

## Moulton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We've had another great week in school with lots of brilliant things taking place. On Wednesday, some of our new Year 6 Prefects represented the school at our first round of parent meetings and did a fantastic job at greeting families and helping the event run smoothly. It was wonderful to see such a good turn out and we are looking forward to seeing many more of you next week.

Children have been busy across the school putting together speeches and presentations to run for a position in the School Council this week. They have been busy attending our polling station to vote and we are looking forward to introducing the elected members next week.

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

Miss Jones 😊

### Parking - Polite Reminder



Please may we remind parents/carers that you must not drive into the school site to drop children off at MASK breakfast club or any other morning clubs. Please may we also ask that you keep the driveway clear when dropping and collecting from clubs by standing by the main office.

We thank you for your understanding with this.

### Applying for a Year 7 place in secondary school for September 2025

Parents / carers of pupils in year 6 who are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2025 are reminded that the closing date for applications is 31st October 2024. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you apply for a secondary school place for your child and that this is received before the closing date. A late application will mean that the chance of getting one of your preferred schools is greatly reduced.

### The Classroom News

#### Year 2

This week we have been incredibly busy getting stuck into our new text: How to make friends with a ghost. The children have been writing their own instructions on how to look after a ghost of their very own. We have been using interesting vocabulary and joining ideas together with a variety of conjunctions. Our ghosts have favourite snacks, hiding places and bedtimes; so if you need to know how to befriend and care for a ghost... call year 2!



### Year 3

Year 3 have been busy exploring the wonders of the Earth over the past two weeks, learning about rocks. We have explored the three different types of rocks: igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. This has included looking at how each are formed, from the rapid cooling of lava from volcanoes to the pressures of sediments being condensed together into layers of rock. To help demonstrate our learning of how rocks change and the rock cycle, the children used different types of chocolate to represent igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks by melting, mixing and scraping off smaller pieces to compress into layers. It rocked!



### Dates in the Diary

DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	TIME
14th October	Parents	FOMPS AGM Meeting	7pm (Teams)
16th October	Whole School	Parents Evening	4 - 7pm
16th October	Prospective Pupils	EYFS Tour for 2025	10 am
21st October	Whole School	Flu Vaccines	Normal School Hours
22nd October	Whole School	Flu Vaccines	Normal School Hours
23rd October	EYFS and Year 6	Height and Weight Check	Normal School Hours
24th October	Year 1	Storytelling Session	2.45 - 3pm
5th November	Year 3	Flag Fen Archaeologic Park	Arrive normal time, pick up 4pm
6th November	Prospective Pupils	EYFS Tour for 2025	6 pm
7th November	Whole School	Individual School Photos	Normal School Hours
11th November	Year 6	Remembrance Event	Normal School Hours
12th November	Prospective Pupils	EYFS Tour for 2025	10am
16th November	Year 6 Strictly	Strictly Competition	
18th November	Year 4, 5 & 6	Hockey Competition	After school - 6pm
28th November	Year 6	Windrush Workshop	Normal School Hours
30th November		Christmas Fayre	TBC

17th December	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Derngate - Panto	Normal School Hours
18th December	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Derngate - Panto	Normal School Hours
13th January	Year 2	Storytelling Session	2.45 - 3pm
17th January	Young Voices Choir	Young Voices Concert	TBC
20th January	Year 1	Storytelling Session	2.45 - 3pm
29th January	EYFS	Storytelling Session	2.45 - 3pm
12th May	Year 2	Storytelling Session	2.45 - 3pm
12th - 14th May	Year 4	Residential	TBC
14th May	EYFS	Storytelling Session	2.45 - 3pm
2nd June - 6th June	Year 6	PGL	TBC
5th June	Year 1	Storytelling Session	2.45 - 3pm



Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised\* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register). Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at [www.coolmilk.com/parents](http://www.coolmilk.com/parents).

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact) or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

*Cool Milk*

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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

## 1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

## 2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

## 3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

## 4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

## 5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

## 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

## 7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby. Just in case, an extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

## 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

## 9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

## 10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

## Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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