



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29th January 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

4SG Assembly: 4SG produced a wonderful assembly this morning and gave us lots of information about the water cycle (through a really catchy tune), how important water is for us and the planet and a few tips on how to save water, for example by turning off the tap while we brush our teeth or spending less time in the shower. They also explained that the water on the planet now is the same that was here when the planet was created and that our next glass of water might have been originally drunk by a dinosaur!

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Kamil Boehm, Lacey Hill, Charley Newman, Jason Barnes, Nathan Gilder, Ayanda Chonco, Maxine Adjei, Sophia Fisher, Aleksandra Solovjova, Leah Marshall, Samuel Rudnicki, Charlie Gregory, Olivia Francis-Boothe and Shea O'Sullivan, 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	Ashanti and Aquila	4	Caitlyn and Oliver
1	Victoria and Ellie-May	5	Nafhat and Nayrat
2	Jordan and Hashim	6	Kia and Tara
3	Lacey and Karina		

Year 5 Visit to Grace Academy: On Tuesday, Year 5 visited Grace Academy for a Science morning based on the topic of Forces. There were a selection of activities on offer and they created experiments, as well as learnt about what happens when a volcano erupts! They made hovercrafts from CDs and balloons, paper airplanes to investigate air resistance and friction and they also watched a chemical reaction that replicated the effects of lava in volcanoes. William Worwood gets a special mention for creating the plane that travelled the furthest at 13.1 m. The children really enjoyed their secondary school experience!

Forest Schools: We have successfully started our very own Forest School, here on site. Since last October, two members of staff have obtained the training and have been working with a group of children on a six week programme, to help build on their outdoor skills, confidence and self-esteem. Each week the children go out to the Forest School site, where they complete a set task and are let loose to explore the outdoors! The types of awesome activities the children have been involved in are: scavenger hunts, making dream catchers, creating tree guardians, safely building a camp fire, identifying the flora and fauna and much more. The ethos of Forest Schools Education is for all children to be able to learn new skills in a fun and exciting way but still linking it to the curriculum. All of the children, who have been involved have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and can't wait for the next thrilling session!

Times Table Championship: Moat House will be taking part in a times table tournament against four other Coventry schools in the next few months. In order for us to select the children who will be most appropriate to represent the school, we will be holding a Key Stage 2 times table contest within school in the week beginning 7th March. As a result of this contest, there will be one winner and one runner up from Lower Key Stage 2 and one winner and one runner up from Upper Key Stage 2. These children will then be invited to represent the school in the event against the other Coventry schools. We are keen to give you lots of notice about this event so that you can support your children at home with learning their times tables. We feel that all of our children will be winners because even if they don't get selected, they will at least have improved their knowledge of the multiplication facts, which are vital for mathematics as well as everyday life.

School Uniform: Please may we remind you that children are expected to wear school uniform to school every day. As well as following school policy and promoting a sense of belonging to the Moat House school community, we have noticed that children can feel uncomfortable if they are wearing different clothes to their friends. They can also get upset if 'weekend' clothes become dirty or damaged as a result of them being worn at school.

Safer Internet Day: On Tuesday 9th February, we will be taking part in Safer Internet Day, which is a national campaign to educate children in ensuring that they keep safe while using technology. As part of this, children will be designing 'Share a Heart' posters to say or show what they love about the internet. There will be a winner from each year group and the deadline for the competition is Friday 5th February. We are also taking part in a social media campaign and classes will be getting creative to produce something 'heart' related, which we then aim to post onto our Twitter account: @moat_school

St. Chad's Events: St. Chad's Church on Hillmorton Road will be holding a games night on Friday 5th February at 7pm. There will be a variety of board games available for adults and children to play. The cost is £1 for adults and 50p for children which includes food and drink.

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

- Monday 8th February - Chinese themed lunch for Chinese New Year
- Thursday 4th February - Year 1 trip to the Black Country Museum
- Tuesday 9th February - Internet Safety Day
- Wednesday 10th February - Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle
- Friday 12th February - Half term break
- Monday 22nd February - Children return to school
- Saturday 12th - Wednesday 16th March - Year 6 Visit to Dol-y-Moch
- Monday 7th March - Friday 11th March - Moat House Times Table Contest
- Thursday 24th March - Easter break
- Monday 11th April - Children return to school
- Monday 9th May - SATs week for Year 6
- Saturday 14th - Monday 16th May - Hordain football tournament (France)
- Thursday 26th May - Half term break
- Friday 27th May - Teacher Training day (*children should not attend school*)
- Monday 6th June - Children return to school
- Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th July - Year 5 Visit to Derbyshire
- Tuesday 19th July - Summer break
- Wednesday 20th July - Teacher Training day (*children should not attend school*)

*Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher*

**Attendance
(for last week):**



Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 95.4%

The class with the best attendance last week was: 4SG with 99.5%

Attendance money won: £5.00 - 4SG, £2.50 - 4KG