



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th March 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Double issue** This week's newsletter covers the last 2 weeks due to the snow day last Friday.

**3SH's Class Assembly:** Class 3SH produced a wonderful assembly on Thursday. The class taught us all about volcanoes and earthquakes. They explained what is needed in the event of an earthquake and even packed their very own earthquake survival kit! Then, the children explained how volcanoes erupt. They showed their volcanoes created out of bottles, cardboard and newspaper and we even got to see pictures of one of them erupting in 3SH's classroom! A brilliant assembly with lots of information given by loud, confident voices!

**6CB's Class Assembly:** We all thoroughly enjoyed learning about what happens in Magistrates Courts this morning. 6CB acted out a case and demonstrated how magistrates reach their decisions. In a complete change of direction, they then sang a medley of songs from the 1980s which ranged from Madonna to Van Halen. Some great stuff!

**Headteacher Awards:** Congratulations to Zema Yared, Anastasios Polykleitou, Aathana Anantharupan, Ebalo Shabani, Maxine Adjei, Brielle Boamah, Redir Mohammed and Skye Riley, 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	Caitlin and Poppy-Lou	4	Jack R and Megan-Leigh
1	Lamin and Jan	5	Julia and Bryan
2	Aquila and Mateusz	6	Caidon and Nikita
3	Layla and Arlie-Rose		

**House Points:** This week's winners are Godiva and Moorcroft.

Godiva		Herbert		Moorcroft		Mowlam	
Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly
9	15	4	11	9	16	8	18

**Parents' Evening:** Despite the extreme weather conditions, there was a steady stream of parents attending parents' evenings on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. While parents waited for their appointments, they were able to listen to our talented choir, who performed some lovely songs for everyone to enjoy. If you were not able to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to arrange an alternative appointment for you.

**Magistrates in Year 6:** Last Thursday, and this Wednesday, Year 6 took part in a magistrates workshop, where they learnt all about how the court system works as well as the different punishments for different crimes. Once they'd learnt this, they took on the different roles of the relevant people in court and acted out a mock trial. All of the children were fascinated whilst hearing the evidence against the defendant and eventually decided he was guilty! The children thoroughly enjoyed their morning and were all brilliantly behaved. A special well done to Eidlis, Ti-Ann, James, Athana, Ebaló, Maxine and Redir, whose performances in the mock trial were very impressive.

**World Book Day:** Last Thursday, the Foundation children (and staff) all dressed up as favourite book characters. Parents were invited in to classes to share books with their children in the morning and this was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all. In the afternoon, the children could choose to listen to a story read by any teacher from YR to Year 2. This meant that they had a choice of six different stories - not surprisingly Miss Graham's choice of "The Dinosaur that Pooped the Bed," was very popular!

Today, the rest of the school joined in the fun and children and staff came to school dressed up as characters from their favourite book. There were lots of fantastic costumes, but sadly there could only be two winners from each class, for the best costumes (these will be shared in next week's newsletter). Each winner will be visiting Pizza Express next Thursday to enjoy a pizza party. Thank you to everyone for your support.

**Book Fair:** Our annual Book Fair arrives in school today. It will be open to children and parents, between 3.30pm and 4.00pm, each day from Monday 12th March to Thursday 15th March. Children will be able to use their £1 book vouchers to reduce the cost of a chosen book. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Year 1 Gymnastics Success:** On Tuesday, a keen group of Year 1 children went to Tribe (gymnastics arena) to perform in a competition against five other schools. The children demonstrated great skill in their performances, which included the vault and a floor routine. They all worked well as a team and did extremely well to come in third place. They thoroughly enjoyed standing on the podium to receive their certificates at the end of the afternoon.

**Marvellous Moat House Mums:** This week, our Foundation Stage and Year 1 mums and special ladies were all invited to school for a memorable afternoon with their children. The ladies all enjoyed spending time with their children and were presented with cards and other special

**Music Week:** This week has been our first annual Music Week and it has been a joy to hear all of the singing, music making and the excitement of the children around the school since Monday. They have been learning about music and life from the 1950s to the 1980s. Yesterday, members of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire came to visit year 5 and 6. They are recruiting for an exciting new free creative music-making programme on Saturdays for young people aged 10-16. It will be held at Sydney Stringer from April and is free. The musicians performed and created music with the children and it was a brilliant hour. The children had fun and were very creative. This is an amazing opportunity for our children, so if you would like more information about how your child can be involved, please see Miss Grant.

**Reading in the Community:** Here at Moat House, we recognise the importance of reading for all members of our community. We have now installed some book storage in our reception area. The books here are free for parents, staff, children or visitors to take away, read and enjoy, so please have a browse next time you are in! Please could you return your book once you have read it so that someone else can enjoy it once you have finished.

**Crossing Patrol:** Please be aware that there is no crossing patrol on Deedmore Road at the moment. For this reason, please could you ensure that your children are carefully supervised when crossing the main road. If you have children who walk home independently, please could you ensure that they know how to cross the road safely and are responsible enough to do this.

**Class Assemblies:** Most Fridays we share a class assembly for parents, family and friends to enjoy. On the day of your child's class assembly, we would like to invite parents to enjoy a tea or a coffee in our school dining hall before the assembly starts. Once you have dropped your child to his/her class, you can enter the school building and go to the dining hall, where our Learning Mentors will provide teas and coffees while you wait for the class assembly to begin.

**Pause for Thought:** "There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience and that is *not* learning from experience." Archibald McLeish

Mistakes prove that we are learning. What mistakes have made you better?"

**Year 5 Summer Camp at Dol y Moch** I contacted Dol y Moch for confirmation of numbers and they will let me know very soon how many spaces that we have got. They are still speaking with other schools in the City and finalising numbers with them. As soon as I know this I'll let the Year 5 children who applied for spaces know. Sorry it's taken so long!

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

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| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March                             | - Science Week                                 |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March | - Book Fair open to parents                    |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March                           | - Irish themed lunch for St. Patrick's Day     |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March                           | - Pizza Party for World Book Day Winners       |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March                          | - Year 5 to Safeside Fire Station (Birmingham) |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                           | - Year 1 trip to Coventry city                 |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                           | - Parents' Event                               |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March                           | - Year 6 at Cadbury World                      |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March                           | - Easter Break                                 |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April                             | - Children return to school                    |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April                             | - English themed lunch for St. George's Day    |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May     | - Year 6 SATs                                  |
| Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May   | - Hordain Football Tournament                  |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May                               | - Art Week                                     |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                              | - Year 3 at Warwick Arts Centre                |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May                             | - Half term break                              |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May                               | - Teacher training day                         |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June                               | - Children return to school                    |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July                           | - Summer break                                 |

*Yours sincerely,*

*Alasdair Black*

*Headteacher*

Letters that were sent home this week: 27<sup>th</sup> February - Hordain letter (football club),  
9<sup>th</sup> March - Book Fair.



**Attendance for last week:**

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 94.4%

The class with the best attendance last week was 2ET with 96.7%

