



“Learning Together”

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

# Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

8th March 2024

## Coffee Afternoon

On Friday 22nd March we will be hosting another coffee afternoon in the school hall. We will be selling cold and hot drinks as well as delicious treats. The School Council will be responsible for hosting the afternoon, serving the tea and cakes and keeping things running smoothly. They'd love to see you there. Cake donations for this event would be very warmly received and will help make this afternoon another great success. This event will start at 2pm and go on until 3:30pm, so parents, family and friends will be able to come and have a drink and then pick up their children from school. All are welcome.



## World Book Day

Anyone who didn't know us would have been surprised to visit our school on Thursday and find us all in our pyjamas!

We weren't all running late for school but in keeping with our World Book Day theme of “A Book at Bedtime”. Children also bought one of their favourite bedtime books and some bought teddies and torches too for good measure!

Throughout the day, we enjoyed a variety of different reading activities and then we buddied up with our partner classes to share our books. Finally, we all enjoyed listening to a bedtime story read by the class teacher.





## Book Swap

Yesterday afternoon saw another successful Book Swap for pupils. Children were able to bring in books they have already read and swap them for a 'new' one. It's a great way to get exciting new books to read at home instead of having to buy new books each time. We had lots to choose from - thank you to everyone who brought in some books in exchange for tokens. We hope you like your new ones.



## Red Nose Day

We will be raising money for Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March by wearing own clothes and bringing in donations of at least £1.

## School Value Awards

We love to live our School Values and enjoy recognising, and celebrating, with those children who have been great examples of our Values in Action.



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Each Friday we recognise some lovely ways in which pupils have been living our values. These have included showing kindness to others who have been feeling upset, or have been hurt during play, making sure that they are cared for; giving extra help and support to classmates, and making sure people aren't left out at break and lunch times. We have seen examples of respect by offering support and explanations to a talk partner, making them feel more comfortable with understanding the work, helping them to understand the question being asked in English. We have seen children taking responsibility for themselves and their belongings by making sure that cloakrooms are kept tidy, for their work and learning by having positive attitude, for the environment and for school equipment by helping move cones around at playtimes, and manning stationary shop and library. We have seen great co-operation as pupils have worked together to ensure that the team was complete for the rugby play-offs, and to keep our bookcases tidy. We have seen tolerance for change as teams have had to be changed during the play-offs. Well done everyone, we look forward to hearing about more of our 'values in action'.

## 4B Class Assembly

On Monday 4th March, 4B presented their class assembly focused on Computing, but with a little history, maths and songs in there too. The children explained a lot about Computer Science at school. They explained sequences, selection, repetition and variables and how algorithms are implemented by computer programming. They had a catchy song about algorithms.

Everyone played their part and had learnt a tremendous amount too. I think we would all like to travel back through the Time Tunnel to visit Euclid. He would have been proud of our Shapes Song. Well done 4B.



## Rugby Playoffs

The last two weeks at lunchtime has seen one team from each class take part in tag rugby playoffs.

The children have all shown the importance of our school values not only for treating others with respect and kindness but for getting the most of their team through cooperation and being responsible for their role in the team. All years have played some fantastic games really demonstrating the skills they have learned in Games lessons.

We had a fantastic final between 6M and 6G with both teams showing great skill, support and teamwork.

6M prevailed to become our champions and all teams can be proud of effort and team work!

They could not have done this without that belief they showed. Belief that following the school values and pulling together would work, belief in their own skills and belief in their team mates!

We have been very impressed with the sporting attitude of all players and spectators encouraging not only their team but also congratulating other teams!

Well done!



## Cross Country

What an amazing final race of the season! We were so impressed with the effort that all of the children put in. 19 runners took part in the boggiest race of the season. 4 of our runners finished in the top 10. Well done to Flo, Flynn, Joel and Alfie.

For the full results of the final race and previous races, click on the link below:

<https://www.greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk/page/cross-country/118257>

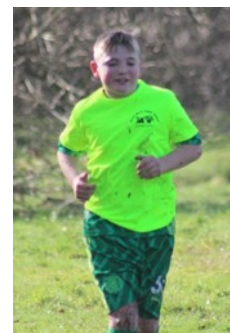
The top 3 individual results from our school from our four best races contribute to our team score.

