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# Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

13th December 2024

## Happy Christmas

We would like to wish everyone happy holidays and we look forward to continuing to work with you in 2025. Thank you so much for your support.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our fabulous staff team who work so hard to do their very best for the children. We return to school on Monday 6th January 8.40am



## Year 3 Christmas Show

This year's Christmas nativity, written by Miss Doogan, was a truly magical event, showcasing the incredible talent and enthusiasm of our Year 3 children. From the moment the curtains opened, it was clear how much effort every child had put in over the last few weeks. Their energy and commitment really brought the story to life. The singing was particularly impressive, with some children taking on lead roles during the songs.

A twist on The Voice, the show also featured some fantastic dancing which the children really enjoyed learning. Every child in Year 3 played their part, whether it was a lead singing role, being a Roman soldier or being part of our stage crew, they were all brilliant and we are incredibly proud of them. A huge congratulations to everyone in Year 3 for such an incredible performance. This was a Christmas celebration to remember!





## Christmas Fair and Christmas Boxes

The children really enjoyed the Christmas Fair which Year 4 organised today. There were lots of fun stalls and the children raised a fantastic £988.82 for School fund and our chosen charity this year of Cancer Research.

We had some really amazing and very imaginative Christmas Boxes and it was very hard to choose the winners, pictured below (more photos in the gallery on the website). Thank you to all who supported school by sending in boxes, donating chocolate and providing money to spend at the fair. We couldn't have done it without you.





## Choir Performances

Our choir delivered two fantastic performances this half-term. Their first performance was the Christingle service at St. Saviour's Church, where the children filled the space with joy and festive spirit. Following this, they extended their Christmas cheer by singing for the residents at The Devonshire Rehabilitation Unit. A heartfelt thank you and well done to the choir for their wonderful contribution to our local community!



## Cross Country

Another fantastic race from our cross-country team.

Even though it wasn't ideal underfoot, we had 7 personal best times. Well done! Layla joined us for the first time and seemed to really enjoy herself.

We had top 10 finishes in 3 of the 4 races with Elin in 3rd in the Year 3/4 girls race. In the Year 3/4 boys race, Henry came 3rd despite not being sure if he was running or not and Joel came in a 1st! Flo came in 3rd in the Year 5/6 girls race.

The effort and the smiles from our children was lovely to see.

The photos from the race are on the website in 'Galleries' and the link to the full results can be found on our webpage: <https://www.greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk/page/cross-country/118257>

The next race is on Saturday 18th January. We would like as many children to come as possible to help our teams do the best they can. If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch [joe.garnett@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:joe.garnett@greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk)



## Year 4 Nightlights

Year 4 hosted a Nightlight Gallery to showcase their fantastic creations. In the hall, we displayed the nightlights that pupils designed and crafted, illuminating the room with their imagination. Thank you to all the children, it was lovely to admire your unique and glowing creations!



## Parents' Evenings - A Date For Your Diary

Our main parent consultation evenings are coming up on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd January. Parents will be offered a choice of face to face or online appointments. Parents of children with additional needs will be invited to attend at a different time. More information to follow after Christmas.

## Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner

Next Wednesday is Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day, please call into the office if you would like to borrow a Christmas jumper. Even if your child is not having a school Christmas dinner you may like to put something Christmasy into your child's lunchbox



## Christmas Parties

Year 3 and 4 Christmas parties are on Monday and Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday. Children are invited to bring in their own party snacks and please come to school in party clothes.



## Year 3 Visit's to St Saviours Church

Year 3 were once again invited to our local church, St Saviours. Reverend Jess welcomed us and had organised a carousel of exciting nativity activities. The children learned about different parts of the nativity story such as Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The children were extremely polite and were really engaged as they moved around the various activities. They all thanked the volunteers who gave up their afternoons.



## Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who sent in money and cakes to raise money for school fund and our school charity. We raised a fabulous £312.







## DigiKnow: Helping Great Moor Junior School Families Stay Safe Online

At Great Moor Junior School, we are committed to helping children and families stay safe online. One way we do this is by sharing information about DigiKnow, an initiative run by Stockport Council.

### **What is DigiKnow?**

DigiKnow is a program that supports families with online safety and digital skills. It offers practical help, advice, and even access to free equipment for those who need it, ensuring that everyone can benefit from the digital world.

### **How Does DigiKnow Help?**

- It runs free DigiKnow Hubs where you can get advice, learn new skills, and access e-safety tips.
- Families who qualify can receive free equipment, such as devices or internet access, to ensure children can safely participate in online learning and activities.
- It provides step-by-step guides and resources for parents to help protect children online.

### **How to Get Free Equipment**

Stockport Council works with the DigiKnow Device Lending Library to provide free equipment to families who need it. If you don't have access to a device or reliable internet, you can apply for support.

Visit the DigiKnow website via this link for more information and eligibility details: [DigiKnow - Stockport Council](#).

### **Why is DigiKnow Important?**

The internet is an essential part of learning and life, but it's important to use it safely. DigiKnow helps families build confidence and knowledge to manage risks and enjoy the benefits of being online.

### **Get Involved**

Visit a DigiKnow Hub near you for free advice and support.

Explore the online resources available at [DigiKnow - Stockport Council](#).

Speak to your child about staying safe online and encourage them to share what they've learned at school.

