

Morley Place Academy Weekly Newsletter



Friday 23rd May 2025



Mr Duncan's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly brilliant half term we've had at Morley Place! We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs, showing excellent effort and determination throughout. They truly rose to the challenge, and we couldn't be prouder of their resilience.

We've also had the pleasure of welcoming several visitors to school, enriching our pupils' learning and experiences. From the school nurse service offering valuable health insights, to Yorkshire Building Society sharing financial literacy, and the engaging leaders of both Forest School and Music – every visitor has commented on the warm and friendly pupils we have here at Morley Place. This truly reflects the wonderful community we all foster together.

Looking Ahead to a Fantastic End of Year

We're now eagerly looking forward to a fantastic end to the school year, packed with exciting activities! Our transition activities will soon be underway, helping all pupils prepare for their next steps. Our dedicated Pupil Parliament team will be embarking on their special visit to London, a fantastic opportunity for them to see democracy in action.

For our Year 6 pupils, there's the brilliant opportunity for enhanced transition at De Warenne, specifically designed to support them in adjusting to high school life. This extra support will be invaluable as they prepare for this exciting new chapter.

Building Works and Half Term Break

Finally, the main part of the building work is set to get underway. We genuinely appreciate your continued support and patience whilst these important works are in progress. We'll do our best to minimise disruption and keep you informed of any significant changes.

In the meantime, have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 2nd June!

Kind regards,
Mr Duncan

#AttendanceMatters

It is vital that ALL children attend school as much as possible.

One day's absence equates to 5 hours and 30 minutes of lost learning.

Which class is on top?

Y5 Dylan Class = 97.9%

Y4 Einstein Class = 97.6%

Y4 Anning Class = 97.2%

Key Dates

Monday 2nd June

School Opens

Tuesday 3rd June

Year 2 Parents' Meeting

Friday 13th June

Summer Fayre

For the full calendar, please visit our website!

Year 5 & 6 Play on the Pitch

What an incredible experience for our Year 5 & 6 footballers, getting to play on Doncaster Rovers' very own Eco-Power Stadium! You all showed such fantastic teamwork and effort throughout the day, making it all the way to the play-offs.

Even though it was a tough 1-0 loss from a dubious penalty that knocked you out, Mrs. Smith was so impressed by how brilliantly you all played together. You should be incredibly proud of yourselves!



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Year 3

Hockney Class = 96%

Kahlo Class = 93%

Picasso Class = 89%

This week...

We have started our topic on measures in maths. We've been looking at different units of measurements and thinking about the most appropriate unit to measure in. Additionally, we've been using rulers to measure in centimeters and drawing lines of different lengths, which has been a little tricky!

In reading, we have continued our class reader Charlotte's Web, exploring how the author has used dialogue to show characters reactions and feelings effectively. The relationships between the characters in the story are really developing and we can see how close Wilbur and Charlotte are becoming.

In our wider curriculum lessons, we have looked more at farming during ancient Egyptian times. We discussed the farmers calendar and the different seasons. We then looked at how the River Nile was important in farming and daily Egyptian life - linking beautifully to our DT work on the shaduf which we brought to life this week too. We used detailed sketches to create models of a working shaduf using pulley's and levers to ensure that our shaduf can lift and move small objects much like how it was used in Ancient Egyptian times.

We cannot forget our amazing day yesterday. We went to the National Coal Mining Museum to experience life as a miner during the Victoria era. It was a great reminder of all we learnt during our last topic. Although it was great to walk in a Victorian child miners' shoes for just a while, we decided that being down the mine for 10 hours a day, 6 days a week was not for us! We had a brilliant day though and thoroughly enjoyed coming home looking dirty with soot.

We've had a busy half term and we hope you have a restful break and make the most of the lovely weather (fingers crossed).



Stars of the Week!

Hockney Class

Cora

Kahlo Class

Troy

Picasso Class

Armony



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Year 4

Anning Class = 97.2%

Attenborough Class = 91%

Einstein Class = 97.6%

This week...

Our young authors truly unleashed their imaginations this week in writing, working incredibly hard on their defeating the monster stories for their hot writes. We were so impressed with the creativity on display!

In maths, we've started our new topic on area, diligently counting squares and comparing the areas of different shapes.

Reading saw us continue with Krindlekrax, where we focused on how suspense was created, and we also learned some fascinating facts about Steve Irwin and his love for crocodiles.

It was great to get outside for PE, with energetic sessions of dodgeball and rounders.

We also wrapped up our RE unit on reincarnation in Buddhism and Hinduism, and completed our engaging topic work on the Mayans. What a productive and varied week it's been!



Stars of the Week!

Anning Class

Peaches

Attenborough Class
Freddi

Einstein Class
James



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Year 5

Dylan Class = 97.9%

Fitzgerald Class = 93%

Mozart Class = 88%

This week...