Year 3/4 girls: 3rd overall

Year 3/4 boys: 1st overall

Year 5/6 girls: 7th overall

Year 5/6 boys: 8th overall



These are the best team results we have ever had. Well done to everyone who took part for this incredible team success. We had some individual success too with 4 children coming in the top 10 overall. Well done to Flo (2nd), Rory (2nd), Flynn(5th) and Joel (9th).

There will be a presentation on Saturday 23rd March for any children that finished in the top 10. Mr Garnett will let you know the times. Medals for children who competed in at least 5 out of the 6 races will be presented in assembly the Friday after.

The season as a whole was brilliant. We had 37 different children represent our school over the 6 races. The way in which the children supported each other was fantastic. All of the children should be very proud of themselves.

The information for next year will be provided to us just before the summer. The first race is usually in September.





## Easter Egg Raffle

Thanks so much for all the Easter egg donations, the children are getting very excited about the raffle. Tickets are on sale £1 a strip.



## Crossing Patrol & road Safety

We desperately need a new Crossing Patrol. Please see the advert below. Please do not stop on the zig zags or too near junctions to drop children off or pick up.. It is illegal and dangerous. Parking attendants will be visiting the school regularly.

<https://stockport.jobs.engageats.co.uk>

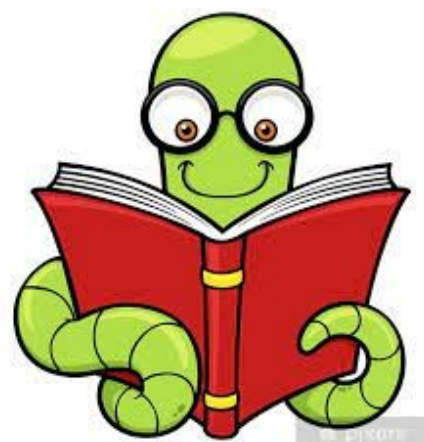


## Reading Millionaires

Although we read regularly in school, it is really important that children also read independently at home. We understand that there is a lot of competition for children's attention but encouraging them to switch off and read has so many other benefits than just improving reading!

Here are a few:

- Cognitive Development and Stimulation
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- Language Development
- Vocabulary Expansion
- Literary Progression
- Cultural Awareness
- Social and Emotional Growth
- Social Interaction
- Growth in Emotional Intelligence
- Stronger Knowledge
- Improved Understanding of Everyday Life
- Academic Benefits
- Improved Concentration and Focus.
- Strengthening Family Bonds (reading together)



We have some wonderful readers in school who have excellent reading habits. Some of them have already become reading Millionaires (which means they have read a million words since September)!

Our first Millionaire was Nicolas Vaughan in 4M who crossed the line in January and was closely followed by Lottie Hadfield-Burn in February. Several other children are getting close and should reach this incredible milestone soon. Even a little reading will help however, so we hope children can find a few slots a week to enjoy their books at home.



## UK Sports Coaching

Here we go....

### Easter camps 2024

Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April

Monday 8th April - Thursday 11th April

Ultimate football, GK Wars, Multi-sports and Dance.

Indoor & Outdoor facilities.

Boys & Girls welcome, daily prizes to be won.

Hazel Grove Sports Centre.

9am to 3.30pm (standard day).

Ofsted registered childcare provider.

