



Moor Hall School News



April 2019 • enquiry@moorhall.bham.sch.uk • 0121 675 3966
www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk Twitter: <https://twitter.com/moorhallprimary>



IN THIS ISSUE

- Mr Steggall's Message
- Moorhens newsletter
- Diary Dates / Communications
- Amy Dickson Visit
- ICT Tip
- The Arts
- School Uniform Reminder
- Bookfair Update
- Sports Update
- Various reminders

Mr Steggall's Message

I am really pleased to be able to tell you that Mrs Petryshyn had a baby boy on Tuesday 2nd April. Both mum and baby are doing well. Many congratulations to Mrs Petryshyn and family.

We have a wonderful new teacher starting in our EYFS class straight after Easter. Mrs Shaw will cover Mrs Petryshyn's maternity leave. She is a very experienced teacher and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her to the Moor Hall team. She will be part of the overall EYFS team but with specific responsibility for Butterflies for 2 days per week.

Year 5 have had a fantastic, memory making, trip to Conover Hall. Photos of all the fun including team building activities and trying out new skills have been regularly updated on our blog and Twitter.



I was very pleased to welcome one child per class to my Golden Tea this week. The children were chosen by the lunchtime staff for demonstrating our Golden Rules during lunch breaks. We enjoyed tea and squash along with cake whilst we used the opportunity to get to know each other better.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break. The children have been invited to bring in decorated eggs, bonnets and colouring to celebrate Easter. I am looking forward to seeing them in assembly on Friday.

Andrew Steggall

Moorhens

Moorhens regularly send out a separate newsletter. A copy can be found on the Moorhens page of the school website.

<http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/moorhens-forms-and-information>

EYFS Planting

We unfortunately had to delay the afternoon planting we had planned for EYFS to finish off the outdoor space. We will be re-arranging this soon as we can. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

INSET Day—Monday 29th April

Just a reminder that there is an INSET day on Monday 29th April so the first day back for children is **Tuesday 30th April**.

Possible School Closure—23rd May

We have been advised that the school may need to be closed on **23rd May** to be used for the purposes of European Parliament Elections if, at this date, the UK remains in the EU.

A letter has been sent in book bags with further details.

Communications

Don't forget there is lots of information posted on the Moor Hall Blog—please take a look:

<http://moorhall.blogspot.com/>
<http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/home>

and please follow us on Twitter:
<https://twitter.com/moorhallprimary>



If there is anything you would like to see in future editions of our newsletter please email:
a.southgate@moorhall.bham.sch.uk

April / May

Key Dates

Coming UP..

12th April—Last day of term & PA Easter Activities
 29th April—INSET Day
 30th April—Children return to school
 2nd May—Y6 Netball match
 3rd May—Y4 to Apple Store & Bham Museum
 6th May—Bank Holiday—School closed
 7th May—5pm—Y3 Science Eve with parents @ Little Sutton School
 8th—Y3 and Y4 at Walmley Golf Club
 9th May—Y3 & Y4 Mega Fest
 9th May—Y6 Netball match
 10th May—PA Quiz Night
 13th—16th May—Y6 SATs Week
 20th May—Walk to School Week
 20th—21st May—Y6 at Conover Hall
 22nd May—PA Meeting 7pm
 23rd May—possible school closure for voting
 24th May—Last Day of Half Term

3rd June—INSET Day
 4th June—school re-opens for children
 5th—Y6 Vista school photo
 10th June—Class Photos
 12th June—Y5 Cluster Day
 12th June—5:30pm—Music Concert
 13th June—Netball presentation @ Penns Hotel
 14th June—KS1 Fathers Day assembly 9:15am
 17th June—Y4 cricket festival
 19th June—Area Sports at Wyndley
 20th June—Community Tea

Amy Dickson—Music

We had high expectations for Amy Dickson's visit on 29th March but even these expectations were exceeded.

Amy ran workshops for every class in school based on her 'Take a Breath' programme. You can learn more about this and about her internationally acclaimed music at her website:

<https://www.amydickson.com/category/news/>

I recommend you ask your child(ren) about the 'Elephant Breath Technique' as it is a coping strategy in a stressful situation.



Amy was thrilled to work with our children and we have built up, what I hope to be, a lasting relationship. We would very much like to work with Amy in the future as we continue to develop our strong links to music and the Arts across school.

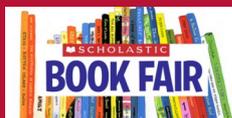
We were very pleased that Sony Music secured a photographer from The Sutton Observer to

ICT Tip

The government believe that online companies must start taking responsibility for their platforms, and help restore public trust in this technology. It's hoped that a legal duty of care placed upon internet companies will help to keep people safe. A consultation was announced this week, and while this new policy will help, it will always remain that parents should speak to children regularly about online habits, what they're doing, what they're looking at and what they may be subscribing to. Open dialogue and monitoring will always play an important role in keeping children safe online.

Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to all who supported the Book Fair- we raised £1027.70.



We're aware that these books can cost a little more than in supermarkets and from Amazon but the commission the school receives is crucial to the continual replenishing of quality books for our children.

I hope you are enjoying your new books.

Thank you!

