



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Regan McMahon, Anshika Singh, Shakir Othman, Tia-Li Wills, Ashleigh Haywood and Meadow Scott, who all received Headteacher Awards this week.

Golden Tickets: The children who have been rewarded with Golden Tickets this week and have been selected to sit at the 'Top Table' next week are:

Year Group	Children	Year Group	Children
R	Riley and Paige	4	Matthew and Kallea
1	Ella and Aquila	5	Divine and Nafisa
2	Ndey and Meadow	6	Sophia and Aleksandra
3	Corey and Lexi		

Staff Professional Development: I am sure it is no surprise that our teachers are always looking for ways in which they can reflect on their teaching and refine it, in order to help them to be consistently outstanding in all areas. To support our continual professional development, the school has invested in a company called Iris Connect who provide us with the tools to be able to video record our practice and then look back on it, analysing areas in which we could improve. Such video coaching techniques are widely becoming more commonplace in schools and we are excited about the opportunities this will provide us to become a consistently outstanding and self-reflective school. Iris Connect provides the highest available security and recorded footage is only used internally for teachers to self and peer review in order to reflect on their practice and demonstrate excellence. More information can be found by visiting the Iris Connect website at <http://www.irisconnect.co.uk/>. We are informing you of this for your information only; should children come home and mention that they have been filmed in class we can assure that this is the reason and that the footage is highly secure, can only be viewed by the teacher who recorded it and is for internal training purposes only.

Cool to Be Kind: Next week is Cool to be Kind week at Moat House. Children will be rewarded for acts of kindness to each other as well as staff, and will be caught being kind across the school by all of the adults.

Be like a fish: The children were told the story of a fish who always chooses a positive attitude and a seahorse who always chooses to be negative about things. I have challenged them all to be like the fish this term and to choose to have a positive attitude when they're at school. There's no reason why they can't do it at home too...

Parents' Group: Today was the first Parents' Group and it was brilliant to speak to parents about how they can help within the school. Lots of interesting points were raised and discussed, and the Parents' Group are looking forward to their next meeting on Friday 13th January, at 9:45. All parents are welcome, as are toddlers so we would love to see you there.

Class Assemblies: Please make a note of your child's class assembly detailed below:

Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 13 th January	1EW	Friday 17 th March	2JG
Friday 20 th January	4HT	Friday 24 th March	Year 6
Friday 27 th January	5SG	Friday 31 st March	1LF
Friday 3 rd February	2ET	Friday 7 th April	4BC
Friday 10 th February	3ST	Friday 5 th May	3ZT
Friday 10 th March	5CB		

Staff News: We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that Miss Cameron and Mrs Clack will sadly both be leaving us on Friday 20th January, as they have both secured exciting new career opportunities. We would like to say a big thank you to both members of staff for all their hard work over the years and we would like to wish them lots of luck in their new ventures.

Pause for thought: Here at Moat House Primary School, we are passionate about developing the children's Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) awareness. Each week, we will be posting a 'Thought of the week,' on our newsletters. Please do have a go at discussing the 'Pause for thought' with your child/children at home. You might be surprised at what they come up with!

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'You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.' - C.S Lewis
What are your goals for the year?

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

Thursday 16 th February	-	Half term holiday
Friday 17 th February	-	Teacher Training Day
Monday 27 th February	-	Children return to school
Friday 7 th April	-	Easter break
Monday 24 th April	-	Children return to school
Friday 26 th May	-	Half term break
Monday 5 th June	-	Children return to school

*Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher*



Attendance for the week before Christmas...

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 92.7%

The class with the best attendance last week was: 6SH with 98.6%

Attendance money won:
£1 - 6SH and 5SG