Book now:

<https://uk-sports-coaching-ltd.classforkids.io/camps>

For more information please feel free to WhatsApp message 07891205763

### Whit Holiday Camps 2024

Tue 28th May - Fri 31st May

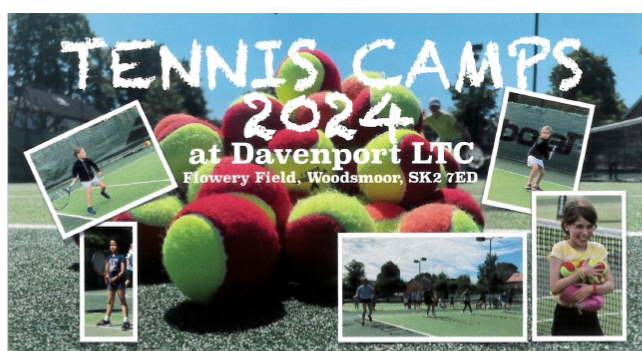
Mon 3rd June - Thu 6th June

## Stockport Titans Year 4 Basketball Team

The Stockport Titans year 4 mixed Basketball team is looking for more players ahead of the new season starting in September 2024.

Training is now taking place every Thursday, 7pm until 8pm in the gym at Hazel Grove High School and once the season restarts in September, games will take place every Saturday in Leisure Centre at Reddish Vale High School.

Parents and carers of children interested in joining the team can find out further information by contacting Jo Redmond on: 07876 502801.



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Morning	10am-12.30pm	£14	£16
Full Day	10am-4pm	£22	£24
Early Drop Off	8.30-10am	£4	£5
Late Pick Up	4-5pm	£4	£5

Call Ben on 07966 973901 for more details

Early Drop  
off & Late  
Pickup

#### Dates 2024:

Holiday	Dates
February Half Term	13, 14, 15 February
Easter 1	2, 3, 4 April
Easter 2	9, 10, 11 April
Whit Half Term	28, 29, 30, 31 May
Summer 1	29, 30, 31 July, 1, 2 August
Summer 2	12, 13, 14, 15, 16 August
Summer 3	27, 28, 29, 30 August
October Half Term	21, 22, 23 October

Please note that sessions will run in all weather. Indoor games and activities will take place in very wet weather. Players should bring snacks (lunch if staying all day), drinks and a water proof coat. Tennis rackets can be provided at no extra charge.

#### HOW TO BOOK

##### Step 1: Text or email the information required:

- Childs Name & Age
- Contact Number
- Medical conditions (if any)
- Dates and sessions you'd like to book (full/half day, early drop offs & late pickups)
- Permission for photos of your child for use on our website and social media?
- Amount of money transferred



##### Step 2: Transfer correct fee via bacs:

Account number: 11357666 Sort Code: 110504 Reference: Childs Name

Please note that bookings cannot be confirmed until full payment is received

For more information call Ben on 07966 973901

or email [bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk)





Dear Stockport Parents and Families,

As World Book Day approaches, we want to remind you about your local library service and all the fantastic things we can offer you and your family at your local library.

We know many of you already visit us, but we don't want anyone else to miss out on what's to offer 😊

Did you know?

- There's always a library close by - we have 16 libraries in Stockport.
- Visit 13 of our libraries daily from 8 am to 8 pm via self-service access. You just need the app and a code on your phone!
- We have all the new bestsellers and traditional favourites to borrow for three weeks at a time – and if you've not finished reading, extend the borrowing time with no problem!
- What about if you're struggling to answer your homework? Pop down to the library to borrow our amazing information books!
- If children's books are late back- don't worry, we won't fine you!
- We have free online books and the most popular magazines for your tablets– these are available on our website 24/7
- We have free audiobooks - perfect for listening to on your travels – available online 24/7
- You don't have to travel far to get your new read; you can reserve books online to collect at your local library building.
- You can do everything on our free online app- reserve, borrow, join, and much more!
- We have free Wi-Fi, computers, and free tablets, which you can use to search the web, study, or play games- whatever you'd like.
- Storytime is free and happens every week in every library – no need to book, just pop along.
- We have many free events for children, families and more – we would love more of you to come along and meet us. Find out all about our events on our library web pages.
- Please read all about our fab library service via our social media pages! Like our Facebook page, and make sure to follow @SMBC\_Libraries on X!

What are you waiting for? We'd love to see you in your local library on World Book Day or any day soon! Join online now or visit a library and speak to our friendly team. To find out more, visit our website. We can't wait to meet you 😊



- Your friendly Stockport Libraries Team 😊

