



“Learning Together”

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

19th July 2024

Goodbye and Good Luck

This will be the last newsletter before the summer holidays so we would like to wish all our Year 6 leavers the very best of luck at secondary school. Their SATs results were incredible and we are very proud of all they have achieved during their time at our school. The Y6 Leavers' Assembly will be on Friday 26th at 11am. Only 2 seats per family will be allocated in order to get everybody in.

We will also be sad to say goodbye and thank you to several members of staff this summer. We will miss them.

Mrs Begley and Mr Breckwolft have served an incredible 53 years between them at our school, we would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to our school over the many years and wish them a very happy retirement.



Mr Brading, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Roberts will all be moving onto pastures new and we would like to thank them for all they have done and wish them the best of luck for the future.



I would also like to thank the incredible staff team we have here at Great Moor Junior school who work so tirelessly for the children. We are very lucky to have such fantastic staff.

We hope you all have a lovely summer holidays. School starts again on Tuesday 3rd September and we look forward to welcoming our new children into Year 3 then.

Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

The results are in! Thank you to all of our parents who try to ensure their child is in school every day when they are well enough to be. Children can miss a lot of learning in just one day and it's really important to make sure that doesn't happen if possible. Our attendance reward system has been in place all year and classes with the highest attendance each week have won £10 for their class. Well done to 3G who have raised the most money over the year. Pupils in 3G are currently deciding how to spend this next week. Please note, we do not count any absences relating to ongoing medical issues in our weekly percentage. Well done, everyone!

High School Travel

As Year 6 pupils are approaching the end of their time at primary school and looking ahead to starting new schools in September TfGM would just like to highlight their school travel support.

TfGM have a dedicated webpage to encourage sustainable travel to and from high schools. The link is : [Travelling to school | Bee Network | Powered by TfGM](#)



A Wonderful Reading Year!

The children have made a huge effort with their reading this year and their enjoyment and ability to understand their books is clear to see. Accuracy in Accelerated Reader quizzes is good and children are reading regularly. We'd really like children to keep up their good work over the holidays so we would like to remind children that myON.co.uk has lots of online books and is particularly good for non-fiction. We would like all school reading books returned by Wednesday but children can check the level of their own books at home using AR Bookfinder online. This way, it's easy to choose a book that is accessible and more likely to be enjoyable for them to read.

We look forward to a new year of reading in September!

Stockport Harriers

Running is great fun as well as good for your health and our school is full of fantastic runners. Last year many of our pupils entered the Stockport Schools Cross Country events and did very well. Races are held at Woodbank Park on Saturday mornings (dates and times below) and there are 2 races for boys and 2 for girls depending on age. The route is clearly marked. Previously there have been around 80 runners in each category from all different schools. We are looking for runners in all categories. Last year, we had over 35 different runners from our school.

School will pay for the team so there is no individual charge and children are awarded certificates in our Friday assembly. There will be staff at each race so that you know where to go. Children will be given a GMJS t-shirt for the race so we can look out for them during the race.

The cross country events are great fun and we want to put a big emphasis on co-operation and teamwork. There is also a cross-country page on the website which will be updated after each race with results

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

If your child would like to take part in the first race, it would be great if you could email Mr Garnett beforehand so we can have a list ready for the day so staff can look out for them.

joe.garnett@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk

The events start and finish at the Woodbank Park Athletics Stadium. The best Post Code for car park access SK1 4BN. It does get busy on the day.

Match 1	Saturday 21st September	10.30 - 12.30
Match 2	Saturday 5th October	10.30 - 12.30
Match 3	Saturday 2nd November	10.30 - 12.30
Match 4	Saturday 30th November	10.30 - 12.30
Match 5	Saturday 18th January 2025	10.30 - 12.30
Match 6	Saturday 1 st March 2025	10.30 - 12.00

Race Details

	Race Time	Approximate Distance
Yr 3-4 Girls	10.30	1500m
Yr 3-4 Boys	10.50	1500m
Yr 5-6 Girls	11.10	2500m (2 laps)
Yr 5-6 Boys	11.40	2500m (2 laps)



