

# Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

27th September 2024

## Year 6 trip to PGL

Year 6 had a wonderful, action-packed weekend at PGL. Many children enjoyed soaring off the trapeze, splashing in the lake and partying at the silent disco! We were so proud of all the children who showcased our School Values and really pushed themselves through every challenge. It was certainly a weekend to remember! Thanks so much to all the staff who gave up their weekend to make the trip possible.













#### Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Festival is on Monday 30th September - it is an opportunity for us to enable children to reflect on how fortunate we are to have plenty to eat and be well looked after.

We are asking children to bring in donations for The Wellspring which is a worthwhile charity providing some very welcome meals and resources for homeless people in Stockport or those at risk of losing their home. Please send these in on the Monday morning.

Items currently needed by The Wellspring are listed below:

#### Food items:

Milk

Coffee

Cereal

Tinned Meat

Crisps

Chocolate Biscuits (ideally individually wrapped)

Fruit

Tinned Custard

Meat - fresh or frozen to support with our hot meal provision





#### Clothes:

Men's Underwear M/L

Men's Jogging Bottoms M/L

T-shirts

Hoodies

Jeans

Waterproof Coats

Socks

Trainers

Boots

Hats

Gloves

Rucksacks

Sleeping Bags









#### Cleaning:

Catering Tea Towels

Anti-Bacterial Wipes

Cleaning Cloths

Oven Cleaner

Scouring Pads

Polish

Thank you in advance for your donations

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## Parent Drop In - Wednesday 2nd October 3.30-5pm

As it is so early in the year, this drop-in is just for parents who have any specific concerns about how their child has settled in to their new class. If you do have a specific concern and would like to see your child's classteacher just call into school between 3.30 and 5pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Progress Reports are coming home tonight in the back of children's homework books. These are sent home once a term to give you an indication of how your child is doing in relation to age related expectations and also the effort they are putting into their studies. Parents of children on the SEND register will be offered different appointments and teachers will be in touch to arrange these.

#### Cross Country - Event 1

Well done to all of the children who took part in the first cross-country event at the weekend. You represented our school fantastically!

A big well done to our first timers: Mia, Florence, Frazer and Lucas. We hope you enjoyed it.

After the amazing success last season, it looks like everyone is wanting even more. We had top ten finishers in each of the four races. Well done to Elin in the Year 3/4 girls race, Joel, Lucas and Henry in the Year 3/4 boys race, Flo in the Year 5/6 girls race and Flynn in the Year 5/6 boys race for all coming in the top ten!

It always amazes me how much effort the children from our school put in during the race but was is more impressive is the support that the children give each other as they are racing. It really makes a big difference.

The results have been published online. A few days after each race you will find the link to the full results on our website. Here is the link to the cross-country page:

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

You will also find lots of general information about dates and timings for the cross-country league on this page.

The next event is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

## School Council and Learning Ambassadors

Thank you to all the pupils who put themselves forward to be a School Councillor or Learning Ambassador this year. These are two very important committees at Great Moor Junior School. The School Council has responsibility for fundraising across school. They help act as a voice for their classmates, bringing issues to Mrs Bushaway's attention and suggesting improvements to school and our resources. The Learning Council is responsible for maximising the ways in which children learn. They will help their teachers in planning fun and engaging activities for the classroom and meet with school Governors to keep them informed of everything going on in school. The chosen members have been selected by their peers and other staff and they should be very proud of themselves - well done! Our first meetings were held last week. We look forward to all of the exciting things that they will be organising this year















#### Playground Leaders

Children in Year 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to apply for a position as a play leader. This will involve organising games and sporting activities at play times for the younger children at school. Not only will this be amazing for the children enjoying the games, our play leaders will learn some fantastic skills while they are leading activities.

The successful candidates will take part in a course ran by Mr Garnett to learn the skills and build their confidence before leading sessions. As we have had so many, some children will do the roll before Christmas before the rest of the children take over after Christmas.

Thank you and well done to all of the successful candidates!



#### Ice Cream Shop

Although it is becoming more autumnal, ice cream shop is still open for business. Our wonderful Year 6 volunteers serve delicious ice creams and ice lollies after school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Many thanks to all who give up their time after the school day.





