



“Learning Together”

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

1st November 2024

Halloween Disco

Lots of children came to the Halloween Disco before half term and had great fun. They all looked fabulous in their costumes. Thanks to all our fabulous staff who gave up their time to help out.



Friendship Week

Friendship Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November. This year the theme is Choose Respect. As part of this, all children will be wearing odd socks on Monday 11th November to help celebrate our differences. Children will also be taking part in a PSHE lesson where they will look at scenarios to discuss how we could choose respect and help to stop unkindness.



Inter Faith Week 2024 (Sunday 10th - Sunday 17th November)

This week in RE we are celebrating people coming together. It's a time to learn about and respect different religious and non-religious worldviews, talk about what we believe, share traditions, and show kindness to one another. It's a chance to celebrate our differences and showcase our school values. Throughout the week, all pupils will become immersed within a scenario where they participate in lots of drama and discussion activities before making a decision about where they stand and why

Christmas Cards

Christmas card proofs were sent home with the children this week. All orders are to be placed by 15th November please, if you would like your order delivered to school.



Google Classroom

Google Classroom is used in school as an extension of our physical classrooms. It's used by staff to set homework, communicate with classes, encourage use of learning tools such as Times Tables Rock Stars and inform pupils of events. It's therefore a good idea for pupils to access Google Classroom from home every evening. (It's only for pupils to write comments, not parents please)

To try to make it even easier for pupils to log into Google Classroom both at home and in school we have added a link for Google Classroom to the school website homepage (a link to the school website is shown below).

If users scroll down the school website homepage to the existing section called "Google Classroom at Great Moor Junior School" there is now a line saying "click here to login to Google Classroom".

If pupils click this it will take them straight to the login page.

Each child has a copy of their Google Classroom username and password in their Reading Record.

Once they have entered their details they just click on the "9 dots" and choose "Google Classroom".

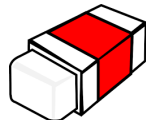
School website <https://www.greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk/>

Pupil Premium Plus

If your child was previously cared for by a local authority in England or Wales immediately before being adopted, subject to a special guardianship order, a child arrangement order or residence order, the school can claim additional monies via Pupil Premium Plus funding to support the educational needs of your child. Please check with the office that we know that your child is eligible, especially if your child is new to our school.

Stationery Shop Helpers

Every Thursday Stationery Shop takes place at lunchtime. Mrs Pollock is ably assisted by her team of helpers pictured here, who manage the shop and help stock the shelves. So if you ever lose your pen or need a new pencil sharpener please come to the area outside the library at 12.50pm each Thursday.



Librarians

The school library is open every lunchtime (except for Tuesdays). There are a super team of Y5 librarians pictured here, who help issue and return the books. They will also help with book recommendations. So if you ever need a fiction or non-fiction read, visit the library from 12.45pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Year 3 Christmas Show Dates For Your Diary

Our Year 3 shows will be on Monday 9th December at 2pm and 6pm and Tuesday 10th December at 6pm. More information re tickets to follow nearer the time.



Cross-country

Cross-country Event 3 is this Saturday. Children do not have to have taken part in Event 1 or 2 to be able to do any of the other races. There is an 'Endeavour' medal for those that take part in 5 or more races. We were all so pleased with the children after the first two races that we cannot wait for this weekend. In school, the children have been doing so well with the Active Mile and it would be amazing to see as many as possible represent our school.

Mr Garnett and Miss Seeds will be at the race this weekend. Look out for us just as you go through the gates into Stockport Harriers.

The best Post Code for car park access SK1 4BN.

The next two races are:

Saturday 2nd November

Saturday 30th November

Year 3 and 4 girls: 10.30am

Year 3 and 4 boys: 10.50am

Year 5 and 6 girls: 11.10am

Year 5 and 6 boys: 11.40am

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

Please email Mr Garnett if you have any questions joe.garnett@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk



Stockport Road Safety News

Be Bright, Be Seen

As daylight hours get shorter it's ever more important to take care when out and about crossing roads. To help drivers see you, think about wearing something bright or having a bright tag on your school bag. If cycling, check your lights are working and use them.

Look for safer places to cross roads such as puffin or zebra crossings. Try and cross where there is plenty of street lighting. That will help you to see and be seen by drivers.



Sound it Out Spelling!

Most children are good at using the Reading Strategies on their bookmarks to help them to read words and to understand their meaning. Lots of children struggle with spelling however and often don't use the same strategies to help them!

Children most often use "sound it out" as a first strategy to help them when reading and it is this strategy that can also really help with spelling. If a child is stuck on a spelling, to help, please ask them to sound it out and break the word down into its separate sounds, for example: diff/e/rent.

Children should think about which sound parts are difficult to spell (probably the middle and last e) and focus their attention on learning those parts! This is much easier than remembering a long list of (un-soundalike) letter names to spell d-i-f-f-e-r-e-n-t ("dee-eye-eff-eff-ee-ar-ee-en-tee"—try putting all that together! It doesn't sound anything like the word "different"!).

The letter sounds are not "baby letters"—they are vital for spelling.

Sounding out a word and using the letter sounds makes spelling easier so please encourage your child to sound out for spelling as well as reading!

