



“Learning Together”

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

26th April 2024

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be coming home tonight in the back of homework books, please find time to look at these with your child.

Cross Country Awards

It was a delight for me to give out lots of awards at the end of the cross-country season.

The Year 3/4 girls were awarded a trophy for coming in 3rd place overall. A really good achievement. The Year 3/4 boys were able to dig deep in the final race and managed to get 1st place overall. Well done boys!

I was very pleased when the Year 5/6 girls came 7th and the Year 5/6 boys came 8th despite having small numbers in their teams. You should be very proud.

We had some individual awards too, Flo came 2nd overall in the Year 3/4 girls competition. We had three children in the top 10 of the Year 3/4 boys competition, Rory (2nd), Flynn(5th) and Joel (9th). To sustain such a high level over the whole season is fantastic. Well done.

It was a pleasure to receive and give out 16 'endeavour' medals for children who raced in at least five of the six races. Well done to Joel, Dexter, Pippa, Elin, Rory, Ollie, Hugo, Flo, Zoe, William, Flynn, Zara, Jake, Fiona, Elyssia and Sam.

By far the best thing about the whole season was seeing the children from Great Moor Junior School supporting one another. For anyone running, the last bit of the race can be quite hard work, but to see a familiar face or hear your name being shouted really does give you a boost. Fantastic team spirit!

For the full results of the final race and previous races, click on the link below:

<https://www.greatmoor-jun.stockport.sch.uk/page/cross-country/118257>

The information for next year will be provided to us just before the summer. As soon as we receive the information we will send it out. The first race is usually in September. Mr Garnett



Mini-Marathon 2024

We are hoping to hold our Great Moor Mini-Marathon on the afternoon of Weds 19th June. We will be asking children to collect sponsors for this event in order to raise much needed money for school funds. More information will follow, but we really need parent helpers to marshal on that afternoon from 1.15pm. If you are able to help please contact the office.



Sports Days - week beginning 20th May

Sports Days are scheduled for the afternoons in the last week of this half term, starting at 1.30pm.

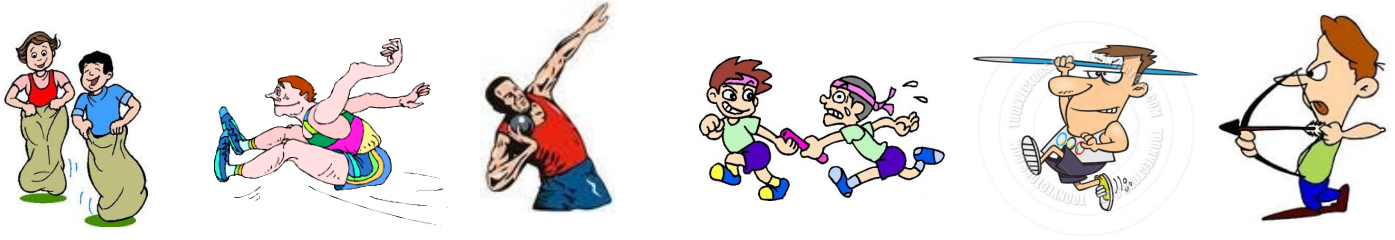
Monday - Year 6

Tuesday - Year 4

Wednesday - Year 3

Thursday - Year 5

Parents are very welcome to come along to spectate. We will be following the same format as previous years with the athletics moving around the different events in their groups. We will put some chairs out at each event so parents are able, if they wish, to move around with their child's class - we just ask the crowds to move around at the same time the children move (and to be especially careful of the running track!). Let's hope it's good weather!



Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who returned our recent questionnaire and for the many lovely comments.

We are very pleased with the positive feedback we have received and have contacted individual parents, as necessary, with any queries that were made.

98% of parents said their child feels happy at school

99% of parents said their child feels safe at school

99% of parents think school makes sure pupils are well behaved

99% of parents think that their child does well at school

98% of parents think that there is a good range of subjects available at school

98% of parents said that their child can take part in after school clubs

98% of parents would recommend this school to another parent

Thank you for your continued support.

TTRS

A little bit of practice each day on Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) is more effective than spending hours on it once a week. We recommend 10 minutes of usage each day with children aiming to increase the score they get in each 1,2 or 3 minute session.

Congratulations to Daniel P who joined our "millionaires club" this week after earning over 1 million coins in TTRS!

Well done to the following pupils in Year 3 who all achieved 100% accuracy this week: Alexis S, Elsa RM, Orla-Rae W, Jake S, Fletcher S, Jack S, Emmanuel J, Elis H, Julia H, Adelaide W, Seth P and Ishan P.

Year 4 continue to be our highest users of TTRS most weeks, but have recently had some still competition from Year 6 who are our highest users this week!. Remember TTRS is not only fun it also helps improve your times table recall and being good at your times tables helps with all your maths.

Coins earned not only count to individual totals but to class total as well. We have seen a big increase in use of TTRS at home over the last week, let's keep at it!



Attendance Reminders

Medical and dental appointments

Please can we request that wherever possible parents try to arrange medical and dental appointments for outside of school hours. If on the rare occasion a medical appointment during school time is unavoidable, then we would ask that your child attends school beforehand and/or returns to school immediately that same day following their appointment. If a child is absent from school first thing in the morning or immediately after lunch they cannot receive an attendance present mark for that session.

Leave of absence

Leave of absence may only be given in exceptional circumstances such as family bereavement, or for other legitimate reasons such as an interview at another school. Parents are asked to request permission in advance by filling in the leave of absence form which can be found on our website.

Family holidays

Parents should be aware that we are not able to authorise absence for family holidays and you will most likely receive a fine if you take your child out of school for holidays. Please also note that we do not provide work for children to do when they are missing school for holidays.

