



"Learning Together"

Respect, Kindness, *Tolerance*, *Responsibility*, *Co-operation*

Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

14th February 2025

3A Class Assembly

Five time travellers found a magical portal and stepped into the Stone Age! They saw people living in caves and wearing animal skins to keep warm. The hunters used sharp sticks and stones to catch big animals, while others picked berries, nuts, and plants to eat. The travellers joined in, helping to gather food and watching people make tools and fires. At night, they all sat around the fire, telling stories and singing songs. It was an exciting adventure and when they went back through the portal, they couldn't wait to tell everyone what they saw! A great class assembly - well done 3A.



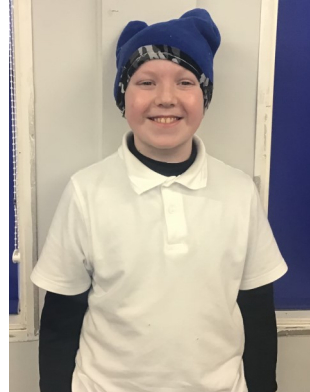
Valentine's Disco

The children enjoyed a fantastic Valentine's disco on Wednesday.



Year 6 Hats

Throughout the term, Year 6 have been working extremely hard on their Design and Technology, creating lovely and unique hats. Whilst making hats, we learnt different stitches, decoration techniques, using templates, measuring and cutting skills. We also looked at various hats and researched different milliners. The whole year group showed the school their magnificent masterpieces in the hat parade in assembly today.



Bake Off

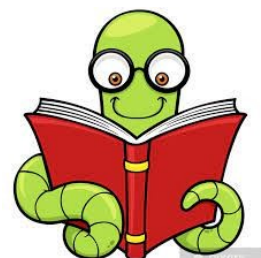
Thank you so much to all of the bakers who entered our Bake Off challenge! The School Councillors found it very difficult to make a decision: we had Space entries, romantic Valentine's ones and a special Great Moor themed entry as well as brownies and cookies and other wonderful cakes. The School Councillors voted anonymously and the winner was Evie's wonderful entry. In second place was Lyla and third place went to Flo and Ellie. All of the cakes were delicious and went on to raise even more money at the Cake sale on Thursday. Thank you to the Councillors for organising this.

Also, thank you to all who donated cakes to be sold at the cake sale, the sale raised an amazing £220 for our school charity - Cancer Research.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thanks to everyone who supported the fair - we raised £593 worth of books in commission for the school which helps us stock up on quality books in our year group reading collections and our school library.



Discover New Books with AR BookFinder!

At Great Moor Junior School, we love seeing our pupils engage with reading through the Accelerated Reader program. To help you find the right books, we'd like to remind you about "AR BookFinder", a fantastic tool for parents and pupils!

What is AR BookFinder?

AR BookFinder allows you to search for books that are part of the **Accelerated Reader program**, checking their **book level, points value, and quiz availability**. Whether you're looking for a book at the right level or just something new to enjoy, AR BookFinder makes it easy!

How to Use It:

1. Visit <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/> or find the link on our school website.
2. Enter a book title, author, or topic in the search bar.
3. Check the book's **Accelerated Reader level** and **quiz details**.
4. Find books that match your reading range and interests!

Why Use AR BookFinder?

- Helps pupils **choose books at the right challenge level**.
- Encourages a **love for reading** with a wide selection of books.
- Supports parents in guiding their child's reading choices.
- Ensures books have **available quizzes** to help track progress.

By using AR BookFinder, pupils can make the most of Accelerated Reader, improving their reading skills while enjoying books they love. Happy reading!

Make-Up and Nail Varnish

Just a reminder that make-up (including lip gloss) and nail varnish are not allowed in school. Thank you



Red Nose Day - 21st March

We will be having a non-uniform day in return for donations on Red Nose Day (minimum donation £1).



Parking With Consideration For Our Neighbours

We are still receiving regular complaints from our neighbours that parents are parking across their drives when they drop/collect children. Please park legally around school and do not stop across driveways, on the zigzags or double yellow lines. Thank you.

Times Tables Rock Stars

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. To do this you need to practise, practise, practise, practise!

This week the winners are:

Conor Jackson-Kyne in 3A

Jayden Vibin in 3G

Olivia Pedder in 4C

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

Book Swap

We have started to receive donations of unwanted costumes and books for the book swap which will take place on World Book Day (Thursday 6th March). Children can exchange previously-read books for a token which they can use to get a "new" book (to them!) on World Book Day. (Please make sure donated books are in good condition and suitable for Junior-age children.) Remember that we will be dressing up as book characters on that day!



Accelerated Reader

New millionaire

Seth Price (4C) is our new millionaire this week (1.2 million) - well done!

Word count leaders in each Year are:

Year 3= James Millar with 511,496 words with an amazing 90% accuracy rate!

Year 4= Dexter Lloyd-Wilson 1.8 million words and 94% accuracy rate!

Year 5= Nicholas Vaughan with 1.6 million words and a 95% accuracy rate!

Year 6= Isabella Chubb with 1.5 million with a 87% accuracy rate!

The Active Mile

We had 8 classes completing 3 or more runs this week with 4B running an amazing 5 times!

Pupils with furthest recorded distance for year to date are:

Year 3= Lucas Brooks with 59 miles (3G)

Year 4= Caleb Burke with 75 miles (4B)

Year 5= Sam Curtis with 75 miles (5OL)

Year 6= Ethan McCann with 47 miles (6M)

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

Spare PE Kit

If you have any spare shorts and t-shirts at home that would fit our children please can you send them in for spare kit. Thanks

Have a lovely half term break. School starts again on Monday 24th February.

FEB/MARCH/
APRIL
2025



**THURSDAY
AFTERSCHOOL
TENNIS CLUB**

**Thursday After School Tennis
All Year Groups**

Cost: £42pp (7 week course)

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.

**STARTS
THURSDAY 27TH
FEBRUARY**

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

**Contact Ben on 07966 973901 or
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 child's name)

Great Moor Junior School Spanish Club

We are delighted to announce that next half-term Kidslingo is returning to Great Moor Junior School with our fun Spanish after school club. To enrol your child, please follow the link below. There are very limited spaces left and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Learning a language at a young age helps children to grow in self-confidence and boosts their natural creativity. At Kidslingo, we are dedicated to teaching Spanish to children through fun. We use stories, games, songs, role play and drama to bring the language to life and inspire our learners.

Class details:

- Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm
- £7.50 per session payable each term in advance. Pay either by credit/debit card or direct debit*
- We will issue vocabulary sheets, reward certificates and worksheets
- You will receive FREE access to the Kidslingo games website with over 250 games in Spanish and French.

What do parents say about our clubs?

"He loves it and it's amazing what words he has picked up at such a young age. The additional links to games and worksheets are also lovely, allowing me to talk to him about what he has learnt during the sessions...Really pleased." - Emma B

"It's really inspired her and given her more confidence in herself and what she can achieve. I can't thank the teacher enough. Worth every penny and would thoroughly recommend" - Kelly A

To register your child, please go to the following link
www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-east-stockport-ne-cheshire/
Please book early to avoid disappointment.

All Kidslingo teachers are fully trained, insured and hold enhanced DBS certificates. If you have any questions, please email laura.holden@kidslingo.co.uk.



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*Select preferred payment option when registering your child. 2% handling fee applies. Payment for longer summer term available in instalments via direct debit.

