



**MELTHAM MOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd February 2024



Mental Health Talk/Open Morning

A huge thank you to all who attended our Open Morning yesterday! The children (and staff) really enjoyed having you in school, joining them with their fabulous learning. Lessons included science, maths, reading, art and DT and dance. Your involvement is very much valued and appreciated. We hope you found the talk and resources, shared by Julia from Kirklees Open Mind, informative and useful. It was good to see so many of you – all 70 – investing the time to hear how children's mental health can be supported. More information can be found on the following link: <https://kirklees-keep-in-mind.nhs.uk>. Our next open day event will be the Sharing of Work Afternoon on Thursday 4th July.



Supporting Behaviour at Meltham Moor

We have very high expectations of behaviour at Meltham Moor and we are proud of the high standards of behaviour across school. We understand that good relationships are key to this, and we feel that we know our children and families extremely well – we are the Meltham Moor Family! Behaviour is communication, and at times some children need additional support and coaching to learn to manage their emotions. You may remember that in November our teaching staff joined those from our partner trust schools at Netherton, Bolton Brow and Scout Road (who will be officially joining us in April) for training on further developing a relational approach to behaviour and emotion coaching. This was delivered by consultant, Regina Kelly, and was superb.

On Wednesday this week, we hosted a similar training session for our teaching assistants which was also attended by our colleagues from Netherton Infant and Linthwaite Clough (who will be joining us in the Summer or Autumn term). Bolton Brow and Scout Road will have the same session next week. This is something that we will continue to develop throughout this academic year, which will include further high quality training for all our team. Our behaviour policy is available to view in the Policy Library on our Meltham Moor Primary School website, if you would like to know how behaviour is supported at Meltham Moor.



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School Development Priorities

Below is a reminder of our school development priorities for this year. Hopefully from the updates we provide, and through what you see in school, you can see that we are making good progress with these.

1. To further ensure that all pupils' work across the curriculum is consistently of a high quality, with an emphasis on writing.
2. To ensure an inclusive and ambitious curriculum through adaptations, and differentiated where needed.
3. To improve mental recall Multiplication Tables.
4. To ensure that pupils behave consistently well, demonstrating high levels of self-control and consistently positive attitudes to their education and each other.
5. To further develop pupil leadership opportunities through school.
6. To improve parents' engagement with school and their children's learning through the development of a 'parent pathway' offer at Meltham Moor.
7. To further improve literacy in EY, implementing further strategies from the Philp Webb writing project.

Together Learning Trust Update

From time to time, I like to provide an update on developments within the Together Learning Trust. As you will be aware, I now have a role across the trust overseeing the primary schools' development. From Easter, Miss Manuel will also have a trust-wide role as Director for Primary Culture and Inclusion. She will continue to be the SENDCo/Inclusion Leader at Meltham Moor and still have a small teaching commitment here.

I am pleased to say that three new schools will be joining us in the coming weeks and months: Castle Hill School next week, Scout Road Academy (in Calderdale) in April, and Linthwaite Clough Junior, Infant and Early Years most likely in the Summer term. We are already working closely with these schools and providing support where we can. Recent collaboration has included our Year 2 greater depth writing workshops, which were delivered remotely to the three primaries by Philp Webb, literacy consultant, and our shared behaviour training. I have also recently supported Netherton in their Ofsted inspection.

Plans are also afoot to further develop leadership opportunities across the primaries, supported by secondary students. This is in addition to the support we receive relating to finance, HR, safeguarding, attendance, health and safety, IT and much more... which means we can focus on our core business of improving teaching and learning.



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day. Although safety, including the safe use of the internet, is threaded throughout our curriculum, Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age. This year's theme is all about change and influence online, and we have created a range of pages to help you talk about these issues and ideas with your child, no matter how much time you have and in an age-appropriate way. The Safer Internet Centre at [Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provides support and advice, including top tips for parents. As outlined in our Parent Pathway, we will be holding an information meeting on this very important theme in the Summer term.

Exciting Visitors to Early Years

Our Early Years children had a visit from the Police last week and a paramedic this week! They told us all about how our Emergency Services help people and we got to look at the Police and Paramedic uniforms, a stethoscope and we even got to sit in the Police car! A great time was had by everyone!



Sporting Success!

Last week, Mrs Marshall took two teams of children to play basketball at Honley High School. They all played fabulously, showed excellent teamwork skills and came 1st and 3rd in their games! Well done to all who took part.



Don't forget that we break up for a week on Friday 9th February and are back in school on Monday 19th February!

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Thurs 1st Feb - Open Morning - 9.15 to 10.30 am

Friday 9th Feb - break up for half term

Monday 19th Feb - back to school

MARCH

Monday 4th to Thursday 7th March
Book Fair

Thurs 7th March - School Disco

Thursday 14th March - Progress Evening



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY SESSIONS

@ Meltham Sports Complex

9am till 3pm- £20 per session

CONTACT KIRK TO BOOK: 07525370437

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Mon 12th World Cup Football

Tue 13th MultiSports

Wed 14th Nerf Games **NEW**

Thur 15th Dance Academy

Friday 16th Funday Disco

