



MOOR PARK

NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates - Week 13

Tuesday 5th December

- U8/U9 Girls v The Downs (A)

Wednesday 6th December

- U13A Boys v Bedstone (A)
- U11 Rugby v Kings Hawford (H)
- U13A & B Girls v Bedstone (A)
- U11A & B Girls v HCJS (H)
- Pre-Prep Christmas Play 2.00pm in Henderson Hall

Thursday 7th December

- Open the Book 8.50am in Old Library
- MPPA Christmas Fayre 3.00-6.00pm

Friday 8th December

- Christmas Performing Arts Showcase 4.00pm in Chapel

Sunday 10th December

- Tick Tock Christmas Party 10.30am - 12:30pm in Henderson Hall



Value of the Week:
Wisdom

Michaelmas Term - Week 12

I had an opportunity to drive the U8 Tag Rugby Team to RGS on Tuesday afternoon. This is the team I coach (which may be too strong a word, it's more like herding cats) along with Mr Harry.

Mrs Phillips had them well-prepped and ready – little boys and boots and gumshields are an interesting combination, they separate from each other with mysterious ease and it seems to be only their Pre-Prep teacher who is able to reunite them. I wonder if they learn this in Pre-Prep teacher school?

I bundled the boys (and gumshields) into the bus, eventually managed to get all six seatbelts fastened and, with threats to offload on the roadside anyone who shouted unnecessarily (little boys are wont to do so when in a group), we set off. This would be my first festival of tag rugby and I was a little nervous for the lads.

As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, two draws and three wins on a miserably cold afternoon was an excellent return for a group of lads who have made wonderful progress on the field. So much is made of "it's not about the result, it's all about the game" these days that we've almost forgotten that life doesn't work like that. It's not fair, it can't be sanitised. If we think it can, it's bunkum – sport is about winning and losing. Winning fairly and honourably and losing while trying your darndest. Which is why South Africa won the World Cup (you do know I'm going to be a bore about this for the next four years).

The herded cats have become transformed. They are beginning to manage defensive lines, run good attack angles, are offloading when on the ground and return tags fairly without getting in the way. It's a process. As with all things in life, some are further down the road than others, some will keep playing rugby, some won't. But goodness me, it's gratifying to see the progress each is making in his own time.

And that, mums and dads, is the crux. We each take our own time to progress. Some do it faster than others, some go on a completely different journey. Don't compare yours with others, just help them be the best themselves they can be.

I'm pleased to report we returned with six gumshields!



Bouché





Members of the choir in Hereford for the School Community Advent Service



Good Egg Award:

Our Good Egg this week is Rex C, who helped Charlie B look for his lost tooth in the dark and the rain, where it had been dropped in the wood chipping!

Pre-Prep Awards:

Reception: Sofia M
Year 1: Pia H
Year 2: Nico D
Year 3: Maude U
Pre-Prep Cup for manners &

well done!

Workers of the Week:

Year 3: Amy-Rae F
Year 4: Huw C
Year 5: Freddie B

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Mindsetters of the Week:



Creativity - Jorge V and Bosco A for creativity in their respective DT projects.

Resilience - Evie D for resilience: facing her fears, making lots of progress in the water and swimming without any support.

Resilience - Ilo Y for making a big decision by himself.

Confidence - Mrs Ball's Maths set for trying and succeeding with their square numbers.

Reception visit St Laurence's in Ludlow.



The Prep School matinee of Malvern College's 'We Will Rock You'.



Teddy H sang a solo in front of an audience at the Elgar School of Music on Sunday as part of the ISM Hereford & Worcester Junior Student concert. Congratulations Teddy, that took a great deal of courage and talent!



Year 8 make Christmas hampers for the Ludlow Food Bank.



MATCHES & SPORT

U11 Rugby v RGS (A)

U11 (W) 11-3

U10 Boys v RGS (A)

U10 (W) 7-4

U13A & B Girls v Lucton (H)

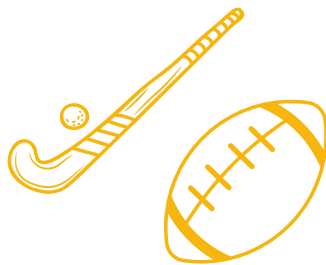
U13A (W) 8-2

U13B (W) 5-1

U11A & B Girls v Birchfield (A)

U11A (W) 3-0

U11B (L) 5-4



U8 Boys Tag Rugby Festival v RGS (A)

U8 Boys did well, returning home with two draws and three wins.



NOTICE BOARD

SATURDAY

It's the start of our Christmas themed Saturdays until the end of term!

We will start our session with an indoor Postman game. Then, we'll learn some new skills whilst we do some Christmas crafting, and to finish the morning, we'll compete against each other in various silly challenges!

We can't wait to get down to some festive fun in these next two weeks - book your child's place: office@moorpark.org.uk

MORNING REGISTRATION

Please may we remind all parents that the Prep School day starts at 8.15am each morning with Tutor Time. This is a valuable 15 minutes when children are registered, and given any important timetable information.

Tutor Time also gives adults and children the time to check in with each other, highlighting any issues, confusions or problems that the Tutor can help to resolve.

Should for any exceptional reason your child/ren arrive later than 8.15am, they should register at the Front Desk to ensure they are on the Fire Register.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please could any child with an overdue library book return it to the library before the end of term.

**SCIENCE CHALLENGE**

Miss Donaldson's festive Science Challenge asks children to think about the ways in which science is used at Christmas time.

Due back on the first day of next term, children should communicate their thinking in any creative way they choose.

Prizes will be given to those projects that really get to grips with the science behind the season.



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CHRISTMAS

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MULLED WINE
FESTIVE STALLS

THURS

7TH DECEMBER 2023

3PM-6PM

FREE ADMISSION -
FESTIVE BAUBLE FOR

**FRONT
HALL**

SEE YOU THERE!



“We were all excited to welcome a new group of Spanish students to the boarding house this week, who have been fully immersed into all aspects of life at Moor Park! Everyone enjoyed settling into their cosy dormitories and making new friends, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for this experience! We’re sure they will take some special Moor Park memories back with them to Spain when they return home this weekend.

Many happy returns to our furry boarding friend Frank, Miss Donaldson’s dog, who turned 4 this week. I’m sure he enjoyed the extra cuddles (and the cupcakes).

Photos next week of our keenly anticipated Saturday Spa Night, as well as fun from decorating the boarding house in lights, tinsel and Christmas trees.”

Charlotte Dunham

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