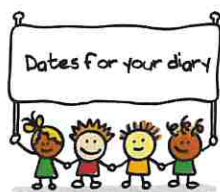


Moulsham Infant School



Motivate, Inspire, Succeed

December newsletter— 19th December 2023



Important Dates

Jan 4th - Children return to school.

Jan 12th - Chestnut class parent lunch. pm -SMILE theatre treat.

Jan 16th - Y1 Open Afternoon.

Jan 18th - Y1 Open Afternoon.

Jan 19th - World Religion Day.

Jan 22nd— International Week.

Jan 26th - Magnolia class parent lunch.

Feb 2nd - Cherry Class Assembly & Open Morning.

Feb 5th - Children's Mental Health week.

Feb 7th - Y1 Lego Workshop.

Feb 9th - Oak Class Assembly & Open Morning.

Feb 13th - YR Planetarium Visit.

Feb 13th - Parent's Evening.

Feb 14th - Parent's Evening.

Feb 16th - Non-Pupil Day.

Only 6 sleeps till Christmas!!!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.



SCHOOL DINNER

After the holidays it will be week 1 of the menu. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch if they have not ordered a hot meal. Please inform the office if there are any changes to your child's choices.



Please remember to name all your children's clothes – then we can return them.

What a very busy December we have had—it all started with the EYFS performance of 'Jingle Bell Rock'—we know Christmas is here when the children perform these wonderful songs. Then it was onto the lovely Russian folk story of Babushka—what a heart-warming story with such a simple but poignant message.

The Christmas Fayre was a great success—Thank you to all of you that supported us with this new event. The children loved the challenge of making their money 'grow' and every class did an amazing job. We were overwhelmed by how many parents attended and there a few ideas that we will take forward from comments, if the event takes place again next year. Well done to Willow class who raised the most money—a whopping £181.69!

As I am putting this newsletter together I can hear excited voices as the children do their Christmas shopping—this has to be one of my favourite events of the year. A huge thank you to SMILE for all their hard work in organising this—it really is a magical event—and where else can you get 5 presents for £5!!

We are nearly at the end of a very busy few weeks and yet again we are so proud of the children—their hard work, determination and resilience amazes us constantly. On that note I would like to wish them all a wonderful Christmas with their families and look forward to seeing you all in 2024. Take care, keep safe and enjoy.

Joe Hadley - Arese



Hi, my name is Beauty Mupunga a Student Social Worker from Anglia Ruskin University. In school I am known as Miss Beauty.

I am sure some of you may have seen me at the start and end of school at the doors/ gates.

I have just started a placement with Moulsham Infant School. I work in

collaboration with the Family Support Worker, the safeguarding team, and SENCo of the school. Since we will be working closely (for some) on different levels, I thought of using this opportunity to introduce myself. I will be here till the end of May 2024.

Feel free to come and chat with me as well as the team, we can help with information on accessing services that can be helpful to you and your families.

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



This includes food products with nuts in them, such as Nutella and cereal bars.

Please ensure there are no nut products brought into school.

Important Dates
cont..

Feb 19th - 23rd
Half term.

Feb 26th - Children
return to school.

Teddy L'ympics

On Tuesday 21st November 32 Year 1 children represented MIS at this local event. The children took part in a variety of sports activities.

Unfortunately this was an event that parents were unable to attend—Chelmsford Sport's Partnership rules not ours.

The children had a great time and we were all very proud of them.



Great TEAM
work!!

'We participated in a range of fun sports and games, whilst decorating Teddy flags at each station. The activities ranged from Javelin throwing to hurdles. The decoration stations included stickers, stamps and cutters, and we all came away with beautifully decorated teddy flags to wave with pride during the parade at the end of the day. The children worked very hard and we had a very successful visit. Cleo won an individual award for skipping with a hoop and one of our teams came first overall! What a fantastic achievement, well done everyone'

Miss Talbot PE Subject Leader

Thank you to Miss Talbot for organising this event and attending along with Mrs Harriss, Mrs Waller and Mr Fagg.

The children had an amazing experience and were taken care of superbly by this group of school staff.

Panathlon Games

This was a new event that we were able to be involved with this year. It was a small sporting event for children with SEND. Seven KS1 children attended alongside their parents / carers. The photos below demonstrate the activities they were involved in and their faces tell the story!!



The children were all given t-shirts.



As the winners, the children all received medals.



Our team of 7 came first—to say we are proud is an understatement!!!

Well done to George, Oakley, Sebastian, Lyra, Elliott, Eshal and Sammy.

Comment from parent who attended—My son has Global development delay, Autism and Hypermobile joints, sport just isn't his thing. There are very few sports activities for SEN children mainly due to the staff involved needing specialist training, but the SEN sports day the Woodland Group arranged was fantastic, all the children including my son had so much fun without really realising it was Sport per say. The staff supported by the children's teachers had an amazing morning and the smiles on all the children's faces were wonderful to see. Some of the children were very competitive and there was some amusing anecdotes from them but mainly they just had fun. I was so proud of them and when it was announced that Moulsham Infants had won they were over the moon. His (quite heavy) medal now has pride of place in his bedroom.

