

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 27th November 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

6SH Class Assembly: A big thank you to 6SH for their Egyptian themed assembly this morning. It was lovely to see their pyramids, hieroglyphics and headdresses. It was also interesting to hear about how mummies were created, although this was a bit gruesome at times, especially when they explained how the brain was removed!

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Layla Cooke-Thomas, Hamse Ahmed and Charlie Bennett, who all received Headteacher Awards this week.

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

Year Group	Children	Year Group	Children
R	Ella and Keira	4	Patrick and Jessica
1	Lacie A and Reegan	5	Nurya and Molly-May
2	Ryan and Taylon	6	Jade and Szymon
3	Roksana and Brielle		

School Meal Procedures: In order to ensure that our children receive a chosen meal that they know they like and will enjoy, we are implementing a new school meal system next week. Along with this newsletter, you will receive the school lunch menu, which is organised on a rolling programme over three weeks (next week will be week 2). For each day, there are three different menu options and these are labelled 1, 2 and 3. Every day from Tuesday 1st December, the class teacher will ask the children whether they would like menu choice 1, 2 or 3 and this will be processed by the kitchen to ensure that all children receive their meal of choice. It would be really helpful if you could keep the menu handy at home and discuss with your child which meal he/she will select on that day so that the child can quickly tell the teacher during register time. We hope that this makes meal time a much more enjoyable experience for all of our children and ensures that they are satisfied with food that they actually like.

Year 4 trip to Yorvik Centre: On Monday, our Year 4 children visited the Yorvik Centre, in York, to support their learning about the Vikings. They went on a tour around a replica Viking village and were able to both see and even smell what it would have been like at the time. They also had the opportunity to become archaeologists and discover treasures from various periods in history. It was a very long day, but all of the children had a great time and showed excellent behaviour.

Year 5 trip to Herbert Art Gallery: This week the Year 5 children experienced their WOW day at the Herbert Art Gallery and the Coventry Transport Museum, where they learned all about life in Coventry during World War 2, especially during the Blitz. The children were able to dress up as Air Raid Protection Wardens, fire brigade and army officers. They even put out a pretend factory fire with a stirrup pump and bucket and also visited the Coventry public air raid shelter, which was freezing! As well as that they explored the life of evacuees, which included them writing post cards home and adding important information on their evacuee transport label. It was a fabulous experience, which showed just how much the children have learned about this subject, as well as how important the Blitz is, in Coventry's history.

Year 5 and 6 Quality and Respect Workshop: This week some of our Year 5 and 6 children were visited by staff from Time for You, to give them some valuable support in where and who they can turn to, if they need support with bullying and friendship issues at school or even difficult situations that they may come across at home. It was taught in a fun but sensitive way. The children learnt that they should treat each other how they themselves would wish to be treated and they were given useful information about who they could contact if they ever needed more help or support.

Winter Fayre: We will be holding a Winter Fayre on Monday 14th December in order to raise money to support future school trips. There will be a range of stalls, including the tombola, competitions including a treasure hunt, as well as the ever popular face painting stall. The event will be held in the school hall until 4:30 pm and we would like to welcome all families and friends to support this event. In order to collect items for the Fayre, we are holding a non-uniform day on Monday 7th December. Further details will be sent out in a separate letter early next week.

Parents' Evening: We were delighted with the turnout of families at our Parents' Evening on Wednesday. We hope that you found your meeting useful and informative and we hope that you now have a good idea of how you can help and support your child to continue to progress and succeed in his/her learning at Moat House.

Library Opening: A fantastic time was enjoyed by all at our grand library opening on Wednesday. It was lovely to see both parents and children enjoying all of our new books and especially the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. If you are keen to take part in the book review competition, there is still time to enter; please give your book reviews to Mrs Tovey by Monday 30th November. The winners will be announced on Friday 4th December during assembly.

Talent Show: The Moat House Talent Show is fast becoming an annual tradition and once again children will be given the opportunity to show case their skills within their classes in the final week of the term. Further to this, selected talents will then be shown to the whole school on Thursday 17th December. So if you have budding magicians, singers or dancers in the family and they would like to take part in our talent show, then please encourage them to start practising their act!

Parking: There has been an increase in the number of parents parking on the access road outside Moat House and Castle Wood schools in recent weeks. This is causing problems for other drivers particularly for larger vehicles that come on to the school grounds, such as coaches and council vehicles. It also very important that these routes remain clear to avoid obstructing pupils and staff in the event of an evacuation and to allow emergency vehicles access to the site. We would appreciate your co-operation in keeping our children safe.

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

- Monday 7th December - Non-uniform day
- Wednesday 9th December - YN & YR Christmas Performances (9:30 am & 2:15 pm)
- Thursday 10th December - KS1 Christmas Performances (9:30 am & 2:00 pm)
- Monday 14th December - Winter Fayre
- Wednesday 16th December - Whole school church visit
- Thursday 17th December - KS2 Carol Concert (9:30 am)
- Thursday 17th December - Talent Show
- Friday 18th December - FS Trip to Snowdome
- Friday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 18th December - Christmas break
- Monday 4th January - Teacher Training day (*children should not attend school*)
- Tuesday 5th January - Children return to school
- Friday 12th February - Half term break
- Monday 22nd February - Children return to school
- Thursday 24th March - Easter break
- Monday 11th April - Children return to school
- Monday 9th May - SATs week for Year 6

*Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher*

Letters that were sent home this week:

Thursday 26th November - After School Clubs Letter (Whole School)

**Attendance
(for last week):**



Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 96.6%

The class with the best attendance last week was: 5NL with 100%

Attendance money won last week: £5.00 - 5HT, £2.50 - 5NL