Clubs

Next half term's after school clubs are on Parentpay if you would like to sign your child up.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DATES AUTUMN 1 2024							
CLUB	YEAR	DAY	Sept	Oct	Sessions	Tutor	Room
BASKETBALL	4, 5, 6	Monday	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14	6	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
ART	5 & 6	Monday	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14	6	Miss Campbell	50L
DRAMA	ALL	Monday	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14	6	Mrs Ogden/Miss Morrey	HALL
CRAFT	ALL	Monday	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14	6	Miss Macintyre	5M
SINGING	ALL	Tuesday	10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15	6	Miss Doogan	3G
SPANISH	ALL	Tuesday	10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15	6	Laura	4B
FOOTBALL	5 & 6	Tuesday	10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15	6	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
KARATE	ALL	Wednesday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16	6	Chantelle Unsworth	HALL
TAG RUGBY	ALL	Wednesday	11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16	6	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
KEYBOARD	ALL	Thursday	12, 19, 26	3, 10, 17	6	Miss Taylor	SEN room
ART	3 & 4	Thursday	12, 19, 26	3, 10, 17	6	Mrs Campbell	5M
TENNIS	ALL	Thursday	12, 19, 26	3, 10, 17	6	Ben Bush	DLTC
ICT & TTRS	ALL	Thursday	12, 19, 26	3, 10, 17	6	Mr Gill	ICT Suite
FOOTBALL	3 & 4	Thursday	12, 19, 26	3, 10, 17	6	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
DANCE	ALL	Thursday	12, 19, 26	3, 10, 17	6	Miss Moston	HALL

Year 6 production

Last week Year 6 performed their end of year production: The Pirates Of The Curry Bean. We have thoroughly enjoyed preforming this play and exploring the wild world of Lumbago. This show was based on young Jack and Liza Periwinkle and their mother, Pearl. Pearl is kidnapped and imprisoned by bloodthirsty pirates taking them to certain doom aboard the Curry Bean. We will never forget this amazing performance and we are sure the songs will never leave our minds! All of Year 6 have persevered, learned our lines and showed our school values and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

By Bella and Rose 6G



Ice Cream Shop

A very big 'thank you' to our wonderful ice cream sellers. Our Year 6 volunteers have worked tirelessly after school to run the school ice cream shop; serving the many customers with a cheerful smile and excellent customer service! Thank you for giving up your time.



School Council & Learning Ambassadors

We would like to say a huge thank you to our School Council members. This year's team has raised a large amount of money for school funds and charities. They come to council meetings with great ideas on how to support the school. It has been a pleasure to work with them this year. We would also like to say another huge thank you to all of our Learning Ambassadors for their hard work over the year. Our Ambassadors meet with our Governors once every half term to share with them everything that we do in school. They take them on tours of the school, showcasing our books, lessons and learning environment. They are a real asset to the school.

Play Leaders

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our Year 5 and 6 play leaders. Over the last year, they have given up a play time every week to plan and deliver games and activities to our Year 3 children. These have included things such as basketball and football drills, circuits, tennis games and lots of other fun games. The play leaders have gained many new skills but most importantly they have been fantastic role models to our younger pupils. The Year 3 children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and it has been lovely seeing them using lots of co-operation and building new friendships.

A group of Year 3 children said, "We love using the equipment and the games that play leaders organise are really fun."

We will be running play leaders next year and applications will come out in September for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Children that have done the role before will be allowed to apply again.



Web Warriors

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the Web Warriors!

You have done a fantastic job this year helping lead our initiatives for a safer internet life! You have lead by example, given fellow pupils advise and help, looked after IT equipment in school, helped your class teacher during Computing and Ipad lessons and turned up on time for every meeting.

Some of you had to step out of your comfort zones to speak to large groups and you did it wonderfully.

You have truly played a vital part in making our school a leader in e-safety and digital well being!

Thank you all!

Mr Gill



Lunchtime Helpers

Thank you to the fabulous lunchtime helpers who have been helping out Miss Seeds and Miss Howes by checking off the dinners off the register each day. Their help has been greatly appreciated.



Break the Rules Day

Last Friday was Break the Rules Day in school. Everyone had a great time and there were a lot of the rules broken. As you can see from the pictures we had some 'interesting' hairstyles and a few tattoos that were supposed to be temporary? Thank you for the donations that were made to break a few rules!



Penny Wars

The Penny War is over! Thank you so much to everyone who supported our school by participating in this event. The totals were counted and the winning class was 4B! For winning 4B will get an afternoon of activities chosen by the children! We couldn't do it without you all - thank you for your ongoing support.

Librarians

Lots of children really enjoy visiting the school library at lunchtime or coming with their class. The library is kept organised and run efficiently by our team of Library Monitors who give up their time to do this. Thank you to all of our Library Monitors for all their hard work!



Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up for FREE at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely FREE to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.¹

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access to books and fun family activities** all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

The Challenge will launch on **22 June** in Scotland and online; in England and Wales it will launch **6 July**. Local variations apply so please check with your library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!