## Road Safety

Year 4 had such a great time learning why it's so important to wear a helmet when riding a bike. We did a fun "eggsperiment" to show how a helmet protects our heads. The eggs represented our heads and they had to protect their egg to prevent it cracking when falling from a small height. The eggs without helmets cracked easily, while the ones with helmets stayed safe. It was a fun, hands-on way to see just how important helmets really are. The whole class loved it and definitely learned why we should always wear a helmet.

Year 6 were also visited by the road safety officers recently. While they were here we walked up to the A6 and got to use professional speed camera guns to find the average speed of cars going up and down. When we got back to class we also tried drunk goggles to see how difficult it would be to drive under the influence of alcohol. The children particularly enjoyed trying to do tasks with these on. We also got to measure how far it takes for a car to stop with a meter wheel and were surprised to find that it takes a car 23 meters to stop if it is going 30mph. Overall it was a great experience.







## World Mental Health Day

It is World Mental Health Day on the 10th October which we have decided to link to one of our School Values this year: kindness. With our buddies we will discuss what mental health is and why it is important to look after it just like our bodies. We will recap some ways to help our mental health by linking to our Zones of Regulation and how being kind to others can help everyone. We will then focus on encouraging kindness by creating some kindness bingo cards which the children will work on with their buddies to tick off throughout the day.













#### Christmas Cards

Every year we take part in a school Christmas card project. This is where children create their own Christmas design which is then sent off to School Print World. Personalised order forms will be sent home to you from school over the next few weeks and families have the opportunity to purchase Christmas cards and other items with their child's design on. School earns a percentage of the funds that are collected by these orders, so it's a great way to raise vital funds for school at the same time as having a keepsake for Christmas. Please keep an eye out for the order forms.



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#### World Animal Day

Friday 4th October is World Animal Day, it is an annual event to celebrate animal rights and welfare across the globe. It is an important day and has been marked since 1925, with a growing international community striving to end the needless suffering of all animals. To celebrate this day in school the School Councillors are encouraging everyone to take part and dress up as animals in exchange for £1.







## Class Teacher Emails

Email addresses for class teachers are below in case you need to get in touch. Teachers will reply in school hours. <a href="mailto:eve.moston@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk">eve.moston@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk</a>

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# Parents/ Carers Awareness session online - 11th November 2024 -6.30 -7.30pm

Stockport LA are totally committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of their students. As part of this, we are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents and carers understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents and carers can do to help. Please join us for this hour-long workshop in which Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at Smoothwall will provide you with lots of valuable insights and tools. Including: -Information on the latest themes and trends your children may be accessing - The harmful content your child may be exposed to. - How you can help your child to safely navigate online risk. - How to access our brand new and FREE Online Safety Hub with dedicated guidance for parents. - An introduction to a parental app that allows you to control what your child sees online if they are at risk, plus other important features.



# Positive and Confident Children Course

An 8 week online course for parents and carers

#### The course will cover:

- · Quality time and play
- Anxiety
- Praise and rewarding bravery
- Emotion coaching
- Worry
- Setting limits
- Well-being

**Thursdays** (term-time) 9.30-10.30am



Only

Please book a place through the SENDCO at your child's school

# **PARENT & CHILD MINDFUL** MOMENTS WORKSHOP

Monthly at 5.30pm-6.30pm TTP Office 352A Buxton Road, Great Moor, SK2-7BY. Book online for the next available date



Come along with your child to learn mindfulness based skills. This is a relaxing parent and child workshop that uses breathing, sensory and visualisation techniques to help reduce yours and your child's anxieties whilst working on your connection with your child. Simple enough for you both to go away and apply the strategies in your everyday relationship with your child.

> For more information email hello@ttpcounselling.com or call 0161-511-9219







# **CHILDREN'S MINDFUL** MOMENTS GROUP

Every Thursday at 4.00pm-5.00pm TTP Offices, 352A Buxton Road, Great Moor, SK2-7BY. Book online for the next available date



Bring your child to learn mindfulness based skills. This is a relaxing and creative workshop that uses breathing, sensory and visualisation techniques to help reduce your child's anxieties whilst working on their self confidence and sense of calm. The group has a maximum of 7 places and is suitable for children aged 5-10 years old. The group also provides strategies and activities for your child to take away and try at home too. No silly sign up fees just book weekly PAYG.

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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

#### 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.



For more information call Ben on 07966 973901 or email <u>bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk</u>

























