

## Moulton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for your ongoing support and kind words this week. In my first official message as Headteacher of Moulton, I wanted to share with you how delighted I am to have been appointed to lead the school on the next step of its journey. I will relish this opportunity and work hard with our staff team to drive the school forwards in our quest for excellence.

Together, we will ensure that Moulton is a school where every child feels valued, inspired, and empowered to achieve their dreams.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Miss Jones

### The School News

#### Maths Morning

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended our 'Maths Morning' event today. Once again classrooms were bustling with enthusiasm as the children played games to consolidate learning and to practise newly learnt skills.

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

- 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>

## **Red Nose Day**

Last Friday was Red Nose Day and to celebrate the children all attended a special Year 6 vs Teacher quiz hosted by Moulton's very own taskmaster: Mr Johnson. But being Comic Relief, it was a quiz with a twist and there were no quiz questions, just silly challenges! Rounds included: walking with a book balanced on your head, throwing a paper ball into a recycling bin and a human version of Buckaroo! The children thoroughly enjoyed the event and were delighted to see the Year 6s win! This capped our great Red Nose Day of fun and fundraising!



## 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	116,135,755
2.	2 Spencer	82,039,442
3.	1 Crick	78,102,263
4.	5 Tull	59,018,797
5.	3 Spencer	38,100,634
6.	3 Crick	26,299,254
7.	1 Spencer	22,154,933
8.	4Spencer	17,476,994
9.	4Crick	17,330,302
10.	1 Tull	16,266,819

Well done to 5Crick 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

<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 30%
Year 3	3 Spencer 41%
Year 4	4 Crick 59%
Year 5	5 Tull 58%
Year 6	6 Spencer 18%



### Most Improved Users of the Week:

Georgia 2 Tull

Ishaan 3 Spencer

Bertie 4 Spencer

William 5 Tull

Catherine 6 Spencer



## The Sports News

After school on Thursday, two teams of Year 4 and 5 children represented Moulton Primary in the School Games Dodgeball competition at Moulton School. They competed in a round-robin tournament against some of the other local schools.

Dodgeball is a sport of honesty and we were so proud that our children embraced this crucial attribute when playing. Our teams had never before played in a competitive dodgeball competition but they did not shy away from the ferocity and chaos of balls being thrown everywhere. Both teams played brilliantly and finished a respectable second and sixth out of the eight teams competing.

Our children should be very proud of themselves for realising that it is 'how you play the game' which truly matters. The children showed respect to the other teams, shaking hands after every match and obeying the decisions made by the Moulton School Young Leaders. A big well done to everyone.



## The Classroom News

### EYFS



During our recent science week the children began to investigate seeds. This week they have been looking after the seeds they planted whilst carefully watching them change and grow into plants. The children decided on the best place in the classroom to grow their plants based on their knowledge and understanding. Also they have carried out a little experiment to see what happens if you don't water the seeds. It has been lovely to see the children's curiosity and excitement about the natural world.

### Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed dipping their toe into the world of coding this week in our Computing lessons. We have been learning how to put together simple coding blocks using a programme called Scratch. We have created different sprites (characters) and made them move independently of each other. We have changed backgrounds and even given them different sounds. Scratch is a free programme that you can use if you wanted to give it a go at home. The website is <https://scratch.mit.edu/> or just type Scratch into Google. Happy Coding!



## Dates for the Diary

DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	TIME
21st March	4 /5 (Selected children)	Dodgeball Event	After school - 6pm
22nd March	Whole school	Maths Morning	On arrival to school - 9.30am
25th March	KS2	Quicksticks Hockey Competition	Afterschool - 5.45 from Gate 4 Moulton Collage
26th March	EYFS Crick	Meet the class teacher	3.10 - 3.30pm
27th March	Year 1	Woburn Safari Park - School Trip	Normal School Day hours
27th March	3 Spencer	Meet the class teacher	3.30pm
27th March	3 Tull	Meet the class teacher	3.30pm
23rd April	KS2 Selected children	Cross Country	
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
13th May	Year 6	SATS	
14th May	Year 6	SATS	
15th May	Year 6	SATS	
15th May - 17th May	Year 4	Frontier Centre - Residential	TBC
16th May	Year 6	SATS	
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
23d June	Year 6 Strictly Juniors	Strictly Juniors	6:00 PM
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