



NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates - Week 11 Lent Term - Week 10

Monday 25th March

- TT Feast & Treat

Tuesday 26th March

- Reception Eye Tests
- Pre-Prep Spring Performing Arts Showcase in Henderson Hall 2.15pm

Wednesday 27th March

- 9.00am Benediction
- Effort Grades Year 4-8
- End of Lent Term 3.45pm



**Jo Ham & her rabbits visit
Tick Tock**



In his address to the House of Lords on the 1st of February 2024 Melvyn Bragg stated: "We have scientific proof that art exercises the imagination and feeds us in a unique and lasting way. We can't afford to ignore this. If we can bring up generations whose minds and feelings are moulded by the best work, good teachers and multiple opportunities, then we could indeed make a brave new world. Why not and why not now?"

Any reading one does on the evidence (and I do like concrete evidence) of the benefits of an arts education for children will show that it is a deeply enriching experience. I sincerely believe that a rich cultural offering sets really great schools apart.

Across the globe, the arts and culture space accounts for a significant amount of gross domestic product. In the United Kingdom in 2021, the arts contributed £109 billion to the economy. Yet arts education budgets in schools continue to get slashed. In 2021, for instance, the spending on arts education in U.K. state schools came to an average of just £9.40 per child per year.

Not at Moor Park. We are determined to make a brave new world!

Are we not fortunate in the level of cultural exposure our children are receiving? Mrs Morgan, Mr Dunham, Mrs Jenkins and all the staff involved with the children, be they individual, group or whole-school teachers, benefit our children at Moor Park beyond measure.

Nine scholarships in the arts in total tell a really good story about the quality of work happening in those departments. The recognition by our senior schools of what our children are producing is heart-warming. You only have to see the response to our socials to understand just how proud our community is of the children.

But it is the wider exposure for ALL our children that I am proudest of. We are offering our children, right from the youngest years, opportunities to experience the best of what has been thought, written and created.

Think on this while you enjoy your holidays.



Value of the Week:
Creativity



Workers of the Week:

- Year 3: Charles de B
- Year 4: Will BV
- Year 5: Orla B

Pre-Prep Awards:

- Reception: Ralph D
- Year 1: Alex DG
- Year 2: Bea D
- Year 3: Skye J



Mrs Middleton's Tutor Time

Good Egg Award:

Connie H is our Good Egg this week for volunteering to help stack and clear away the chairs after Friday's Performing Arts Showcase.

Good to have you on the team, Connie!



Performing Arts Showcase

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Mindsetters of the Week:

- Confidence** - Sasha M for an impressive attitude in football and steady improvement in English.
- Independence** - Lucy P for taking her Maths book home to continue some fractions work, without being asked.
- Independence** - Chenghe X for doing some work over the weekend in preparation for his ISEB pre-tests.
- Independence** - Ilo Y for doing some Maths work over the weekend, to further his understanding.
- Critical Thinking** - Year 6 Set 1 Maths for finding so many different percentages of 36.
- Critical Thinking** - Hannes E for connecting a character to one of the meanings of his spellings.
- Critical Thinking** - Dexter M for linking the meaning of our spellings to a fable that we discussed last term.
- Creativity** - Cosima C for bringing her fantastic imagination into her work on particles and sound in Science.
- Confidence** - Johnnie V for his improved group work in Science.
- Critical Thinking** - Arabella H-S for her brilliant questions in Science.
- Curiosity** - The whole of Year 2 in their Science class for such a show of curiosity.
- Resilience** - The UII Girls netball A & B teams when playing an unbelievably strong HCJS side, they kept putting in a top effort until the final whistle.



Music Exam Results:

- Otto D – Piano – Grade 1 – Pass
- Bonnie M – Piano – Grade 2 – Pass

Hereford Festival Music Awards:

- Gold – Chapel Choir
- Gold – Barnaby D (Trombone)
- Gold – Edward C (Trumpet)
- Gold – Arthur D (Singing)
- Gold – Sholto F (Singing)
- Gold – Teddy H (Year 4 and below Singing)
- Gold – Teddy H (Songs from Shows)
- Silver – Robbie V (Violin)
- Silver – Emmeline K (Piano)
- Silver – Emmeline K (Violin)
- Bronze – Ren R (Piano)



Downe House's STEM-themed Saturday Smash Session



MATCHES & SPORT

U8/9 Boys v Elms/The Downs/RGS Hockey Tournament (Home)

**U8 Played 5. Drew 4. Lost 1.
U9 Played 5. Won 3. Drew 2.**

U11A & B Girls v Hotshots (Home)

