

Moulton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024



Comic Relief

This amazing country-wide fundraising event is happening in March and we would love it if Moulton Primary School could help this very worthwhile cause. Therefore, we invite the children to wear “something red” for Mufti Day on Friday 15th March: it can be as little or as much as they wish! (Noses are optional!) We will also be celebrating the event with a special assembly.



The school will set up parentmail which will enable you to make a £1 contribution, and then we will know that the final total raised will have been helped along by us all. Many thanks in advance.

Safer Internet Day

On **Tuesday 6th February**, we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2024**.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, companies and many more, to help to create a better internet.

This year, the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people’s perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in Moulton Primary School, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents.

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child/children.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child’s class teacher or our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Miss Page).

Kind regards,
Mr McAvoy

Litter Picking Team



This week, a small group of children from 5 Crick decided that the playgrounds and field were looking a bit messy, with small bits of rubbish strewn in some areas. Provided with a couple of litter picks the children managed to collect 2 bags of rubbish in 2 days. The children have been so enthusiastic and have done such a fantastic job, they have been praised by their peers and by members of staff.

The children are so proud of themselves and motivated that they will continue to collect rubbish in the coming days.

Well done to all the children involved, you have truly demonstrated maturity, responsibility and kindness towards the environment.

Lip Balms

Many children are bringing in a variety of lip balms containing perfumes, colourings and flavourings. We understand the need to protect your child's lips, especially at this time of the year. Unfortunately, we are finding that many of the children are over-applying these and sharing lip balms with their friends.

We are sure you understand that we have an increasing number of our pupils with allergies. We respectfully ask that you only send your child to school with a hypoallergenic lip balm.

Hypoallergenic lip balms are a great option for those with sensitive skin or allergies. These lip balms are specially formulated to avoid common irritants and allergens, such as fragrances, dyes, and preservatives. They provide all the benefits of traditional lip balms, such as hydration and protection, without the risk of triggering an allergic reaction.

If you need to send your child to school with a lip balm, then make sure you talk through how to apply these safely and that they understand they should not share them with the other children.

If you have any questions, then contact Mr Brazier.

Regards
Mr Brazier

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 (\times or \div 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 28%
Year 3	3 Spencer 28%
Year 4	4 Spencer 65%
Year 5	5 Crick 59%
Year 6	6 Tull 28%



Most Improved Users of the Week:

- Elliot 2 Tull
- Dawson 3 Spencer
- Bertie 4 Spencer
- Angelo 5 Tull
- Ronnie 6 Tull

The Classroom News

Early Years



The reception children have been learning map making skills. They began this work by planning a route, then armed with cameras, clipboards and pencils they enjoyed a crisp morning walk around the school grounds, exploring the setting. On the walk they spotted different buildings, landmarks, special and important people and spaces in our school. Back in the classroom the children discussed their experiences and created a giant class map to show the route they took. Children added positional language, directions, arrows, symbols and pictures to the map.

Year 5

This week in art Year 5 have been weaving using natural materials. First, we created a loom by bending a piece of willow into an oval and secured it in place. Next, we used wool and raffia to weave around the loom with different colours.

Finally, we added natural materials, such as leaves, sticks and bark to our weaving. The children had to be resilient and persevere with this project as it was definitely challenging and not easy to get right first time.



The Sports News

Year 1 Target Festival



After school on Thursday, 40 Year 1 children and 9 staff members headed to Moulton School for a fun afternoon of target-based activities. The Year 1s moved around 7 different activities during the afternoon. They were all based on the sports of golf, kurling, boccia, volleyball and archery.

Moulton School's Year 10 Sports Leaders coached our Year 1's through each activity providing support and encouragement.

The Year 1's had a lovely time, giving every activity a go and being great badgers by taking turns and working with a partner for some activities. The children were moving around, throwing, rolling and hitting balls. They definitely earned their halftime snack. However, the most important thing was that they had a lot of fun and demonstrated super behaviour. Well done Year 1!



Pokémon TCG Regional Tournament



At the weekend, Jake in Year 6 competed at the Pokemon TCG Regionals Tournament in Liverpool.

It was a long day, he started his first of 8 matches at 9am. Each match was about 50 minutes with a small break between each match. In all Jake was there and playing for around 10 hours!

This was one of the biggest regionals in terms of numbers with there being 135 players in the junior league.

Jake played brilliantly, conducted himself professionally and was friendly to all that he played. Jake went on to finish 13th out of 135 playing his variation of a Lost Box deck! He finished with 5 wins, 1 tie and 2 losses. He also walked away with a quite a few Pokémon booster box prizes.

This has now given Jake enough championship points to qualify for a place at the world championships later this year in Hawaii in the USA.

Jake did amazingly well and he should be so very proud of himself. He has shown perseverance, courage and commitment to his hobby. Jake could fulfil his ambition and be world junior champion!

I know his parents and the school are very proud of you!

Dates for the Diary

DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	TIME
6th February	Year 1	Dinosaur Dome Show - Visitor Workshop	Normal School Hours
6th February	Whole school (Not Year 1)	Maths Morning	On arrival to school - 9.30am
7th February	Whole School	Parents Evening	15.40pm - 18.45pm
12th February	Year 2	Digital Art and Photography Workshop	Normal School Hours
14th February	Year 5 and 6	Shrektacular show (MSS)	Normal School Hours
14th February	Whole School	Parents Evening	15.40pm - 18.45pm
2nd March	Year 4 Strictly Group	Strictly Juniors	TBC
2nd March	Volunteers	DIY SOS	10am - 2pm
5th March	Year 3	Flag Fen Archaeology Park	Normal School Hours
8th March	Whole school	class photos	Normal School Hours
14th March	Year 2	Story time	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
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	Story time	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