



# MOORSIDE High School

A SCIENCE SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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## MESSAGE FROM HEAD TEACHER

# WELCOME BACK!

Mrs Walker and three year 8 students; Megan Breeze, Molly Skinner and McKenzie Atkinson, have created a fantastic, magical, bewitching, scarecrow. The scarecrow itself, was part of a community competition – run by the Werrington Community centre. The theme was 'film-folk', and so Harry Potter was chosen as it is a magnificent film, and embodies the hard work of the Year 7 curriculum. The girls gave up their lunch time in order to dedicate their time to creating this extraordinary scarecrow. Unfortunately, we did not win – but the memories created along the way, will last forever. How magical! Now Harry has been safely removed from the lamppost, he is drying off in the Art Store cupboard. After this brief holiday, he will go and live in Miss Burnley's 7F classroom.

We would like to give a big Moorside welcome to our new members of staff. We have; Miss Eaton in Maths, Mrs Howells in Science and Miss Hawthorne in LSU. We also have a number of ATs with us this year in; English, Geography, History and German. Good luck to you all.

## HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT



**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

On 28th September 2018, Moorside High School hosted its annual Macmillan Coffee morning. Students, staff and parents donated an abundance of home baked and bought cakes and the school foyer was full of delicious treats. Students from both Year 9 Citizenship classes along with Sian Griffiths and Katharine Beverley of Year 11 served tea, coffee and slices of cake to members of the community, staff and students. It was a huge success and as a school we raised £827.54. Miss Baylay and Mr Grant would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped on the day for their incredible generosity to this fantastic cause.

## Languages News

We would like to welcome Mrs Vladuceanu to Moorside High School as a trainee teacher who is studying to become a teacher of Modern Foreign Languages. She will be teaching German until December 2018. She comes from Romania and enjoys reading, travelling and visiting her family. We intend to organise a foreign visit to Germany in July 2019 and the MFL department are currently researching destinations to take the current Year 10 pupils. There have been 'intense' discussions between Herr Woolliscroft, Frau Smith and Frau Welch regarding the cities of Berlin, Nuremberg and Munich! Details will be available towards the end of the autumn term. Watch this space! The department have been impressed with the hard-work of all pupils since the commencement of the new term and it is exciting to see the new Year 7 pupils embracing their German! Wir danken euch!



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# Greenpower Racing

It was a cool, bright morning that greeted the team at Aintree motor circuit.... If only! It was clouded over with a howling wind...force 5 with gusts - to force 8, given as the weather Forecast at Aintree. The wind was such; that it was bending trees, blowing the pit covers (gazebo's) and uprooting small children!



Undeterred by the conditions, the team from Moorside unpacked the car, got it ready for Scrutineering, and registered to race. The stoicism and can-do attitude of the team was evident as we all huddled in the lee of the mini-bus, wondering who was going to risk blowing up the tyres. After the paperwork was done and the transponder was fitted ;the car was off for some timed laps. Will the new mods work? We pondered. We could only hope!

Harry "brakes" Lycett, Alex "clean" Bold and Levi "flash" Mckenzie were the first team. Alex "clean" Bold, Levi "flash" Mckenzie and Kira "Demon" Sherwin were team two.



Race one was good, "Brakes" pootled off on the first laps getting in some reasonable times, a slightly tardy pit stop followed, then... "Clean" put in some clean laps and took 45 seconds off the time set by Brakes. A better pit stop then saw; "Flash" finishing off the session. By this time the wind blowing down the uphill back straight was affecting everybody, and our total of 20 miles was looking a bit short. However, the can-do spirit was there, and when compared to other teams we had matched up and did just as well - or as badly - as most of the others. Only 2 cars managed another lap, giving them a total of 21.6 - so joint 3rd it was.

The sun came out and the wind died down (about force 7.5) but that wasn't the best bit! "Demon" Sherwin was in the team, we didn't know how important that change was going to be. "Flash" set off and did some very tidy times of 4'30ish, the car was going well, and silently flew round the track skilfully driven. Time for the 1st pit stop; A really slick pit stop saw "Demon" Sherwin at the controls. Talk about fast 4'22" a lap! Lap after lap silently like a wraith, "Demon" flew along, the team fell silent. She was doing all the talking on the track! All too soon, it was time for a driver change, and "Clean" Bold did the last stint; and was told to go until it ran out of power... Total distance 26.1 miles. What a result! By the end they really were a team, well done! We can't wait for next year!

# HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Miss Lindsay is heading our campaign to raise money for the food bank. After an amazing 21 crates of food were donated last year, we are doing it again and hoping for twice as much. Last year the food bank were grateful, and said "it is the most a school have ever donated -ever". It helps our community; the deadline is October 19<sup>th</sup>. We are also raising money for Animal Lifeline, because in difficult times, the animals suffer as well as people. We are proud to be doing our bit, and are sure that our fabulous children will demonstrate the generosity and kindness that we see from them every day.



# RADIO STARS

Higher Horizons have come into school to teach Year 9 and 10 students about their future in the music industry. We have been making podcasts, and even recorded a little of them. Alongside that, we have learnt about paths into higher education, student life and financing. Some students have said it's "pretty swell". Reece Smith said "it's sick". From this, Mr Meakin hopes to run a school of radio; creating a weekly school podcast. If you are interested please get in touch!



## Keele University

During Challenge Day this term, Year 9 were invited to Keele University to take part in a teamwork activity. They had to design their 'perfect' university. Year 9 were split into groups and had the whole day to design their project. They were also informed of all of the career paths that they could take in Higher Education, throughout the day.



At the end of the day, a panel of judges voted for the best project. We are very proud to announce that; four of our Year 9 groups, made it through to finals - and will be representing Moorside at the regional finals in December! Fabulous result!