**U11A Girls (W) 14-9
U11B Girls (L) 0-5**

U13A & B & C Girls v Hotshots (Home)

**U13A (W) 14-6
U13B
U13C (L) 1-11**

U8/9 Girls v RGS (Home)

**U8/9A (W) 12-1
U8/9B (W) 6-1**

U13A & B Boys v Christ College Hockey (Home)

**U13A (D) 1-1
U13B (D) 1-1**

U11A & B Girls v HCJS (Away)

**U11A Girls (L)
U11B Girls (L)**

Colts B v Winterfold (Away)

**Colts B Round Robin
(L) 3-1
(W) 1-2**

U13A & B & C Girls v Christ College (Home)

**U13A (W) 14-0
U13B (W) 13-2
U13C (W) 7-2**





BOARDING

The fun has continued in the boarding house this week. Last Friday the Year 7's and 8's enjoyed an evening disco, with a special treat being an incredible 4-tier chocolate fountain! The children danced the night away and ate their bodyweight in chocolate-covered treats. It was a fantastic night that left one Year 8 girl to remark, "that was actually better than I thought it would be." High praise indeed!

At the weekend the full boarders were joined by a number of flexi-boarders as they departed to Malvern for a totally awesome time at Ice Quest. They started with Ice Skating. For some, this was their first time doing this and it was incredible to see them grow in confidence over the session from starting off holding on for dear life to a seal skating aid, to then dancing around the ice rink like a pro! After a lunch at the venue we then enjoyed a couple of games of Laser Quest, with Mrs Middleton proving to be a very popular target!

Boarding is all about having fun with friends. It is a wonderful family community where every person who comes into it is made to feel a part of the family straight away. It is always lovely to see children choosing to stay overnight for a year group disco, or to stay for weekend fun. Equally, it is lovely to see our seasoned boarders turning into big brothers and sisters, and really looking after the children coming in. Sometimes all it takes is the confidence to give boarding a go for the first time. The Moor Park children are really throwing themselves into boarding and I am extremely proud of them. Our boarding family is growing, which is truly wonderful to see!

Toby Dunham



NOTICE BOARD

SATURDAY 

Thank you to all of those extra children that came along last Saturday to take part in Downe House's fun STEM session with us! We have got several more senior schools that will be coming along to run future sessions including:

Moreton Hall - 8th June
 Malvern College - date tbc
 Stonyhurst College - date tbc

This Saturday is all about Easter! There will be Easter Egg Hunts, Easter crafting and all sorts of springtime fun!

Book your child's place to take part:
office@moorpark.org.uk

TICK TOCK HOLIDAY DATES

Easter 2024: Thursday 28th March - Friday 5th April 2024 inclusive. We return Monday 8th April 2024.

Monday 2nd September - Closed for Staff Inset.

Christmas 2024 Monday 23rd December - Monday 6th January 2025 inclusive. We return Tuesday 7th January 2025.

We are closed all Bank Holidays.

COMMUNITY WEEKEND 

WE NEED YOU - 18th/19th May.

We are inviting our school community to help us with some outdoor grounds/gardening jobs, including clearing around the lake area.

This will be the first step towards opening up more of the natural facilities Moor Park has to offer - improving play and learning opportunities for all of our children.

Refreshments will be provided!

To register interest, please email:
smthornhill@outlook.com

SUMMER TERM CRICKET KIT

The start of Summer Term means cricket season and both our girls and boys from Year 5-8 will be playing in fixtures. You will find our Moor Park cricket whites on Direct Clothing (the trousers are long in length but come with an unfinished leg and webbing, meaning you have the opportunity to tailor these to your child's leg length). Boys need boxes.

We'd ask that all children have the correct uniform for the Summer Term please.

DON'T FORGET A SCHOOL CAP!

(Year 3/4 play softball and don't need whites)



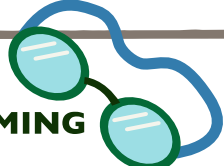
MOOR PARK
 ALL WELCOME!
 BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, 24th March 10.30am - 12.30pm

ARTS & CRAFTS, PRIZES,
 COFFEE & CAKE AND MORE!
 --INCLUDING A SPRING BASKET RAFFLE--

£5 per child. Tickets available on the day


SWIMMING

Another sports kit reminder:

Year 4-8 need a school swimming costume or shorts for all swimming lessons please. These can be bought online from Direct Clothing.

All long hair must be tied back and under a school swimming cap to avoid clogging the pool filters.

Lastly, all children (including Pre-Prep) need swimming goggles. For hygiene reasons we are not able to lend spares and so those without goggles cannot swim.