



MOOR PARK

NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates - Week 6

Monday 7th October

- Grandparents' Day Assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday 8th October

- Year 2 Assembly 8.50am
- U8 Girls v Winterfold Festival (Away)

Wednesday 9th October

- Harvest Festival Mass 9.00am
- U13A & B Boys v Winterfold (Home)
- U10 & U11 Boys v Christ College Brecon (Away)
- U11A Girls v Christ College Brecon (Home)
- U13 Girls Hockey Festival at Packwood

Thursday 10th October

- Open the Book 8.50am
- Sports Team Photos
- Mental Health Awareness Day - wear yellow

Friday 11th October

- Year 7 Racquets Taster at Malvern College

Saturday 12th October

- U13A & B Boys v The Elms (Home)
- U10 & U11 Boys v The Elms (Away)
- U13A & B Girls v The Elms (Away)
- U11A & B Girls v The Elms (Home)



Value of the Week:
Love

Michaelmas Term - Week 5

After what I hope was a restful Exeat weekend, it has been lovely to see the children back at school, enjoying their time and celebrating successes both in and out of the classroom.

I am delighted to see that conkers have again become a feature of break times, and I look forward to the annual King William I competition. Some of our overseas students have found this game a little strange, but they have quickly got into the swing of it - no pun intended. Hearing the children debate the benefits of 'Windmills,' 'Strings,' and explaining why we don't play 'Stamps' is wonderful.

This got me thinking about this eccentric childhood pastime. The first recorded game of conkers using horse chestnuts was played on the Isle of Wight in 1848. After a little more digging on Google, I was delighted to discover that there is not only a World Conker Championship, but the event has also raised over £460,000 for charity over the years.

I often walk the grounds with groups of children and try to get them to notice our beautiful trees. The horse chestnut trees I planted with each year group two years ago are now a good eight feet tall. I wonder how long it will be before they produce their precious fruit for the children to enjoy. My message to the children: plant a tree. They grow faster than you think.

It would be remiss not to mention the 60th Anniversary Ball. What a wonderful way to celebrate 60 years of this great school! A huge thank you to all who attended, the organising committee, and especially Sarah Thornhill for her endless enthusiasm and drive.

J+T Thornhill



Pre-Prep Awards:

Reception: Winston T-D
 Year 1: Maxim F
 Year 2: Edward K
 Year 3: Rex C

Pre-Prep Cup: Connie H for her quiet but enthusiastic approach to school



Year 6 work collaboratively in Maths



The police visit Year 1

Workers of the Week:

Year 4: Huwie C
 Year 5: Oscar DG



Good Egg Award:

The Good Egg this week is Bluebell P for staying behind after every choir practice to help Miss S tidy away the books.

Well done Bluebell, your efforts (and company) are greatly appreciated.



Reception introduce Mr Duffield to playdoh discos



Tick Tock enjoy hands-on art

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Mindsetters of the Week:



- Confidence - Rose O** for making excellent progress with her Speech and Drama examination work.
- Curiosity - Year 4** for asking some great questions when we talked about British Values in PSHE.
- Critical Thinking - Rosie B, Iolanthe S, Cassius D and Wanlong H** for engaging so well in Scholars' Maths in a Monday lunch break.
- Creativity: Connie H, Evie D and Alana H** in Year 3 for super sparkly ideas when writing their Bunsen burner poem.
- Critical thinking: Henry C** for great questioning in the electricity topic and **Cassius D** for giving deep thought about why circuits work.
- Independence: Oscar D G** for taking himself away to research the vitamins and minerals in the body.
- Curiosity: Will W and Kit R** for great thought about how factors affect crystal formation.
- Resilience: Henry M** for catching up brilliantly in Science class work.
- Confidence: Grace W-C** for always helping a friend in Science.
- Independence - Benjamin P and Nat W-W** for getting on with their morning activities with far more independence.
- Critical Thinking - Peggy B** when investigating statements about counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Confidence - Tom M** for sharing the excellent adjective 'murky' when describing the pond.
- Creativity - Gussie U** for a fantastic food scraps portrait complete with olive earrings.
- Creativity - Pia H** when creating her monkey for our classroom rainforest.
- Confidence - Lewis W** for continued effort and progress in rugby. Also for trying hard with his presentation of work.
- Confidence - Charlie B** for making a big effort in his prep.
- Independence - Franc S** for honesty and politeness. He tried to take on board advice given to him.



Starting the day with a poem in Year 8



Year 3 love to learn at Cooking Club



Life skills being learned at DT Club



MATCHES & SPORT

U9 Boys v King's St Albans Festival (A)

U9 Boys won 2, lost 1 and drew 1

U9 Girls v Winterfold Festival (A)

U9 Tigers won 1 and lost 2

U9 Lions won 1, lost 1 and drew 1

U10 & U11 Boys v HCJS (H)

U10 won 7-4

U11 drew 5-5



U13A & B Girls v Christ College Brecon (A)

U13A won 0-7

U13B won 2-3

U11A & B Girls v RGS (H)

U11A won 1-0

U11B won 1-0





BOARDING

The boarding team have had a lovely week looking after our wonderful boys and girls in the boarding house.

Everyone is fully in the swing of the Michaelmas Term now, and my favourite time of day is welcoming the children back onto the wing in the evening as well as hearing about what new stories they have to tell me!

The sense of being one big family is very palpable at the moment. There is a chill in the air outside, and the cosy boarding house is full of 'boarding brothers and sisters'. It really is extremely special. The older children were recognised in assembly for caring and supporting our younger boarders. Sharing and being considerate of each other is on display daily. Yesterday in fact, Blanca plated up some food she had brought from Spain and took joy in offering it round for all the girls to try. The children make toast for each other, read bedtime stories to each other and look out for one another. It is so wonderful to see!

We are thoroughly looking forward to the weekend, when many Year 5 and 6 pupils will be joining us upstairs. The Murder Mystery on Saturday promises to be great fun, although some of the children are convinced that I am going to meet a sticky end! Fingers crossed that we solve the whodunnit!

Charlotte Dunham



SATURDAY

Sunday is National Grandparents Day, so we will be making an edible treat for a grandparent or elderly family friend, as well as getting crafty.

We will also have a running around wide game or activity to burn off some energy!

Please book your child's place on office@moorpark.org.uk

STATIONERY

A plea for children to have the correct stationery at school every day please.

As a reminder, pupils in Years 4-8 should bring to school a couple of pencils, sharpener, rubber, ruler, blue ink pen, green ink pen, purple ink pen and a couple of highlighters.

Thank you for helping your child to be prepared for their classes!

APP OF THE WEEK

Squeebles!



This app offers children the perfect way to help learn the all-important Multiplication Tables in a fun and engaging way, as well as being tested in them too.

Squeebles Telling the Time, Squeebles Fractions and Squeebles Spellings are all great tools too - check them out for your child!

MATHS CLINICS

These are available on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes for children who ask in Years 7 and 8.

These sessions are especially helpful for pupils with entrance exams coming up in the next four months or so.

Please encourage your child to book in with Mrs Middleton to discuss their needs.

SAVE THE DATE

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We are aware that some parents in the Prep School would like the opportunity to come to one of our whole school assemblies.

And so, on Friday 18th October we will hold the school assembly at 8.30am. You will be more than welcome to attend and witness what is a celebration of all that the children do each week. The assembly ends with a rousing hymn and we look forward to hearing you all in good voice.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The children had individual (and sibling group) photos taken by Gillman & Soame earlier this week.

You will receive a proof, together with details about how to order these photographs, in around two weeks.