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MOORLANDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Message from the Head

Dear Friends of Moorlands,

The Spring Term is traditionally one where the focus in school is very much on the day-to-day work of the classroom, with the excitement of Christmas a distant memory and the halcyon days of summer still to look forward to . . .

In their music, Year 2 have begun to learn how to play the ukulele with Mrs Matthews and she has been so impressed with their progress, that they are going to perform in Monday's Celebration

Assembly - after only two weeks of lessons !

Please do come along if you have the time.



The U8 girls tried something new when they went to Gateways on Tuesday for an introduction to Lacrosse and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

There are twenty-one very eager KS1 and KS2 pupils who make up the Moorlands' Eco-Committee. Over the past term they have been working hard on gathering information for an Environmental Review of Moorlands. As part of this, Mr Clibbens, our caretaker, came to the meeting last week to answer questions about such diverse things as . . . whether we recycle green waste from the kitchen (we do!), where the water meter is (near the dovecote), the problems of the self-stopping taps (they don't always!) and we heard about a special 'heat saver' which keeps the heat in the swimming pool overnight. Our next step is to put together an action plan, which will then be presented to the school community at an assembly later in the term.

Thank you to parents for taking on board the new tea registration system it has, alongside some organisational changes that we have also made in school, helped hugely, so please find the link to book next week's tea in the newsletter email.

Next Friday is our Australia Day, to raise funds which will be split between the Volunteer Fire Fighters and a charity to help injured animals. We are particularly looking forward to the 'Kangaroo Bounce' . . .twenty-six space hoppers at least one of which must have someone bouncing on it for the four hours from 9.00a.m. – 1.00 p.m.!

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

Jacqueline Atkinson



Celebration Assembly Monday 13th January 2020

House Cup – won by Sharman this week Dojo totals: Sharman 235, Palin 155, Adams 147

Performer of the week – Ariana on the flute

Alfie was the only person who followed up on Mrs Wheelhouse's challenge last week to work out which languages 'Happy New Year' was being said in and he even did some independent research into other languages.

Well done to all our Intrepid Moorlanders !



Early Morning Swimming Club

There will be no Early Morning Swimming Club on Wednesday 22nd January

Changes to Parent contact details

Please make sure that your contact details including email addresses are up to date, any changes can be communicated to the school office.

Late Club & Tea

If your child will be staying for late class between 5.00 – 6.00 p.m. during the week commencing 20th January, please complete the booking form using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/ZpvgD5UhAEcY4v2g8>

If your child needs a sandwich tea, you will need to make a choice for **each evening that they are staying**, in order to ensure that the kitchen staff make appropriate provision for all pupils.

If your child does not require a booked tea, but will be staying in late class, please still complete the form for the evenings that they will be with us and select no sandwich.

The link will be available until 10am on Monday morning, anyone wishing to use the late club after that please speak to School Reception before 9.00am on the day.

Year 4 News

Year 4 have been very excited to receive their Christmas present this week – an adoption certificate, a cuddly toy, bookmarks, stickers and information booklets about their Amur leopard. The class have spent the week researching Amur leopards, drawing them and producing their own non-chronological reports. We are looking forward to our next pack from the WWF and learning more about our Amur leopard and how we are helping the fight against extinction.

Mrs Wheelhouse



The Amur leopard is the rarest cat in the world.

Appearance

The Amur leopard has white, yellow and black fur. Amur leopards have white, shiny claws and a pink nose. They have lots of white whiskers and most of them have light blue eyes.

Habitat

Amur leopards live in Russia and Northern China. It is illegal to kill an Amur leopard in Russia. Their habitat is under threat. Amur leopards can have up to 6 cubs. They can run up to 35 miles per hour to catch their food. They can jump up to 3m high and 6m long.

Diet

Amur leopards are carnivores and they have denticles on their tongue so they can rip their prey's fur off. They eat lots of meat.

summary

There are only 70 Amur leopards left so I would suggest to go to WWF and adopt an Amur leopard to protect them.

By Oliver Thompson

Amur Leopard

Introduction

Amur leopards are critically endangered.

