



"The World for our Children, our Children for the World"

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Family Newsletter

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Dear Families

This afternoon we welcomed families into school to visit our art exhibition, showcasing the wonderful work carried out by children across the school during our 'Take One' Art project. We continue to be inspired by the enthusiasm the children bring to these weeks and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to visit the gallery with your child.

Miss Crossan



Safer Internet Day

Access to devices has never been greater with the Office for National Statistics (ONS) reporting that nearly **30% of children spend three or more hours a day online** (outside school). This means that teaching young people how to stay safe online has never been more important.

Wednesday 11th February day marked Safer Internet Day with schools around the country raising awareness of the rising complexities in staying safe online. Across the week the children took part in activities to deepen their understanding of the risks and promote ways to stay safe. This year, Safer Internet Day focused on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and how to use this safely. The children discussed both the advantages and disadvantages of AI and how to navigate it carefully. The children were taught the following key messages:

1. Do not share personal information with AI
2. Be sure to verify the information provided with another source
3. Use AI only with the permission of a trusted adult adhering to age restrictions where appropriate

Please be aware that AI technology may not be able to differentiate between material appropriate for children and adults and therefore your child could be exposed to harmful content.

We have asked the children to follow this conversation up with you all at home, so please take the time to determine their understanding of AI and the risks and to establish whether they are accessing any of these applications already - an open and honest discussion is the best policy!

Across the next term, we will continue to raise awareness of internet safety and we will be holding a parent information session - more details to follow.

Cricket

Well done to all of Swallows class for taking part in a morning of cricket at Didcot Girl's School. They spent the morning practising catching, throwing and batting skills with an expert coach from Oxfordshire cricket supported by the girls from DGS. The children had a great time and represented the school superbly. They were especially pleased that all the girls were saying how cute they were!!

Design Technology

Across this term, each class has been learning about healthy eating as part of their DT unit of work. Each class has enjoyed baking and cooking, learning new skills they can put to good use in your kitchens at home. Check out the pizzas made by our children in year 6 below.



Moki Band fun!

Children at South Moreton continue to be active and busy every day, making the most of our beautiful site indoors and outdoors!

Our School total steps this week is 932516- equivalent to walking from South Moreton to Berlin, in a straight line!

House averages:

Ravenclaw - 8843 Gryffindor - 8492 Hufflepuff - 8496 Slytherin - 7844

Class averages:

Wrens - 9490 Swallows - 10179 Puffins - 10142 Herons - 5536 Red Kites - 6731



READING NIGHTS AT SOUTH MORETON

We don't set homework at South Moreton
(research says it's not impactful for Primary pupils, and
parents told us they agree)

BUT - we do expect children to read at home.

1 night of Reading = 1 "Reading Night"

15 minutes R / KS1, 20 mins KS2

Recorded in their Reading Diary

4 nights = 1 point to win prizes

**Reading is the single biggest way parents can support their
child's academic success.**

HOW WE MEASURE

Engagement in reading at home forms part of our assessment of your child. Those that don't read, fall behind.

Children should read at home every day Monday - Thursday. Reading diaries are checked on a Friday.

Those with 4 Reading Nights will be entered to win prizes for their House and Class.



Reading Nights at South Moreton

We are delighted to celebrate all the children who earned a Reading Nights Certificate this term by reading on at least four nights each week. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects real commitment, consistency, and growing confidence as readers. We extend our sincere thanks to parents and carers for your ongoing partnership and support; your encouragement at home makes a measurable difference. We look forward to seeing even more children reading regularly in the months ahead, as strong reading habits are truly invaluable for their future prospects.

*Mrs Mupita
Reading Lead.*

*****Term 4 clubs now available for booking*****

We are lucky to benefit from a rich extra-curricular life at South Moreton, with over 30 clubs running each year. Please see the Term 4 timetable below, and email office.2566@south-moreton.oxon.sch.uk to book your child's place.

If your child attracts Pupil Premium funding, they may choose a club each term for free - please email the Office with your choice.

Day	Club offer		Cost	Collect at
Monday	Team games (All year groups) A fun way to learn/share their skills and Team games - helping them to grow more confident in skills like turn taking, catching, sharing games they know and like.	Drawing club (All year groups) Come along and show us your artistic creativity in our drawing club	£42.50	5pm
Tuesday	Tag Rugby (All year groups) A fun and exciting way to learn about Tag rugby, rules, game play and then participating in mixed aged teams.		£42.50	5pm
Wednesday	Creative construction (All year groups) A creative wonderland of Lego or k-nex challenges designed to develop critical thinking, teamwork and technical skills! Building, designing and constructing for a purpose.	Board Games (All year groups) A chance for the children to play a variety of board games with their friends. This will help them to develop a variety of skills. From numeracy - spelling.	£42.50	5pm
Thursday	Science (All year groups) Come along to explore and discover the magic and fun. Fun, friendly and exciting is what our science club has been described as in the past. So come along and join us whilst taking part in simple experiments and the reasoning behind the reactions and results.		£42.50	5pm

School Meal Provision

We would like to remind families that our school menu is carefully planned and costed to provide nutritious, popular meals based on the specific orders received. If the order cut-off is missed, we will always ensure your child receives a hot meal; however, please be aware that this may result in them being served an alternative dish that they may not personally prefer. We appreciate your cooperation in using the ordering system promptly to help our kitchen run smoothly and ensure every child enjoys their lunch.

Spring Term Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Further Info
Wed 4th & Thurs 5th March	Parents' Evening	3.30pm - 5.30pm.
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	Information to follow
Friday 6th March	Y5/6 Girls Netball tournament	Selected pupils, information within email from Mr Matthews

Pupil Premium eligibility - help us to support your child

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals and a variety of other financial supports, and school receives additional funding to support your child's teaching and learning. Please help us to claim this funding by contacting the Office if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Don't forget to join our **@SouthMoretonPrimary** Facebook page!
We welcome you to search and 'like' so that you get the best insight
into the school day to discuss and celebrate with your child.
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