Year 5 have been focusing on cross-curricular writing activities, including Science and RE, after finishing our 'Defeating the Monster' stories last week. We have been focusing on sentence structure and punctuating our sentences accurately.

In maths, we have started looking at polygons and 3D shapes. We have been building on prior knowledge to count the faces, edges and vertices of various 3D shapes. The children have really enjoyed this topic and were incredibly successful.

In art, we have been looking at the many different grades of pencil and investigated which one we felt gave the best tone and intensity. We have used this knowledge to create accurate line drawings of London Bridge. The children have been very proud of their fantastic artwork and have been desperate to share it on dojo.



Stars of the Week!

Dylan Class

Hollie

Fitzgerald Class

Thea

Mozart Class

Lexi



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Year 6

Christie Class = 96%

Dickens Class = 90%

Shelley Class = 96%

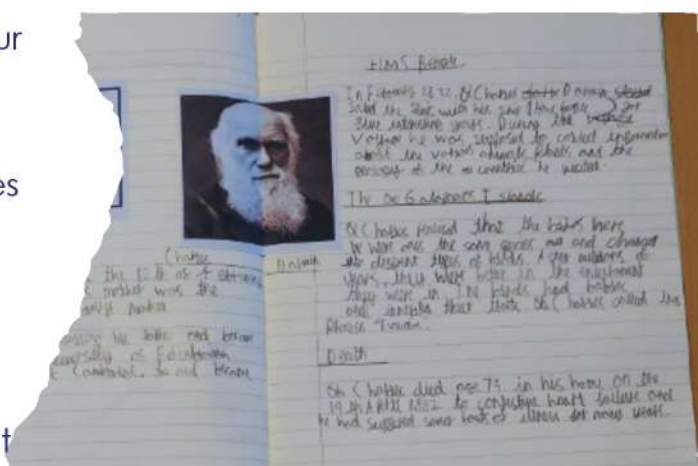
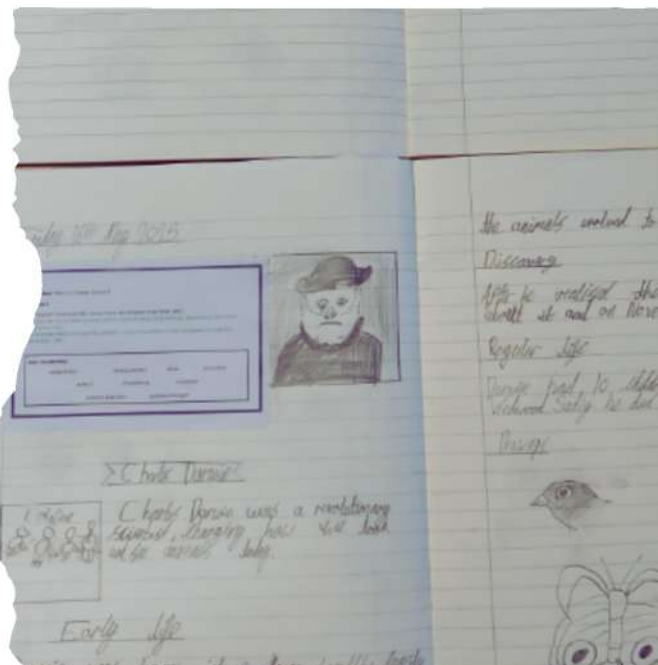
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Year 6 have had a busy week. In writing we have looked at both *Oliver Twist* and *The Lighthouse*. We have produced some beautiful pieces of extended writing.

We have continued to work on tone in art and have worked hard to use sketching skills to create depth in our work.

We have started our geography topic looking at South America. We have identified some of the main countries on this continent and have looked at the main imports and exports. We are excited to continue this work particularly looking at the marine biomes found on the continent.

We have started our new text, *Floodland* and were shocked to see how damaging floods can be. We can't wait to find out why Zoe has been abandoned.



Stars of the Week!

Christie Class

Thomas

Dickens Class

Cezary

Shelley Class

Freya



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Safeguarding

Staff you can count on!

Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority.

Mr Duncan: Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Pratt: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Attendance and Welfare Officer.

Mrs Fitzpatrick: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENDCO

Mrs Summers: Thrive Practitioner, Social Emotional and Mental Health Leader

Mrs Davies: Pastoral Support

Mrs Cowlshaw: linked Academy Advisory Board Member for Safeguarding

All staff have received Safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.



Do you need us?

If you ever have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child you can contact us on **01709 302340**.

You can also access Doncaster's **Child at Risk Report Form** by scanning the QR code below:



Mr Duncan



Miss Pratt



Mrs Fitzpatrick



Mrs Summers



Mrs Davies

We hope you found this newsletter useful!

Your views and feedback are very important to us.

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