

# Morley Place Academy Weekly Newsletter



Friday 5th July 2024



## Key Dates

**Monday 8th July**

Forest School Taster Day

**Monday 8th - Friday 12th July**

Year 6 Transition Events

**Monday 8th & Friday 12th July**

Year 3 New Starters Meetings

For the full calendar, please visit our website!

## Pupil Parliament 2024/2025

Excitement crackled in the air today, just like on a real election day! We cast our votes for the Pupil Parliament, following the same process as grown-ups. It felt important marking our ballots, choosing the classmates we believe will represent us best.

This election, timed alongside the general election, helped us understand why voting matters. We're all eager to see the results announced in our special assembly – who will make up our school's government? Let the wait begin!



## Mr Duncan's Message

Dear Parents,

The summer holidays are fast approaching, and with them comes a mixture of excitement and nerves as we prepare to say goodbye to another school year.

We know this can be a time of transition for both pupils and parents. To help ease the nerves, we'd like to share some important information about the upcoming weeks.

### Transition Day

Next week, we will be holding our annual Transition Day! During this exciting event, pupils will find out who their new teachers will be for the next academic year. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to meet their new teachers informally and get a taste of what to expect in September.

### Meet the Teacher

Following Transition Day, we will be holding an "After School Meet the Teacher" session. This is your chance to put a face to the name and learn more about your child's new classroom environment. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend!

### Looking Ahead: Exciting After School Opportunities

Next year promises to be jam-packed with exciting after school activities! We are thrilled to announce a partnership with Doncaster Rovers, offering a fantastic opportunity for budding athletes. Additionally, we will be introducing Forest School sessions, allowing pupils to connect with nature and learn through outdoor play. There will also be our Morley Place Choir, welcoming new members who want to unleash their inner singers!

We are confident there will be something for everyone to get involved with next year. More detailed information about after school clubs, including registration details, will be sent home in a separate letter next week.

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?

3NW = 98%

4SF = 95%

5RC & 6JC = 94%



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# Year 3

## This week...

We are feeling a little sad as we approach the end of 'Charlotte's Web'. We've been working hard to understand Charlotte's plans whilst feeling a little concerned about her health. We have been summarising each chapter and our predictions for the ending are changing a little now.

In writing, we have started a new unit of work. We are going to be learning how to write a suspense story. We have written our independent piece to see what we already know so next week we'll be getting stuck in to some new learning to create some terrifying tales.

In Maths we have had a busy week, we've started learning about angles. We've learnt how to recognise acute, obtuse and right angles and then started to compare them. Then we moved on to looking at vertical and horizontal lines and to end the week we've done some arithmetic tests which have been quite challenging.

Finally the day arrived, bread making. We've followed the recipe carefully and had so much fun tasting and reviewing our finished bread roll. We've scoffed the lot, so might be a bit too full for tea!

Have a great weekend



## Stars of the Week!

3BM

Abigail

3LM

Robyn

3NW

Rennae



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# Year 4

## This week...

Year 4 have continued reading the class text 'The Land of Roar', where Rose and Arthur have finally rescued grandad and defeated the evil 'Crowky'. We've discussed the characters feelings at various parts of the story and compared them to how they are feeling now. We can't wait to see how the story ends.

In writing, we have created our own 'monsters' that will be using in our hot writing next week. Our vocabulary choices have really helped to bring these monster to life and will be great in our defeat the monster writing.

In maths, we have started our decimal topic. We have looked at tenths and hundredths as decimals in place value grids and on number lines as well as dividing 1 and 2-digit numbers by 100.

One of the best parts of our week, was performing to parents in the ukulele concert. Although we were a little nervous, we loved to show everyone what we had learnt throughout the year.

Well done to all the children and thank you parents for your support.



## Stars of the Week!

4RG

All of the  
Class!

4SF  
Bethany

4ZN  
Ukulele  
Soloists!



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# Year 5

## This week...

In our writing lessons we have been completing our shared write of our diary entry. We have been working really hard to ensure that we are using all our skills, such as; show not tell, relative clauses, a range of sentence types and time adverbials. We have all produced some fantastic writing that we should all be proud of.

Also, we have been continuing with our history topic, Politics for Beginners. This week we have been learning all about who the Suffragettes were and what they were fighting for. This has made for some fantastic classroom discussions during our lessons and teachers have been very impressed with our level of understanding and vocabulary.

In our maths lessons this week, we have been understanding how to convert different units. We did find this tricky at first but our great resilience shone through and now we are very confident in this.

Well done on another fabulous week, Year 5!



## Stars of the Week!

5HB

Kenzie



5TA

Enya

5RC

Reanileigh





# Year 6

## This week...

We have had a lovely time researching a country from South America to write a persuasive leaflet showing the features of that place. We have used our writing and creative skills to produce a finished piece of work. We learnt that people in Peru eat guinea pigs so we probably don't want to go there!

In maths, we have worked hard learning some real-life skills. We have been looking at taxable amounts and working out just how much that is when applied to wages. We were really interested in how the money which is taxed is spent! We could not believe that the government can take 20% of all income earned above £12570. We also decided that being a doctor is a good idea as their hourly rate seems pretty good.

We enjoyed a draw-a-long with the artist and writer Phil Shepherd and learned how to illustrate books.

We have discussed the election and are looking forward to seeing what the new government does for us.



## Stars of the Week!

6JC

Lily D

6JS  
Iris

6JT  
Joseph



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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.

If you have any feedback or suggestions please contact us using any of the channels below.



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