Term Time Holidays

When children miss school for term time holidays not only do they miss out on important learning but they often take time to settle back into their learning routines.

The Government is strengthening the rules around Education Penalty Notices. These are fixed penalty fines which can be issued by the Local Authority where 10 or more sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence take place.

They are most commonly issued to parents when a child misses school for an term time holiday taken without the permission of the school.

The new stronger rules will apply to all offences taking place after August 2024.

- ⇒ For the first fine issued after the start of the 24-25 school year, the fine will increase to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.
- ⇒ If a second fine is then issued to the same parent for the same child within three years of the first fine it will be for £160.
- ⇒ Subsequent offences - no further fines can then be issued if two have already been issued to the same parent for the same child within the previous three years (starting with the date of the first fine); instead the parent will be prosecuted by the Local Authority in the Magistrates' Court.

It's therefore more important than ever that parents arrange to take family holidays in the school holidays and not in term time.

Hometime Arrangements

Children's hometime arrangements can be very complex, especially with after school clubs, Fun Club and parents' working patterns. However, hometime usually goes very smoothly.

We ask parents to continue to help us by ensuring their children know exactly what their arrangements are for each day - who is picking them up and where they are meeting. This is especially important for children whose arrangements are sometimes for them to walk home by themselves.

Teachers go out with the children every night at the end of school so if there are any issues they are on hand to sort them out. If a parent is late arriving or there are any other problems teachers will take children to the office and they will phone parents.



Netball & Basketball Playoffs 2024

At lunchtimes this week one team from each class in Years 3 and 4 have taken part in netball playoffs. Next week will be our basketball playoffs for Years 5 and 6.

During matches in lessons the children have all shown the importance of our school values not only for treating others with respect and kindness but for getting the most from your team through cooperation and being responsible for your role.

This has continued into the playoffs this week and all teams have played some fantastic games really demonstrating the skills they have learned in Games lessons.

Our netball final will took place yesterday and we are looking forward to our basketball playoffs next week. Very well done to our champions 4M.

Throughout all the matches players have shown a real positive sporting attitude regardless of whether their teams win or not. We have been very impressed with the attitude of all players and spectators encouraging not only their team but also congratulating other teams!

Well done!



Water Safety

Last week, pupils in Year 4 had a visit from Helen at the Canal and River Trust. Helen taught us about water safety and what to do in different emergencies that we might find ourselves in. We learnt about lots of the dangers of water in a fun way and even had a go at saving people that were drowning. Then, Helen answered our questions about water safety. It was a great morning.

By Flo and Sam, 4HC



Wellspring Visit Y6

Last term we read the class book *The Night Bus Hero* which is about a boy who meets a man living on the streets. This then led to talk and study around homelessness. Unfortunately, the Wellspring couldn't come during December as they were so busy but we were then lucky enough to have a visit from them earlier this month. Alison, who helps run the Wellspring, Anthony and Janet came to speak to us and share some stories about some of the people they have helped and all of the amazing work they do. They showed us some videos and we got to ask lots of questions about Anthony and his experience of being homeless and how the Wellspring turned his life around as well as any other facts we wanted to learn. Alison was really honest and even though some parts were sad, it was really great to hear how much the Wellspring can help people in Stockport and how our Harvest donations help.

Spring Cycling

Get cycling this Spring and explore near and far with your children.

There are lots of guides online to help you teach your child to cycle such as -

[Teach a child to ride a bike without stabilisers in nine steps - Sustrans.org.uk](https://www.sustrans.org.uk/teach-a-child-to-ride-a-bike-without-stabilisers-in-nine-steps)

[How to teach a kid to ride a bike in 30 minutes | video guide \(bikeradar.com\)](https://www.bikeradar.com/how-to-ride/a-kid-to-ride-a-bike-in-30-minutes/)

[How to teach your child to ride a bike \(britishcycling.org.uk\)](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/teach-your-child-to-ride-a-bike)

Information on cycle routes in Stockport can be found at <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/cycle-routes>

For more information on routes, tips and training, including family sessions, see [Cycling | TfGM Bee Active](https://www.beeactive.org.uk/cycling)

Remember to take care and be courteous to other road and trail users. See [The Highway Code - Rules for cyclists \(59 to 82\) - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code-rules-for-cyclists)



Buxton Comic Con

Free Entry Event

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
10am - 4pm
Octagon Hall,
Pavilion Gardens, SK17 6BE

Characters - Cosplayers - Photo Op's - Meet & Greets
Retro Gaming - Cosplay Competitions - Props
Merchandise Stalls & more....

 Community Trust  


Wild CATS
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Mondays
4.00 - 5.00pm
Power League,
Craig Road,
Heaton Mersey,
SK4 2AP
Ages 5-11

Tuesdays
4.00 - 5.00pm
Stockport
Sports Village,
Lambeth Grove,
Stockport,
SK6 1QX
Ages 5-11


Register Here

All sessions are £2 - card payment only

For further details please get in touch ☎ 0161 266 2700 📧 communitytrust@stockportcounty.com

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FREE STREET CRICKET

YOUTH - AGED 8-15

WHERE:

Alexandra Park

SK3 9RH

WHEN:

Every Monday 5pm - 7pm

CONTACT: Rehaan Rather
07809443307



- TAPE BALL CRICKET
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
- EXPLOSIVE ACTION
- NO EXTRA EQUIPMENT NEEDED
- COVID SAFE

Partners:



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CALLING ALL YEAR 5's AND 6's!

Come and play cricket!

We are recruiting at Stockport
Georgians CC!

Summer training starts from Friday
19th April. Find us on Cromley Road,
SK2 7DT.

Great facilities and great ECB qualified
coaches!



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