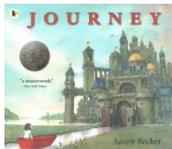


Head Teacher's Message:

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break.



We are already back in to the swing of school life and the children were thrilled to come back in to school to see that the hall and every classroom had been transformed into a magical wonderland lit by fairy lights and lined with trees.

This was just the start of Moor Hall's Book Week where the whole school were introduced to the book *The Journey*. Please read more about this lovely event and have a look at the photos in this newsletter and on our Twitter page: https://twitter.com/moorhallprimary?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw&ref_url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.moorhall.bham.sch.uk%2F

School Expansion

We are hopeful that the work will start on site later this month. The building contractor, Balfour Beatty, has issued a letter to local residents advising of the project manager's name and contact numbers. A copy of this letter is on our web page. All information we have going forward will be posted on to this page:

<http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/expansion-documents>

I have a few points and reminders for you: :

- Children are allowed to wear a watch into school but any form of smart watch is not allowed. Mobile phones are not permitted in school. Please do not send your child into school with any item of value and with this in mind Fit Bits are not appropriate for school.
 - Please do not allow your children to have an extreme style haircut. This is not reflective of the our school ethos and can be distracting to other children. If you are in any doubt, please let me know.
 - Children can start to arrive at school from 8:40am and should go into class between 8:40am and 8:50am. This is so that the school day can start promptly at 8.50am. Please do not allow junior children into school before 8:40am as there isn't an adult supervising the playground.
- BUT children must be in school and ready to start the day by 8:50am. Late attendance disrupts the whole class.
- Please remember to drive and park responsibly and safely. The following are reminders:
 - We operate a voluntary one way system, this means you should only pass with the school on your LEFT.
 - Do not double park—this would restrict an emergency vehicle getting to our neighbours or to the school.
 - 20 is plenty—whilst the speed limit on the roads around school is 30 miles per hour, we think 20 is plenty.
 - Do not block the pavements—you need to leave room for children, parents, pushchairs and wheelchairs to pass.
 - Do not park on double yellow lines.
 - Do not park, even partially, over neighbours' drives.

Please make a note of the dates for your diary which you will find in this newsletter. Some dates are only published in this newsletter not necessarily by separate letter.

Finally, we are advertising for the role of Playworker in Moorhens and for a Lunchtime Supervisor in school. The full details and application form will be posted on the Birmingham City Council web site shortly:

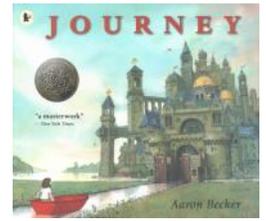
https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/3/job_vacancies/category/202 and can also be found on the school website: <http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/correspondence>

Or please call into school for more information.

Andrew Steggall

Moor Hall School Book Week - January 9th - 12th

The children returned to school after the Christmas break to a magical Book Week based around the book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. 'Journey' is the first book in a trilogy from Becker - the others being 'Quest' and 'Return'. The school was transformed into the pages of the wordless book and staff planned a huge variety of activities to engage the children and really immerse them in the fabulous book.



From magic carpet rides, film-making and hot-air balloon modelling to musical scores, endless drama activities and creative story writing, the children had a wonderful week based around the book. Other activities included kite-making, chalking doors to imaginary worlds, stories based on their own red door, creating magical birds, power-point presentations adding words to a wordless book, SEAL work about loneliness, lantern making, maths work measuring magic carpets and data collection about favourite pages. We even posed questions to Aaron Becker and he responded via Twitter!



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"Please can we do 'Quest' as our next Book Week?" Jake - Year 5

In response to creating their own magical way of transporting a character, James said, "It's not the actual waterfall which transports them - it's their imagination." James - Year 6.



"Journey is a great book because you can let your imagination run wild. Since there are no words, there are no right or wrong answers about what's happening." Myriam- Year 4

Please take a look at the school website and our Twitter feed to see a snapshot of all the wonderful work the children produced.

www.storybreathing.com - Aaron Becker's website with the book trailers.



January

31st Jan—Neighbourhood Watch Meeting 6pm

February

1st Feb—Year 6 Math Workshop 9-10am

2nd Feb—Year 5 Maths Workshop 9-10am

5th Feb—9th Feb—Walk to School Week

8th Feb—Year 4H Maths Workshop 9-10am

9th Feb—Year 4W Maths Workshop 9-10am

12th Feb—Year 2 Maths Workshop 9—10am

13th—15th Year 5 Bikeability

16th Feb—last day of half term

26th Feb—School re-opens

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PA Diary Dates:

Thursday 8th February—Disco—

KS1 5—6 KS2 6:15—7:30 HELPERS NEEDED please contact Zoe.

Friday 16th February—Coffee Afternoon from 2pm— including pre-loved uniform and fancy dress sale.

Thursday 15th March—Pamper Eve from 7pm

Friday 23rd March—Easter Competition in school

Friday 23rd March—Film Night—5-7pm

Tuesday 24th April—Bags to school

Friday 27th April—Quiz Night 7:30pm start

Please follow and 'like' the PA Facebook page to keep up to date with all events and fund raising ideas—if you can spare half an hour to help at any events please let your class reps know. The page is called: Moor Hall School Parents Association



ICT Safeguarding Tip

PEGI Ratings - Age ratings ensure that entertainment content such as films, DVDs, and computer games are clearly labelled for the minimum age group for which it is suitable. The PEGI rating on a game confirms that it contains content suitable for a certain age group and above. So a 7-rated game is suitable for everyone who is seven or older, while an 18-rated game is deemed suitable for adults only. It is not, a measure of who will enjoy the game or how difficult that game is.



Neighbourhood Watch

We are pleased to be able to host the local Neighbourhood Watch Meeting in school on Wednesday 31st January at 6:00pm.

Reg Banks chairs the group and can be contacted on 07799 791617 or via the Neighbourhood Watch email moorhallnhw@gmail.com if you would like more information or would be interested in attending the meeting.

Modeshift Stars

Thank you very much to Mr Winter and the School Council for organising the fluorescent arm bands. Please can you ensure your child's name is on the back of their arm band.



**BRIGHT
BE SEEN**



On dark winter mornings and evenings don't forget to wear something bright, like your new armband!

SEN—if your child has a special educational need and you wish to discuss or you have any concerns you can access further information about SEN at Moor Hall on our SEN page on the website under the parents tab and SEN. Mrs Davey (SENDCo) will also be holding drop in sessions on the 14.03.18 and 02.04.18 from 1-3pm should parents wish to come in or call to discuss any issues.

ICT—The best way to protect yourself from fraud is to be aware, so here are our 5 top tips:

1. Never disclose banking PIN numbers or passwords.
2. Never disclose card reader codes over the phone under any circumstances.
3. Always check that websites are secure and protected when making transactions. Look for https:// and a padlock
4. Never allow remote access to your computer when someone calls you unexpectedly.
5. Download and install the free IBM Rapport security software. www.bit.ly/ibmrapport

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/education-packs>

Our ICT Manager, Mr Hall has lots of resources that he will be sharing with us.

Music Lessons—Fees Due

Music Money

Money for music lessons is due for the Spring term. The amounts to pay are as follows:

Violin, Cello, Woodwind - £90 for the term

Keyboard - £66 for the term

Guitar - £70 for the term.

Please can you send your payment into school as soon as possible. If you are paying by cheque, it would be helpful if money for different instruments is sent as separate cheques. Please check with Mrs Michel in the school office if you are not sure if you have paid for the Spring term, reminders wont be sent out until later in the term. Thank you.