



MELTHAM MOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th May 2023

HELLO SUMMER!

Meltham Moor Primary Pupils take on World Record Mini-Marathon Challenge

Our children joined hundreds of schools from across the country in completing the world's biggest mini-marathon challenge on Friday last week.

The TCS Mini London Marathon has encouraged schools to sign up to a challenge to achieve a Guinness World Record for the most number of pledges for a sports activity in one month.

The mini-marathon was a wonderful event: every child in school ran, from Nursery to Year 6, and we were also helped by some young sports leaders from Honley High School. All of the staff joined in, as well as many parents. The field was awash with happy smiles and shouts of support and encouragement. It was lovely to see so many people being active and having fun doing so. The sun even came out for us! Together we have raised over £1000 for our PTA! I had such a lot of support from the school community for my marathon, I wanted the children to experience some of this too. I was very proud of every single child'.

Before the end of the month, all the pledges will be carefully counted and an announcement made whether the current record of 241,675 different pledges has been beaten. Donations can still be made on the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/melthammoormini-marathon>



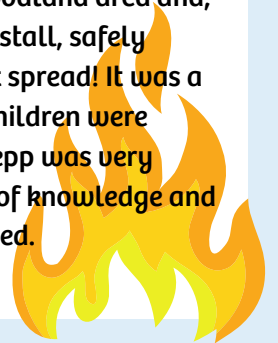
Early Years Visit

Last week Nursery and Reception had a very exciting visit from Lorna at Lion Learners. She brought with her a tarantula, a snake, a cockroach, a bearded dragon, a large snail and a rabbit. The children found out lots of fascinating facts about the creatures and they were all very keen to have a turn at holding them. They amazed us with their bravery and it was a very enjoyable morning. A huge thank you to our PTA who fully funded this event.



Great Fire of London

Year 1 finished their learning of the history topic: The Great Fire of London 1666, with their own Great Fire! They transformed cardboard boxes into 1666 houses, complete with beams and straw roofs. They made their own Pudding Lane in the woodland area and, with the help of Mrs Heppenstall, safely started a fire and watched it spread! It was a fantastic morning and the children were thoroughly engaged. Mrs Hepp was very impressed with the amount of knowledge and facts the children remembered.





Let's Sing Grand Finale

On Tuesday 16th May, a group of 20 children from Year 5 went to the Town Hall for the finale performance of the Kirklees Year of Music. There was a range of performances from different Musica groups and schools from across Kirklees including African Drums, wind bands, junior and senior strings, choirs and an orchestra. We sang a selection of songs that we learned with Phil Needham at Honley High School. Adam, again, performed a solo in one of our songs, the first time he had performed in such a big venue. It was a late night, but all the children really enjoyed it and as always, their behaviour was exemplary.

Cricket

On Tuesday, Mrs Marshall took a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children to play in a cricket match at Honley Cricket Club. Some of them had never played cricket before and improved massively as the match went on. They won 3 out of the 5 games played!
Well done to all - Mrs Marshall was very proud!



Cliffe House Adventure Day

Year 4 had their class trip to Cliffe House on Monday. They took part in pond dipping activities, using nets to collect creatures. They used ID charts to identify and investigate what they had caught. They also took part in a scavenger hunt and had a chance to explore the adventure playground. A great day was had by all.



Nursery Places

Nursery are now taking applications for 2023-24 starters, so please get in touch if your child turns 3 in the next 12 months. If you have any friends, relatives or neighbours who may be interested then please help us spread the word! You can collect an application form from the school office or we can arrange for one to be posted to you.

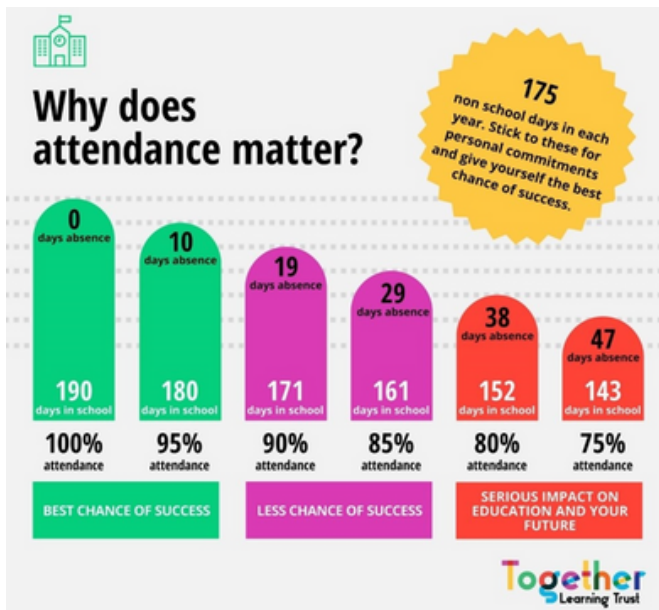


Mobile Phones/Smart Watches

We have had a few issues recently with children having mobile phones/smart watches in school. Unless there has been a prior agreement with the class teacher (for safety when the older children walk home alone), children should not have mobile phones in school. These should then be stored in the teacher's desk during the school day. Children should not be looking at/using their phones before school, or during school time or they will be confiscated. Smart watches are also not allowed in school.



The Importance of Good Attendance & Punctuality



Sensory Room Hire

Did you know we have a new sensory room on our Meltham Moor School site?

Our Family Centre, which is by the staff car park, now has its own sensory room suitable for babies, toddlers and SEN children.

You can book the space for yourself and up to 3 little friends for just £5. This would be for the use of the whole room and the wonderful sensory items for 45 minutes.

Call From Tiny Seeds on 01484 854225 and arrange a time. It is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.30am - 1.30pm.



Emergency Contact Numbers

Please ensure that we have up to date emergency contact numbers (at least 2) in line with our safeguarding procedures. Just contact the school office if they require updating.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 5th June
Back to school

Thurs 15th June
PTA School Disco

Thurs 22nd June
Yr 1 Eden's Forest Trip

Thurs 12th July
Sports Day