

## Moulton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who have attended our first evening of parent meetings this week. It was great to see so many of you coming in for an update on your child's learning. If you have not had a chance to book yet, please organise an appointment for next week - or, if you are not able to do so, please speak with the school office to organise an alternative time to catch up with your child's teacher. At the meetings, we are sharing an important year group booklet, which will help parents (and children) understand what the expectations are within the year group. This can be really helpful for supporting your child at home.

This week, Moulton college kindly surprised us with some handmade wooden furniture. They had heard about the vandalism we experienced and a group of students and their tutors showed some much appreciated community spirit by creating us a wonderful mud kitchen and some planters. Our EYFS children were very excited to receive the new kitchen and it has been put straight into action. A huge thank you to all involved.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Jones

### Maths Morning

This week, we opened the doors once again to parents so that they could participate in our 'Maths Morning'. The event was very well attended; classrooms were bustling with enthusiasm as the children played games to consolidate learning and to practise newly learnt skills.

We received lovely feedback from parents about the event and how much this opportunity is valued. Children also shared that they feel excited and proud to share their maths learning with their families.

If you were unable to make this week's events, we have three more planned in on the following dates:

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June



You can access videos of the games we play in our maths lessons by following the link here:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/HertsforLearningESSENTIALmaths/videos>

## Safer Internet Day

This week, we have been joining numerous schools and youth organisations across the UK celebrating Safer Internet Day. During this time, we have been focusing on change online, including how technology has changed over time like computers, phones and music devices.



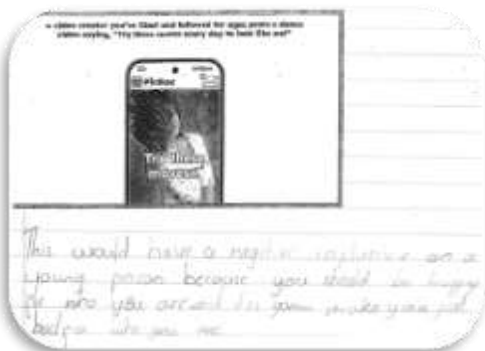
We have also been thinking about small changes that happen online every day, such as settings or characters changing within a game, videos that we are watching changing to something different and things popping up on screens like adverts.



Within lessons, the children have deepened their knowledge and understanding of changes online and explored how the internet influences us – both positively and negatively. Some children have even designed their own influencer that would use their powers for good and share a positive message/idea to others!

Remember, you can continue the celebrations of Safer Internet Day by continuing the conversation at home. The UK Safer Internet Centre has lots of exciting, free activities and information for parents and carers to use, which are available at: [saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents](https://saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents)

If you have any further 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).



## 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:

<b>What are the different Game Modes?</b>	
<b>Single Player</b>	
<b>Jamming</b> 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.
<b>Gig</b> 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.
<b>Garage</b> 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.
<b>Studio</b> 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.
<b>Soundcheck</b> 5 coins per correct answer	Soundcheck games ask 25 multiplication questions (up to $12 \times 12$ ), allowing 6 seconds for each question. Suitable for confident players.

### Most Active Classes of the Week:

Year 2	2 Crick 52%
Year 3	3 Tull 53%
Year 4	4 Spencer 100% AMAZING!!!
Year 5	5 Crick 91%
Year 6	6 Tull 52%



### Most Improved Users of the Week:

- Sophie 6 Tull 472
- Milena 5 Tull 1536
- Oliver 4 Crick 842
- Liberty 3 Crick 2420
- Ekkamveer 2 Spencer 784

## 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.	5 Crick	227,933,426
2.	3 Crick	71,446,966
3.	3 Spencer	65,256,618
4.	1 Crick	42,587,470
5.	2 Crick	28,507,150
6.	3 Tull	27,509,880
7.	1 Spencer	25,874,683
8.	4Tull	21,873,488
9.	2 Tull	16,559,746
10.	6 Tull	15,176,832

Well done to all of the children practising their spellings regularly.

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

## The Classroom News

### Year 1 - Dino Dome

On Tuesday, Year 1 were very excited as a dinosaur expert had come to school. The children entered the hall in silent awe and wonder, as a massive big black dome had been erected in the centre.



The children listened and watched in amazement as they were shown models and allowed to hold a range of dinosaur fossils.

Before long, they entered the dome where they were transported back in time millions of years. The children were immersed with 360 degree projected images of dinosaurs and led through a dinosaur landscape.



The dinosaur expert was able to answer all of the children's interesting questions. For the rest of the day, the children were enthusiastically chatting about the experience.

What a great learning adventure!



### Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have been exploring interesting techniques in art: considering perspective to create the illusion of depth. We have done this by mixing watercolour paint with various other substances, like salt and wax crayons, to create a water effect. We have had a go at one-point perspective drawing, which we then replicated and turned into a printed image. These techniques were inspired by the work of Patrick Hughes and Terry Gilecki. The children have demonstrated wonderful focus on their artwork and have enjoyed the process of building up their artworks across various lessons.



## Dates for the Diary

DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	TIME
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	1pm arrival. 2pm show
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 muffi 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

# GIRLS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION FROM OUR ELITE COACHES  
POSITION-SPECIFIC ENHANCEMENT  
HIGH-INTENSITY TRAINING  
HOLISTIC PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

**TUESDAY**  
FEBRUARY 20TH, 2024

**9AM - 3PM**  
AGES 6 - 14

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## SATURDAY ATHLETICS COURSE



Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club are pleased to announce a new 5-week athletics course for young athletes in Northampton and surrounding areas. It runs from Saturday March 2nd to Saturday March 30th.

This course will give an introduction to the track and field events – running, jumping and throwing and is suitable for all – from total novices to more seasoned athletes – no experience required – just lots of energy. The emphasis will be on fitness, skills and fun with all sessions led by qualified club coaches.

### When

Saturday mornings 10-30 until 11-45

### Where

The sessions will take place at the Moulton College athletics track

### Who

The sessions are open to both club and non- club athletes **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

### Costs

R&N members – free

Non-club athletes – £15 per 5 week block

**Ages** – MINIMUM AGE is Yr 3 at school (aged 7+) – MAXIMUM is Yr 10 at school

**On completion** – all course members will be invited to participate in the MOULTON EASTER OPEN EVENT to be held on Saturday 6th April

Places are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

To register – please complete this google form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQL5cQR93lenkxHroYKN6p9euuA2hNetkRaqlf6i0AE2g2qzFQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

If you have any further questions about the course or the club, please contact us at:

[contactus@rugbyandnorthamptonac.org](mailto:contactus@rugbyandnorthamptonac.org)