The Arts

Free Exhibitions at the MAC

[Derek Bishton, Brian Homer and John Reardon : Handsworth Self Portrait: 40 Years On](#)

Sat 23 Mar – Sun 2 Jun

In 1979 Derek Bishton, Brian Homer and John Reardon created a pop up photography studio on the street outside the community design and photography office they had established in a terraced house in Grove Lane, Handsworth, Birmingham. Instead of taking the photos themselves, they invited passers by to take their own photograph, passing them the shutter release so they could control the decisive moment of how to present themselves and when they were ready for the picture to be taken.

[Kate Holt & Plan International UK: Brave: The Girls of South Sudan](#)

Sat 30 Mar – Sun 19 May

Plan International UK presents Brave: The Girls of South Sudan, a photography exhibition by Kate Holt, showing girls' everyday lives as they survive in the world's youngest country. The girls of South Sudan have faced it all. Conflict, violence and hunger. And they are still just teenagers. See their lives in this powerful exhibition with photography by award-winning photographer Kate Holt.

[Royal Photographic Society: International Photography Exhibition IPE 161](#)

Sat 30 Mar – Sun 12 May

The Royal Photographic Society's International Photography Exhibition is the world's longest running photographic exhibition having been held almost every year since 1854 - the year after The Society was founded. This year 7327 entries were submitted to the open-call from over 60 countries including UK, USA, Australia, Brazil, Russia and Indonesia from which 189 were selected for a shortlist. 54 photographers were selected to exhibit in IPE 161 including the winners: Catherine Hyland (Gold Award), Christopher Bethell (under 30's Gold Award), Alys Tomlinson (Silver Award) and Oli Kellett (Bronze Award).

School Uniform

As the Easter break is upon us, when you may be thinking of replacing any school uniform, can we please remind you of our Uniform Policy which can be found on the school website.

http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/assets/uploaded/downloads/Uniform_Policy_2018_revised.pdf

In particular, please make sure children are wearing appropriate shoes to school - this doesn't include trainers.

Ties are part of the uniform for our KS2 children and should be worn daily.

Nail varnish should not be worn in school and jewellery should be kept to small ear studs and religious items only.

A small watch can be worn at school but this must not be a 'fit bit' type device or smart watch and should not be of high value. Any inappropriate devices in school will be kept in the school safe until they can be collected by an adult at the end of the school day.



Please donate any outgrown uniform in good condition to the PA who sell pre-loved uniform to raise money for our school.



Cricket—All Stars

Please see below a letter shared with us from the All Stars Cricket team who have been working with our children in Years 1 & 2:



Dear Parent/ Carer,

We are pleased to inform you your child recently had an awesome All Stars Cricket experience at school. All Stars Cricket is the England and Wales Cricket Board's entry level participation programme, aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket.

Programme features:

- For all boys and girls aged five to eight
- Delivered nationwide at over 2,000 centres
- Eight one-hour sessions, held over eight weeks
- Emphasis on fun and being active
- Focus on developing your child's movement skills
- Safe and fully accredited

Easy online registration

Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies including a cricket bat, ball, activity book, personalised shirt and cap all sent straight to your door.

Attached are our local clubs who are taking part in All Stars this year. Further information can be accessed at <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>.

Netball Trials

Parkside Netball Club are holding trials on 15th May and 7th June for Year 6 girls to join their team. Full details can be found on their flyer on this link:

http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/assets/uploaded/downloads/Parkside_Trials_Flyer.pdf

Spare Socks

Thank you to everyone who has donated underwear to EYFS. We are still in need of SOCKS please. If you have any boys or girls school socks (suitable for EYFS children), please could you donate them to school? Thank you

Sports Update



Year 5 Bikeability - four groups of children have been taking part in the national Bikeability scheme (cycling proficiency in old money) Levels one and two. They have seen every season during these sessions! Well done to all the children who took part at times in some very challenging conditions.

Year 3 - Year 3 have just finished two weeks of swimming - we have seen fantastic improvement from all the children over this period of lessons, well done year 3 on all your hard work. A big thank you to Mrs Edwards for giving up her time to come and teach a group of students. Also thank you to the other parents and grandparent who came along to support the class and made it such a success.

Our **Year 6 Netball** team have been out competing in a tournament - well done ladies you are showing great improvements. A big thank you and appreciation to Miss Hurrell and Mrs Latino Kelly for your time with the girls.

Our **KS2 cross country** team have been out and competed at Bishop Vesey School and John Willmott School - well done to everyone who represented the school in these two races.

Years 1 and 2 have had **Warwickshire County Cricket** in for a taster session children have been given information about the National "All Starts Cricket" scheme.

Year 6 multi skills team were medal winners at the Wilson Stuart competition at the BMET. - these students were a fantastic representation of our "Moor Hall Child". Well done!

KS2 Dance troop, have come second in the Wilson Stuart Partnership Dance Festival. Well done team!

The school **football team** have been back training after school and have their first match of the year this week against Maney Hill School.

Please note...

1. The staff car park is only for staff. Driving onto or using the car park to turn around at the start and end of the school day is very dangerous.
2. No mobile phones should be used by parents whilst in school.

PA News

Please get you deposits in ASAP

SUMMER CHARITY BALL
Aston Wood Golf Club,
Little Aston, B74 4EU
"U Deserve A Quality Night Out"
3 Course Meal, Entertainment,
Music & Fun. Tickets on Sale
Friday 28th June 2019 @ 7.15PM

