

Weekly Bulletin



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From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: Human Rights Day, Mock Exams

Next week: Personal Finance Assembly, Mock Exams

Thank you to all families for your support and understanding this week. All lessons were delivered online, and we will be working with department leads to identify and close any gaps we may have encountered in the curriculum.

Next week, we have the PET Christmas Concert "A December to Remember" at The Mitchell Arts Centre from 7 pm. We have some fantastic performers taking part. If you are attending, I look forward to seeing you there.

As a brief reminder, we run revision every morning for Year 11 to prepare for the mock exams, there is breakfast, revision materials, and staff to support each morning.

Special Mentions

Burdi Boys

Mrs. Kinder, Charlotte K, Gracie B, Finley W and Tom M have been taking part in the Scout show Burdi Boys at The Mitchell Arts Centre in Hanley. Burdi is the term used for Burslem District Scout group, and this performance is a coming together of different Scout groups within the area. We are immensely proud to have representation of Moorside staff and students in community projects across the city. Well done!



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School News

PET Christmas Concert

On Tuesday 5th December 2023 we will be hosting our PET Christmas concert at the Mitchell Arts Centre in Hanley. Last year was an enormous success so we wish to continue this new tradition for this festive period. There will be a selection of festive tunes from Moorside High School as well as Werrington Primary, Biddulph High and Stoke 6th Form. The concert will start at 7pm and conclude around 9pm. Tickets are on sale now and are available from [the Mitchell Arts Centre website](#).

St. Modwen's

Ian and Carl from St Modwen delivered sessions to Year 11 and Year 9 Science classes. Pupils were told about requirements for the new building regulations and how that will give future house builders and buyers more energy efficient properties. Mr. Morley and Mrs. Mansell were then able to link the new features such as thicker loft and cavity wall insulation to energy efficiency and reducing thermal conduction, which is covered in the P1 Unit. Alongside this, students also learned about installation of solar panels and EVC points to reduce cost of electric, and effective use of renewable energy sources which is also covered in the P1 unit.



Fundraising

Students took part in the nationwide "Pudsey Bearpee" (burpee) challenge organised by Joe Wicks for Children in Need. We completed over 2000 burpees as a school in our PE lessons and students



brought in donations on Friday 17th November. Thank you to the PE department for offering all students the opportunity to engage with this community charity event for a great cause. We raised £173.09 in total. Our next charity event will be the 'Christmas Jumper Day' for Save the Children at the end of term, full details will be sent out next week.

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Mental Health

Here at Moorside, we recognise the importance of looking after pupils' Mental Health. The school's Emotional Wellbeing Worker Debbie Arnold, contributes to this by;

- Seeing pupils on a 1:1 basis if they have identified a difficulty that would suit regular sessions
- Offering drop-in sessions that run on a Tuesday at 12.30 until 1pm – drop in for a chat!
- Offering group support

There are a couple of groups that students can choose to attend:

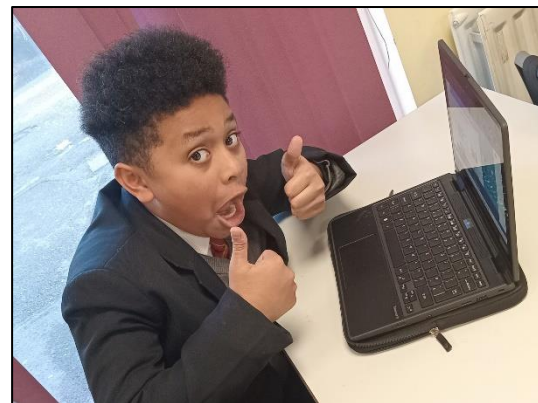
- On Mondays - 'Manage your Anger' 12.30-1.10pm (students bring their lunch)
- On a Wednesday - Therapeutic Art Group 12.30-1.10pm (students bring their lunch)

Pupils go to Mrs. Arnold with all sorts of worries regarding all manner of things such as friendships, schoolwork, exam stress, family problems, feeling sad, anxious, or just needing someone to listen to them. Mrs Arnold helps pupils solve problems they may have, look at building their confidence and self-esteem.

If a student would like to access support, then they should let any of their teachers know. Alternatively, they can knock on Mrs Arnold's door and speak to her directly. Mrs Arnold's working days are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Nearpod

Students in Y7 have been making effective use of their devices by using Nearpod. Nearpod gives real-time insights into student understanding through interactive lessons, interactive videos, gamified learning, formative assessment, and various other activities.



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Engage

Transition Leaders

Last Tuesday, 6 of our Transition Leaders went to St John's Primary School to introduce Year 4 students to 'VIPERS'. They discussed the definitions of the key skills and taught a lesson on 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. Well done to Gabriela Z, Niamh C, Isobel K, Millie M, Halleday G and Taya P. They were all fabulous representatives of Moorside High School!

Christmas Card Competition

Are you Creative? Do you enjoy drawing, painting, and crafting? Would you like to win some house points? If so, this is the competition for you! We are asking you to produce a beautiful card to send to a friend or your family for Christmas. Pick the theme for your Card- fun, landscape, Santa, decorative... To enter, collect a blank card and envelope from Art and then create your Masterpiece. Submit your entry to Mrs Stones by Friday 15th December 2023, so that winners can be announced on Wednesday 20th December and the entries can be returned. First, Second and Third prizes (along with house points) will be awarded at the end of term.

Interhouse Football

Over 150 students took part in our football showdown inter-house competition! We were so impressed with the talent on show and the support shown by other students in the school. Well done to the following:

Girls' winners: Churchill

Year 7 winners: Moorcroft

Year 8 winners: Bridgewater, Churchill, Doulton

Year 9 winners: Wedgwood



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Achieve

House

RANK	HOUSE	POINTS
1 st	Churchill	57899
2 nd	Moorcroft	52819
3 rd	Bridgewater	50202
4 th	Doulton	49170
5 th	Wedgwood	42019

Mrs. Fower had the opportunity to attend the Spelling Bee competition last week. It was truly inspiring to witness a diverse group of students enthusiastically participating. The event was not solely for the most accomplished spellers; it aimed to motivate others to join in and all the contestants relished in the experience.

The MFL department has launched a Christmas language competition for Year 7. Students will embark on a 12-day Christmas journey, undertaking various tasks each day. All students who take part will be awarded house points, and those who complete all 12 challenges will receive additional house points.

The PE department is organising an interhouse Snowball competition. Students need to register their teams, and the winners will receive house points.

The IT department is inviting students to take part in a competition to test their typing speed. The goal is to surpass Mr. Qayyum and other teachers. Students expressed an interest in competing against staff members in house events, and we are excited to see how this pans out. Winners will be announced in the week commencing with the 11th of December.

Mocks

Y11 mock exams have started. Please see communications from school for an updated timetable.



Maths Elf on a Shelf

Complete the Maths question shared each morning. The first 5 students to complete each question and email the answer to Miss Erskine will get 3 house points each!