At Great Moor Junior School, we're here to help too. If you have any questions or need further support, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Active Mile

Well done to all staff and pupils for all the runs and laps you have done this year so far. No matter the weather you are out there giving it your all!

Pupils with furthest recorded distance for year to date are:

Y3 is George Hoad in 3G with 38 miles recorded

Y4 is Caleb Burke in 4B with 58 miles recorded

Y5 is Sam Curtis in 5OL with 49 miles recorded

Y6 is Seb Buckley and Jose Coleman-Hatton in 6T each with 33 miles recorded

Well done to the above and to everyone who has taken part!



## Times Tables Rock Stars

### *Gone Green*

This weeks winners are:

James Acton in 3A

Leo Gibson in 3M

Seth Robinson in 3M

Fantastic effort to get your *Gone Green* certificate at such an early stage!

**Weekend tournament winners: 6/12/24 to 9/12/24 were 3M- fantastic!**

Last weekend our winners were 3M with an amazing 24 classmates on Studio mode! The pupils who used Studio mode will see their names listed in *Google Classroom* and can claim a prize from the stationery shop on a Thursday lunchtime, well done!

## New millionaire

Seth Price in Year 4 with 1,088,331 words- a new millionaire- fantastic!

Word count leaders in each Year are:

Year 3= Isla Plant with 362,488 words with an amazing 98% accuracy rate!

Year 4= Dexter Lloyd-Wilson 1.3 million words and 94% accuracy rate!

Year 5= Nicholas Vaughan with 1.5 million words and a 95% accuracy rate!

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





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- Registration Opens 15th Nov 2024
- Registration Closes 6th Jan 2025
- Collecting 9-12th Jan 2025

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After costs, the net donations raised are distributed to St Ann's Hospice, Francis House Children's Hospice, Just Helping Charity, and other local community charities.

JustHelping supports volunteers, businesses, and charities to contribute to their community and the environment. Our national Christmas tree collection raises essential funds for charities in the local community.



JAN/FEB  
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## THURSDAY AFTERSCHOOL TENNIS CLUB

Thursday After School Tennis All Year Groups  
**Cost: £36pp (6 week course)**

**STARTS THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY**

Fun, structured group coaching for all abilities. Session will run whatever the weather (indoor provision in bad weather). Equipment will be provided.

All sessions are lead by LTA Professional Ben Bush. Ben is the Head Coach at Davenport Tennis Club. Ben is First aid trained and has up to date DBS and safeguarding documentation.

Ben will collect the children from the yr3 corridor and walk them to Davenport Tennis Club. (Flowery Field, Woodsmoor, SK2 7ED). Parents can collect children from the tennis club at 4.30pm.

Places are limited to 12 children and allocated on a first come first served basis.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Contact Ben on 07966 973901 or [bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bbushtennis@yahoo.co.uk)

Payment can be made via bacs once your place has been confirmed:  
Sort code: 11-05-04 Account: 11357686 Ref: GMJ (followed by childs name)

## Mindful Resilience

For Parents & Carers of Neurodivergent Children & Adults  
**8-week course**

Join us as we support you to:

- Use mindfulness in daily life to aid mental wellbeing.
- Understand how your nervous system responds to stress.
- Learn how to take care of yourself as a carer.
- Reduce anxiety, stress, depression and burnout.
- Learn how to work with your emotions.
- Develop skills to work with different types of thoughts.
- Experiment with a range of tools including meditation, gentle yoga and relaxation.

**Mondays, 1.00 - 3.00pm**  
**13th January - 3rd March 2025**

Arthur Greenwood Community Centre, Hiple Close, Woodley, Stockport, SK6 1ES

Free Courses

**Thursdays, 10.00am - 12.00pm**  
**16th January - 6th March 2025**

Online course via Zoom

For Stockport Residents

To book a place, email: [hello@yellowbeacon.org](mailto:hello@yellowbeacon.org)

Our courses are designed and delivered by neurodivergent practitioners.

These courses are funded by the Stockport Local Fund for Mental Health & Wellbeing



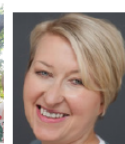
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Kay is an experienced mindfulness teacher and yoga practitioner, who works for NHS England supporting autistic people through Care & Treatment reviews.



Kirsty



Kay

She has an active career as an autism trainer and Trauma-Focused Therapist, working with Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, Manchester Metropolitan University, The Triple A Project and Next Chapter. Kay is the founder of HAPI CIC.

Kirsty is a mental health professional with ten years' experience in the charity sector in Greater Manchester. She is an experienced mindfulness teacher, specialising in trauma-informed practices for mental wellbeing, and is the founder of Yellow Beacon CIC.

Yellow Beacon is a mental health professional and lived-experience led organisation offering trauma-informed mindfulness courses, workshops and 1 to 1 sessions across Greater Manchester.

[www.yellowbeacon.org](http://www.yellowbeacon.org)

To book a place, email: [hello@yellowbeacon.org](mailto:hello@yellowbeacon.org)

"This was the most informative useful course I have attended for some years. I learned so much about autism spectrum and neurodiversity, and how many symptoms can be managed better or eased with the practice of mindfulness and other coping strategies."

Feedback from our Restore & Recover Course for Autistic Adults

