× or ÷ or both) they want to practise. Answer 10, 20 or 30 questions.
Gig 10 coins per correct answer	Gig games last 5 minutes and contain up to 100 questions, which come in 'waves', starting with the 10s, then the 2s, 5s, 3s, 4s, 8s, 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s. Novices are not expected to get past the 5s. Gigs provide the child (and their teacher) with a simple measure of their current skills, which is why learners should concentrate fully for the whole Gig as they won't get another try until next month.
Garage 10 coins per correct answer	Players are given a personalised set of 6 multiplication questions (and their matching division questions) in each round. The questions they get keep adjusting to provide the best fit for every learner's needs. This is probably the best game made for improving their recall while they're still learning.
Studio 1 coin per correct answer	Here your child earns their Rock Status, which is based on their Studio Speed. The faster they are, the better their status. Studio Speed is the average of their most recent 10 Studio games. Suitable for confident players.
Soundcheck 5 coins per correct answer	Soundcheck games ask 25 multiplication questions (up to 12×12), allowing 6 seconds for each question. Suitable for confident players.

Most Active Classes of the Week:

Year 2	2 Tull 46%
Year 3	3 Tull 25%
Year 4	4 Spencer 61%
Year 5	5 Tull 75%
Year 6	6 Tull 24%

Most Improved Users of the Week:

- **Jake 6 Tull**
- **Willliam 5 Tull**
- **James 4 Crick**
- **Liberty 3 Crick**
- **Sonny 2 Crick**

Dates for the Diary

DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	TIME
2nd March	Year 4 Strictly Group	Strictly Juniors	1pm arrival. 2pm show
5th March	Year 3	Flag Fen Archaelogy Park	Normal School Hours
6th March	Whole school	class photos	Normal School Hours
7th March	Year 4	Year 4 Vikings & Saxons Workshop	Normal School Hours
7th March	Whole school	Pyjama / Onesie Day - World Book Day	
7th March	KS2 Selected children	Cross Country	11 - 4pm (Normal start 8.50am)
7th March	Whole School	Book Fair	3.20pm - 4.00pm
8th March	Whole School	Book Fair	3.20pm - 4.00pm
11th March	Whole School	Book Fair	3.20pm - 4.00pm
12th March	Whole School	Book Fair	3.20pm - 4.00pm
14th March	Year 2	Storytime	2.45pm
14th March	Year 5	Planetarium Workshop	Normal School Day hours
15th March	Whole school	Red Nose Day - Wear something red mufti day	
22nd March	Whole school	Maths Morning	On arrival to school - 9.30am
27th March	Year 1	Woburn Safari Park - School Trip	Normal School Day hours
24th April	EYFS	West Lodge Farm	Normal School Day hours
25th April	Whole school	Maths Morning	On arrival to school - 9.30am
29th April	Year 3	Roman Workshop	Normal School Hours
30th April	Year 3	Roman Workshop	Normal School Hours
30th April	Year 5	Botanical Gardens School Trip	Normal School Hours
15th May - 17th May	Year 4	Frontier Centre - Residential	TBC
20th May	Year 4 - 6 Singing Heros	The Big Sing - Royal and Derngate	TBC
3rd June - 7th June	Year 6	Residential	TBC
10th June	Whole school	Maths Morning	On arrival to school - 9.30am
11th June	Year 2	School Trip - Brixworth Country Park	Normal School Day hours
27th June	Year 2	Storytime	2.45pm
16th July	Year 6	Leavers Production	2pm & 6pm
17th July	Year 6	Leavers Production	6:00 PM

17th July	Year Reception - Year 5	Summer Fun	3pm - 5pm
18th July	Year 6	Leavers Party	5 - 7pm
19th July	Year 6	Leavers Assembly	2:00 PM