



“Learning Together”

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

29th November 2024

Year 3 Nativity

Get ready for a festive treat with The Voice of Bethlehem, our Year 3 Christmas nativity performance! Join us as our talented children bring the story of Christmas to life through music, drama, and dance. Tickets are now available on Parentpay for shows on Monday 9th December 2pm and 6pm and Tuesday 10th December 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



Christmas Activities

- ⇒ We will be holding a Christmas Fair, just for the children, in school time on Friday 13th December.
- ⇒ Friday 6th December will be non-uniform day in return for chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair chocolate tombola.
- ⇒ Years 3 and 4 Christmas Parties will be on Monday 16th December.
- ⇒ Years 5 and 6 Christmas Parties will be on Tuesday 17th December.
- ⇒ Children should come to school in party clothes on party days. (More information will follow from Year Group teams.)
- ⇒ Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 18th December, this will also be **Christmas Jumper Day**. If your child would like a Christmas dinner and they don't normally have a hot dinner, please pay on Parentpay **by Wednesday 11th December**. If you would like to borrow a Christmas jumper please call into the office.
- ⇒ Years 3 and 4 will be enjoying a pantomime in school on the last day.



Roast Chicken
or

Quorn Grill
Served with

Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding,
Sage & Onion Stuffing, Cocktail
Sausage, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots &
Gravy.

For Dessert

Christmas Cookie or Jingle Jelly

Make a Christmas Box

As mentioned above, we will be holding a Christmas Fair this year for the children and as always we would like to invite all children to design and make their own Christmas Box. Please can all boxes be in school by Wednesday 11th December. The boxes will then be on sale for other children in the Year Group to buy at the children's Christmas Fair. There will be a prize for the best box in each class.

Christmas Post - Opens on Monday 2nd December

Children can send Christmas cards to other pupils and staff using the school post. The post box will be on the corner between Year 3 corridor and Year 4 corridor (by the boys' toilets). Children sending cards should ensure envelopes are addressed properly (first name, surname and class - clearly written). This will ensure our Year 3 posties will be able to deliver with accuracy.



Calendars 2024

We have now started the production line of the school calendars which show term dates for next year. Calendars can be purchased through Parentpay £5 each. They all have children's own artwork on and their photograph and they make lovely Christmas gifts.



6T Class Assembly

In the making of 6T's class assembly, we all were assigned with our perfect roles. If needed, we would be able to input our thoughts into the script (humour, acting, props and lines). The idea of a game show was originally created by one of our hosts, Millie. The assembly was based on the iconic dance show Strictly Come Dancing in the form of our class book 'The Great Adventures'. The rehearsals were always fun, as everyone was enthusiastic and put effort into their character to make the show SPARKLE! The three scenes consisted of Felice Benuzzi, Thor Heyadhal and Micheal Collins who displayed their fearless adventurous stories. The costumes and props were all created and provided by the class, which added to the spectacle. Over all, the cast had a wonderful experience which made for an outstanding performance. We are really glad that this was our last class assembly, as it was the best it could've been. We hope you enjoyed it!



Written by Nieve Heagerty and Thalia Harrison 6T

4B Class Assembly

On Monday, 4B performed their class assembly on Ancient Greece and some of the Greek Myths that they have been studying in class.

We took a trip to different parts of Greece and looked at myths from Pandora to the Wooden Horse of Troy.

The children danced and sang their hearts out and put on a brilliant performance. Well done to all, it was a fantastic performance.



Well done

A huge well done to the girls pictured here who raised £82 for Macmillan by running a stall in aid of Cancer Research for their Brownies' Charity badge at the St George's Moonlit Craft Fair. We are very proud of you.



Cross Country

The next cross-country race is tomorrow (Saturday 30th November)

We are always looking for new runners to join our teams and it doesn't matter if you have not raced before. We have done really well so far this year, with a number of individual top 10 finishes and some of our teams are in the top 10 overall! Every individual result we get helps our teams.

The events start and finish at the Woodbank Park Athletics stadium. The best Post Code for car park access SK1 4BN.

There are 4 events. Children do not have to let us know they are coming, they may just turn up on the day. Mr Garnett and Miss Seeds will be there. Just look for us as you go through the gates at athletics track.

Year 3 and 4 girls 10.30

Year 3 and 4 boys 10.50

Year 5 and 6 girls 11.10

Year 5 and 6 boys 11.40

Here is the link to our website page which gives you some general information and links to the results and standings.

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



The Active Mile

All together as a school over 5 school days between 20/11/24 to 26/11/24 the children have collectively run 434 miles!

In Year 3 Lucas Brooks has ran the furthest this year with 32 miles!

In Year 4 Oliver Jones has ran the furthest with 50 miles!

In Year 5 Sam Curtis has ran the furthest with 42 miles!

In Year 6 Finn Saville has ran the furthest with 26 miles!

Keep up the hard work!

Word millionaires

A huge well done to our current word count leaders in each year group:

Year 3= Isla Plant with 292,416 words with an amazing 98% accuracy rate!

Year 4= Dexter 1.2 million words and 94% accuracy rate!

Year 5= Nicholas Vaughan with 1.4 million words and a 95% accuracy rate!