Charity Collections

We have raised £ 239.49 for Children in Need, £16.73 for the Poppy Appeal, £114.76 for Save the Children from our Christmas Jumper Day, £56 for Breast Cancer Awareness, £66 for Alzheimers and £ 281.77 for Farleigh Hospice from our Christmas presentations.

Thank you to everyone who donated.

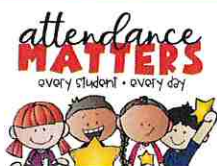
Crèche During Class Assemblies & Year Group Productions.

Due to the lack of volunteers to help run the crèche for class assemblies and year group productions, we have made the difficult decision to not offer this facility from the Spring term.

Alternative arrangements will therefore need to be made.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance — November



This winners of the best class attendance are as follows:-

EYFS - Oak—96.08%

Year 1 - Chestnut— 96.48

Year 2 – Hazel— 94.55

Well done to these 3 classes.

Total attendance for school for November was 94.55% - slightly down from last month (95.17%).

Children late to school

The number of children arriving late for school every day still continues to be very high (approximately 20+ children every day).

Please remember that the school day starts now at 8.45 am (door/gate opens at 8.35am). Children will be missing the start of their learning if they are not in school at this time.

Frequent lateness adds up to a considerable amount of lost learning.

5 mins late every day = 3.4 days in a year
10mins late every day = 6.9 days in a year
15 mins late every day = 10.3 days in a year
20 mins late every day = 13.8 days in a year
30 mins late every day = 20.7 days in a year

Admissions for EYFS September 2024

Applications for reception places for September 2024 must be made to Planning and Admissions by **15th January 2024**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions Late applications made after the closing date are considered after those made on time, which reduces a parent's chance of being offered a place at their preferred school.



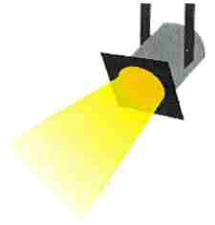
Year 2 transfer to MJS

To apply for a place for your child (Year 3) at MJS for September 2024 you must apply by 15th January 2024. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions Late applications made after the closing date are considered after those made on time, which reduces a parent's chance of being offered a place at their preferred school.





Spotlight on year groups



EYFS

What a busy, fun packed month we have had! On December 1st, the children put on a fantastic Christmas show, retelling the Nativity and singing Christmas songs. Later in the month, we learned about The Gingerbread Man and the children had lots of fun baking, decorating, and eating their own Gingerbread Man. We have also been very busy making a variety of Christmas crafts and the children really enjoyed buying presents for their family and friends at the Christmas Market. The end of term excitement continued with a visit from Santa, followed by Christmas parties. As we reach the end of term, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in 2024!

Mrs Keogh

Year 1

What a wonderful half term we have had in Year 1! Some of our children have represented the school in two sporting competitions the Teddy 'Lympics and Panathlon. They showed excellent sportsmanship coming away with gold medals and a trophy-well done! In November we had a drama workshop delivered by Perform for Schools where the children were taken around the world on an adventure. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and really immersed themselves in it. Enterprise week was a fabulous success with the children designing and creating fun games such as 'Guess the name of the reindeer?' and 'Hook a bauble'. Lots of fun was had by all and precious funds were raised with Sycamore class making the most money in Year 1 with their enterprising ideas! Well done Sycamore class. The children have worked very hard to learn their lines and songs for our production 'Babushka'. It is a wonderful show with a lovely message and the children have done themselves proud. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting this production from supplying costumes to helping your child learn their lines. We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Year One team!

Year 2

Well what a busy half term we have had. We have covered a wide range of learning and seasonal activities too as we have moved from Autumn into Winter. The children have been learning about writing warning and journey stories based on the books 'Gigantasaurus' and 'Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present' to help them get further into the Christmas spirit. We participated in a drama workshop in which the children enjoyed stepping into a story and acting out different scenes as the adventure unfolded. All classes worked very hard to make items for the Christmas Fayre during Enterprise week. They were involved in the production of all of the items sold as well as helping to make posters to advertise them. This was an extremely successful event and helped to raise funds for our school. More recently the children have been working hard to practise their songs and lines for the Christmas Production 'Babushka'. They have all worked very hard and if you were lucky enough to see one of the shows, I am sure you will agree they did an amazing job. Thank you for all of your help with arranging costumes and helping children learn words.

As the end of term draws near we are looking forward to the Spring Term when we will be learning all about the Rainforest and the fascinating animals and plants they are home to.

Thank you for all of your help and support this half term, the Year 2 team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Livingstone

Merry Christmas from all the staff



and Murphy and Ralph



See you
in
2024