Appearance

The Amur leopard has thick, golden fur and black rosettes patterned around its body. They have distinctive green eyes and are nocturnal. They have long whiskers. Males weigh 32-48 kg whilst females weigh 25-42 kg. They are 64-78cm. The Amur leopard has to shed their fur in Spring and grow a new layer in Winter. They are paler and have more spots than other leopards.

Habitat and Survival

Amur leopards live in forests in North Eastern China and Russia's Far East. In the cold conditions they live in, all the meat freezes so they have denticles to rip the frost and fur from their prey. They are solitary animals when not raising cubs. They can have 1-4 cubs in 12 weeks and juveniles stay with their mother for 2 years before they have to fend for themselves. When giving birth they live in caves so they are hidden. Their new born open their eyes after a week of birth. Amur leopard's lifespan is 10-15 years in the wild.

Conservation

We need to help Amur leopards as wildfires, deforestation, climate change and illegal wildlife trade is in action and destroying their home. One little deed you make such as adopting one, eating a little less meat and lots of other things will make a massive impact, not only for the Amur leopard but for all the other animals.

Summary

These extraordinary creatures are under threat and are almost extinct. Their lives are becoming harder and harder each day. The only people who can help them is us.

By Aiyla



**Did you know that YOU can raise money for Moorlands School
simply whilst doing your USUAL online shopping?
It takes just 2 extra clicks and costs absolutely nothing - it's that 'easy'!**

Please sign up to Easyfundraising and generate free money for Moorlands. Last year, this initiative raised nearly £2,000 and all money goes towards experiences and equipment to benefit our children.

There are thousands of retailers and services signed up to Easyfundraising including Amazon, John Lewis, Tesco, Sainsburys, Argos, Marks and Spencer, Boden, Sky, Expedia, Aviva to name just a few. Each time you spend, Moorlands gets a financial kick-back from the retailer.

How to sign-up:

Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
Click 'Support A Cause'
Click 'Moorlands School Association - Weetwood'
'Create an Account' with your details

Once signed up, every time you shop...

Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
Search for the retailer you would like to shop with and click the link to their website
Make your purchases as normal on the retailer's website
Donations will come from the retailer to Easyfundraising within 14 days of your transaction. The MSA receives a payment on a quarterly basis.

Thank you

The MSA



Dates For Your Diary

Mon 20th	Ashville College Entrance Exam Celebration Assembly 8.40am, Year 2 Ukulele performance 4.15pm U9 & U11 Swimming vs Bradford Grammar & Richmond House (H) (TBC)
Tues 21st	U8/9 Football & Netball vs Local Schools
Weds 22nd	Early morning Swimming Club Cancelled 8.40am House General Knowledge Quiz
Fri 24th	GSaL Entrance Exams Australia Day
Mon 27th	4.15pm U9/10/11 Swimming vs Bronte at Woodhouse Grove (A)
Tues 28th	U8 Football/Netball v Richmond House (H) U9 Football/Netball v Richmond House (A)
Fri 31st	1.45pm U10/11 Football Festival at Richmond House (A) pm David Humphreys in school

The full school calendar is available on the website www.moorlands-school.co.uk

Lunch Menu For Week Commencing 20th January 2020

Days	Option 1	Option 2	Side Dish	Desserts
Monday	Chicken Tikka Curry	Cauliflower & Chickpea Curry	Basmati Rice, Sweetcorn & Naan Bread	Apple & Blackberry Pie with Cream
Tuesday	Lamb Hotpot	Vegetable Hotpot	New Potatoes & Green Beans	Chocolate Crispy
Wednesday	Sausage Pie	Quorn Sausage Pie	Potato Wedges, Garden Peas & Gravy	Strawberry Mousse
Thursday	Seasoned Breaded Chicken Goujons	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Broccoli with Pasta in Tomato & Basil Sauce	Iced Sponge
Friday	Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans & Tuna	Cheese, Beans & Tuna	Assorted Desserts

Available every day - fresh salad bar, brown bread, fruit, jacket potatoes and a selection of fresh sandwiches.