



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Headteacher Awards:** Congratulations to Sophia Fisher, Billie Andrews, Nafisa Messado, Nikita Prokudins and Aboubakar Khatib, 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' for the week after half term are:

Year Group	Children	Year Group	Children
R	Lily and Kaydon	4	Elle and Evie-Leigh
1	Arlie-Rose and Alex	5	Nurya and Aliyah
2	Jordan and Calli	6	Billie-Ann and Jonathan
3	Peter and Salewyn		

**House Points:** Last week's winners were: **Mowlam and Godiva**. The half-termly winners were: **Herbert**.

Godiva		Moorcroft		Herbert		Mowlam	
Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly
31	130	27	128	23	139	31	134

**Chinese Lunch:** On Monday, the school kitchen held a Chinese themed lunch so the dining hall was decorated with Chinese lanterns, dragons and bunting. Children were able to choose from vegetable spring roll, chicken curry, chow mein and egg fried rice to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

**Year 6 Debating Competition:** Elias, Mya, Grace and Leandro did a magnificent job at representing Moat House in a debating competition at the Guildhall on Monday. They had to convince the panel that it would be a good idea to let children vote. The team spoke very confidently and put lots of valid points across.

**Year 4 Ukelele event:** The children in 4KG have been lucky enough to be learning the ukulele this year. It is taught by Mrs Clayton from the Performing Arts Centre in Coventry. On Monday afternoon we invited parents to come and listen to what the children have learnt so far. The children performed very well and enjoyed the experience of performing in front of an audience for the first time. Thank you to those who were able to come and listen. We hope to do this again later in the year.

**Internet Safety Day:** Over the last week, our children have been invited to create posters to promote safety when using the internet. The winning posters were announced in today's assembly and they are as follows: Makai (1JG), Riyam (1JS), Amy-Leigh (2ET), Kayleigh (2CB), Abubakr (3DG), Nevaeh (3ZT), Nafisa (4KG), Sajad (4SG), Fatma (5NL), Nayrat (5HT), Kieron (6SH), Grace (6JK). Each of the lucky winners has received a fantastic digital watch and the winning designs will be displayed in our Computing Room.

**Year 2 Gymnastics event:** On Tuesday afternoon, eight children from Year 2 participated in a gymnastics competition at the Alan Higgs Sports Centre. After weeks of practising and learning their routines, the children were finally able to perform their vault and floor routines to other Coventry schools, as well as a range of gymnastic and sports coaches. All of the children performed incredibly and showed amazing confidence in demonstrating their skills to so many people! The children's hard work over the last few weeks has really paid off and they all did Moat House proud! Well done to Ethan, Renikah, Scarlet, Layla, Hashim, Elijah, Eden and Kiera.

**Year 2 trip:** On Wednesday, our Year 2 children enjoyed a wonderful and informative day out at Warwick Castle. They spent time exploring the grand rooms inside the building, where they found many objects and lifelike models which showed how people lived and dressed many years ago. The children were able to explore the castle grounds, which included them discovering a dark and dingy gao and climbing a few hundred steps to the top of a very tall tower! They were even treated to a fantastic birds of prey display, which involved an eagle and a vulture using their scavenging skills to collect their dinner.

**Year 3 Rugby:** On Thursday, some of our Year 3 children took part in a tournament against other Coventry schools to celebrate their participation in the "Something to Chew On" programme. They all enjoyed representing Moat House and were lucky enough to have their photograph taken with former WASPs and England player, Paul Sackey.

**Year 4 Homework treat:** On Thursday, the children in year four who had completed all of their homework over this half term were treated to a Masked Ball, as they have been learning about Romeo and Juliet. The children made a collage heart to give to someone and enjoyed a drink, crisps and biscuits whilst listening to music. They all had a great time, wearing the masks they had designed and made!

**Reception Open Morning:** This morning our Reception parents were invited to a Chinese themed morning in their children's classes. Parents and children enjoyed working together to take part in activities including making Chinese dragons, writing Chinese numerals and sampling Chinese food.

**Story writing competition:** Chris Evans and BBC Radio are running a competition for children from 5 upwards to write and submit a story online. There are tips and videos at [www.bbc.co.uk/500words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words) It could be a fun way to spend a few hours over the half term holidays for writers of all ages and abilities. Winning stories will be read by celebrities and broadcast on the BBC.

**Bikes and scooters:** Can I please ask that you and your children get off and push bikes and scooters between the gates at the car park and the rubber mound next to the playground. There have been a couple of near misses recently where young children (and their parents) have almost been knocked over. Please help to keep everyone safe on site.

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

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Half term break
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	-	Children return to school
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	-	Parents' Evening
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	Parents' Evening
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March - 17 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Book Fair
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Year 6 Visit to Dol-y-Moch
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Moat House Times Table Contest
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Easter break
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Children return to school
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	-	SATs week for Year 6
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Hordain football tournament (France)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Half term break
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Teacher Training day ( <i>children should not attend school</i> )
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Children return to school
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> June- Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	-	Year 5 Visit to Derbyshire
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Summer break
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Teacher Training day ( <i>children should not attend school</i> )

*Yours sincerely,  
Alasdair Black  
Headteacher*

**Letters that were sent home this week:**

8 <sup>th</sup> February	Design your own game letter (Y5&6)	12 <sup>th</sup> February	Headlice letter (Year 3)
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross Country letter (Club)	12 <sup>th</sup> February	Football Match (Club)

**Attendance  
(for last week):**



Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 96.5%

The classes with the best attendance last week were: 1JS and 6SH with 100%

Attendance money won: £5.00 - 4SG, £2.50 - 5HT