

MOOR PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER—FEBRUARY 2011

Dear Parents

Half term is nearly here, we close this **Friday 18th February at 3.30 p.m.** and re-open on **Monday 28th February**. Before that we have a busy week ahead!

On Tuesday and Friday many of the Year 5 and Year 6 children will be planting trees on Moor Park. A couple of weeks ago the children were given a presentation on all the developments taking place on the Park. Twelve of our children have worked with the landscape architects and designed metal art work which will be incorporated into the new gateway. It should be finished sometime in April.

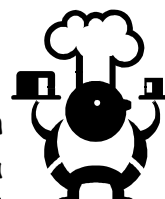
Years 1 and 2 have a 'folk' visitor coming to sing traditional songs, tell traditional stories and teach them traditional games.

Parents of Year 3 children are invited to their assembly this Friday at 9.00 a.m. They are looking forward to performing for you.

All parents—don't forget it is '**Open Night**' on **Tuesday or Wednesday**—you should have your appointments by now, if not, please contact your class teacher or the office (Nursery open night is only on Tuesday).

We had an audit of our Maths and English provision and last week received 'The Basic Skills Award' for the 3rd time. The three assessors were really impressed by the children and teaching and had many positive comments to make which was lovely!

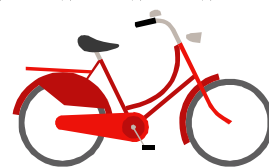
Last week 30 Year 2 children acted on the stage at the Grand in their amusing version of 'Masterchef'. They were supported by a choir of Junior children. They were fantastic! I have had several lovely e mails about the performance. Thanks go to all staff involved too!



The children all took part in the Healthy Week activities and had opportunities to learn and try new things related to healthy lifestyles.



'Bikeability' has been visiting to encourage children in all matters of bike safety, and 'Play Rangers' have joined us each Tuesday lunchtime to support the children in games.



We have enjoyed having a consultant working within the Foundation Stage to help us enhance our creative and outdoor provision, particularly looking at how we plan learning activities for boys. Mr Bryce Clegg expressed his delight at working within our school due to the enthusiasm of our staff.

Other visitors have included 'Rainforest' talk, and a talk from the British Heart Foundation (both Y6)

Staff are continually updating their skills in order to provide the best educational experiences for your children. This half term has included sessions on maths, phonics, child protection, and creative curriculum.

We raised just over £1,000 at the Christmas Fair, thank you for your support. The money will go towards providing extras for the children eg. visitors into school to enhance the curriculum.

Coming up shortly:-

Focus on Books & Reading—**Thursday 3rd March is 'World Book Day'**, we are having a **'Dress up as your favourite Book Character'** on the day after, **Friday 4th March**. Perhaps you can think of your outfit over the half term holiday?

**Friday 18th March**—Red Nose Day—more details to follow when we have talked to the children about ideas.

Have a lovely half term holiday. Don't forget there are lots of great activities going on in Blackpool in 'Showzam' - details on [www.blackpool.gov.uk/whatson/showzam](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/whatson/showzam)

Yours sincerely



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