Year 6= Isabella Chubb with 1.2 million words and an 81% accuracy rate!



Times Tables Rock Stars

Weekend tournament winners: 22/11/24 to 25/11/24

Well done to everyone who went onto TTRS last weekend! We had our highest total for a class this year with 24 pupils in the winning class using Studio mode over the weekend! The winning class with the most pupils on Studio mode over the weekend were 4M. Well done!

TTRS Certificate winners

Gone Green

As you improve in Times Tables Rock Stars your "heat map" will gradually turn green. A fact will turn green once you have mastered it. Each week we look who has managed to turn their heat map completely green in the last 7 days. To do this you need to practise, practise, practise!

This weeks winners are

Jessica Flood

Joel Binder

Jasmine Gordon

Frazer Torevell

Well done!





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A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase your children's presents.

WARNING - We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched days/ weeks ago?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price/deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt/invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD



ActionFraud
Report Fraud & Internet Crime
actionfraud.police.uk



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We recommend a "little and often" approach; 3 minutes practice a day, 4 or 5 times a week is a good target.

What are the different Game Modes?

[Click here for a video all about TTRS](#)

Single Player

Jamming 4 or 8 coins/correct answer	The only game mode without a timer, players chose the table and operation (\times or \div or both) they want to practise. Answer 10, 20 or 30 questions.
Gig 10 coins per correct answer	Gig games last 5 minutes and contain up to 100 questions, which come in 'waves', starting with the 10s, then the 2s, 5s, 3s, 4s, 8s, 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s. Novices are not expected to get past the 5s. Gigs provide the child (and their teacher) with a simple measure of their current skills, which is why learners should concentrate fully for the whole Gig as they won't get another try until next month.
Garage 10 coins per correct answer	Players are given a personalised set of 6 multiplication questions (and their matching division questions) in each round. The questions they get keep adjusting to provide the best fit for every learner's needs. This is probably the best game made for improving their recall while they're still learning.
Studio 1 coin per correct answer	Here your child earns their Rock Status, which is based on their Studio Speed. The faster they are the better their status. Studio Speed is the average of their most recent 10 Studio games. Suitable for confident players.
Soundcheck 5 coins per correct answer	Soundcheck games ask 25 multiplication questions (up to 12×12), allowing 6 seconds for each question. Suitable for confident players.

Multi Player

Festival 1 coin per correct answer	Children compete against others from around the world, with their identities protected behind their rock names. Suitable for confident players.
Arena 1 coin per correct answer	Children race against other members of their class who are logged in and choose the same arena name at the same time. Arena games use the same smart question algorithm as Garage games.
Rock Slam 1 coin per correct answer	Players challenge their classmates or teachers to answer as many questions as they can in 60 seconds, setting a score for the challengee to beat. Pupils don't need to be online at the same time.



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Tournaments	<p>Battle of the Bands – groups of children within the same school (usually classes, year groups or teams) compete to have the highest average score per player.</p> <p>Top of the Rocks – like a Battle of the Bands between schools. The winning class or school is the one with the most correct answers per person.</p> <p>Important: Each correct answer (in any game mode) earns 1 point towards the team's total in addition to the coins earned. For example, in Garage games each correct answer is worth 1 point for the team and 10 coins for the player.</p>
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Leamers with different needs

How can I hide the timer?	Start a game and press > Hide Practice Clock. You could also play a game in Jamming.
How can I increase the length of Garage games?	Single player > Garage > press the little arrow below "play solo" > choose 1, 2 or 3 minutes.
The tables are too hard	Make sure your child is playing in Garage or Arena game modes. If this does not resolve the issue, please speak to your child's teacher. Remember that Jamming mode allows the child to choose the tables themselves.
My child gets anxious	Try the three above plus: setting mini goals (e.g. complete 2 minutes today, get 1 more point in the next game, pass 1 level); having a break from online play (come back in a couple of days); and reminding them of Baz's words: "A good rock star stays chillaxed by accepting they make mistakes."
My child has visual impairments; what settings are available?	Head to the Profile page where you can: change the colour scheme; reduce the visual stimuli with Declutter mode; increase the font size or switch to a dyslexia-friendly font called Lexie. play.ttrockstars.com is also screen reader compatible.
Can I turn off division?	<u>Yes</u> in Jamming mode but not in the other games. The reason for that is that practising multiplication and division at the same time supports the recall of both and is the most successful approach. If your child is finding division confusing, please speak to their teacher about starting with the 10s only and for advice on how to help at home.


Troubleshooting

My child's coins and/or Studio speed have suddenly dropped	Another child may have logged in as your child. Please reassure your child that this can be rectified. Contact their teacher who can set a new password, refund any coins, delete Studio games and talk to the class about online safety.
My child plays too much	Set firm TTRS time limits; reward healthy choices; take away devices before bed.



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<p>My child's name is showing on a school leader board.</p>	<p>Please ask your child's teacher to change the settings at their end so that rock names show on the <u>leaderboards</u> instead of real names.</p>
<p>What does the  mean?</p>	<p>If this symbol appears over a game tile (e.g. over Garage) it means the teacher has set your child a certain number of minutes to practise in that game mode for homework. Once they complete those minutes the other games unlock.</p>



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