Moss Lane School

MOSS LANE SCHOOL

Value of the Month May

Thoughtfulness



30-4-18 Summer 1

Welcome back to the Summer term. I hope that everyone managed to have a restful holiday and that the children have come back energised to start a busy, fun filled term!

Ofsted

Finally our Ofsted report has arrived. I know we had to wait longer than expected due to the Easter holidays, however I just wanted to reiterate how pleased I am about the report and the many strengths that were identified. Our areas for development had already been recognised and are being worked on. I felt it important to share with you some key phrases that struck a cord with me when reading the report.

'Unrelenting in securing the best possible outcomes for the children and as a result pupils across the school achieve well.'

'They have good learning attitudes and are proud of their school.'

'I love learning at Moss Lane School.'

'High level of consistency in teaching across the school.'

'A higher than average proportion achieve greater depth in reading, writing and in mathematics'.

'Pupils make good progress and leave school well prepared for their next steps.'

Congratulations to everyone for all their help and support. Also a big thank you to all the children for being so special. It is an absolute pleasure to be their Head Teacher.

KS1 Standard Assessment Tasks

In May Y2 pupils take part in the Statutory Assessments that are required by the Government. I thought it would be timely just to reassure you that the assessments are carried out as part of a normal school day and spread out over a few weeks. We prepare the children by showing them assessments that look similar beforehand, in a very low key way. The assessments form part of the information that the teachers use to make an end of year judgment as to whether your child has met the expectation for the end of the Key Stage. This will be communicated to you in their annual report at the end of term. Please be sensitive with this assessment information when communicating with your child, please focus on their successes and next steps in learning. As a parent you don't need to do anything other than make sure your child has excellent attendance and you support your child with their home learning, activities we send home.

Learning at Moss Lane..

Year R

Bears have been exploring how animals and plants change over time. We have planted broad beans and are keeping a diary of how the beans are changing. A few weeks ago Bears were lucky enough to have some frog spawn delivered which hatched into hundreds of tadpoles! We have been watching them carefully develop over the weeks. Excitingly the tadpoles have now started to grow their back legs!





Year 1

Project Allotment—Over the next few weeks we will be learning about preparing beds with a hoe, sewing seeds and learning how to care for our growing plants. We have also been outside to draw evidence of Spring. We have some fantastic artists! As part of our new topic 'What's at the end of our garden?' Mr Goddard came to talk to Year 1. He drew an image of our plot in the allotment and showed us pictures of different vegetable seed packets for the children to name. They were amazing! Some children could name several different kinds of beans.

Foxes at Woodland School

On Tuesday 17th April Foxes went to Witley woods. It was a perfect start to the summer term. They all enjoyed demolishing dens, playing the eagle game, using fire strikers, bug hunting and pond dipping. In one of the ponds we found newts, water boat men and pond skaters which we looked at under a microscope in the classroom. Afterwards, we let them go back in the pond where we found them.



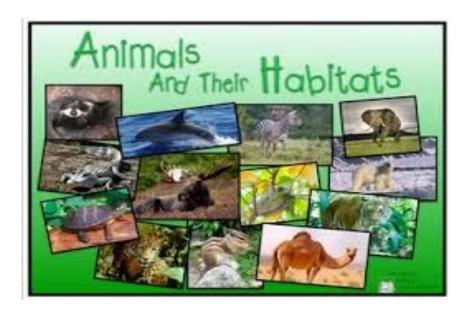




Learning at Moss Lane...

Year 2

In Science, Year 2 are learning about animals and their habitats. This week Hedgehog class started their posters about Killer Whales, Foxes, Lions, Blue Tits and Foxes. Perhaps you can research your child's focus animal with them on the internet and they can add information to their poster!



Otters at Woodland School

Otters Class had another brilliant day at Woodland School. We spent the morning demolishing and rebuilding dens. There was fantastic team work shown by the whole class to design each den and collect all the materials needed to build them. Following lunch, we spent the afternoon playing in the woodland and pond dipping. We were lucky enough to catch two newts, tadpoles, pond skaters and dragonfly nymphs.



Reminders

Our Values for this term

May Thoughtfulness

June Caring

July Courage

<u>Safeguarding</u>

Can all volunteers please report to the office window, sign in and collect a visitors pass. These are all now held inside the office. Go the the widow and sign in. All volunteers in school should not be with children on their own unless the have had enhanced DBS and this has been checked and verified by Mrs Ballard our School Business Manager. Mrs Betterton (Panda Bears class teacher) will be lead staff member in charge of the library. Parents must go though the PTA library rep lead Rachel Hudson who will inform Mrs Betterton who the library volunteers are. They will then be checked by Mrs Ballard who will add them to the library volunteer list.



Sandals

Please can I remind parents that if you are buying summer shoes/ sandals for your child please buy ones that are enclosed and not open.

Parent Clinics

Parent clinics are a good opportunity for you to discuss any concerns/worries that you might have about your child with Mrs Abbott. You should have discussed these issues with your child's class teacher in the first instance. Then, if you feel they have not been resolved please make an appointment. Should you wish to do so, please collect a form from the Parent Information area outside the office. Our next parent clinics is:-

Tuesday 15th May at 9.15am

Wednesday 20th June at 9.15am

Appointments last approximately 15 minutes

Summer is here! Sun hats and Sun cream



We have been very lucky to see the sunshine this Easter. Please do send your child in with a named sun hat for them to wear outside. On hot days we ask that you apply sun cream first thing in the morning before your child comes into school. Please do not send sun cream into school. We have shaded areas on the playground and grass area where we encourage the children to play when it is hot. Children could also wear long sleeved shirts if they are very sun sensitive.



Birds

On the play ground on the wall outside the computer suite is a wooden bird box. Inside the box is a camera that live streams the bird and what is happening inside. We currently have a blue tit nesting in there. She has just laid 1 egg. If you would like to see the bird and how her nest /eggs develop please log on to the school website at:-

http://www.moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk and click in the 'Links' tab -> 'Bird box '.

Or go directly to :-

http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/moss-lane-school/.

Community Events

Godalming Run

Godalming Run takes place on Sunday 13th May 2018

The start times are:

Fun Run 10.00am5k 10.35am10k 10.30am

Register your place now at:- https://godalmingrun.org/

Godalming Carnival

On Saturday 2nd June Godalming Round Table are hosting the annual Town Show and Carnival. The theme this year is Knights and Princess. Moss Lane will be taking part in the procession down the high street ending up at the Burys Field where the carnival will be in full swing. We will need some knights and princess to come with us so please pop the date in your diary. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

The Great Godalming Duck Race

Saturday 23rd June 10am-4pm (races start at 12)

Godalming Rotary Club are running this event and the PTA are selling tickets (we receive 25% of all ticket sales). Tickets cost £1 per duck and there are no limits on the number of ducks you can buy. Prizes are awarded for the winning ducks with a first prize of £250.

If you are interested in buying a duck, please approach a member of the PTA or place a request in the PTA red box and if you can't help at the summer fair, we are also after volunteers to man our Splat the Rat stall at the Duck Race.

Staffing news



Welcome to Mr Adam Smith who will be running our breakfast club, After school clubs and teaching PE to each class one afternoon a week.



Welcome also to Mrs Laura Edmends who is our new Office Administrative Assistant.

Dates for your Diary 2018

May

Friday 4th NSPCC PANTS DAY

Monday 7th—11th Book Fair

Tuesday 15th Parent clinic 9am-10am

Wednesday 16th Year 1 St Hilary's Singing Festival

Saturday 19th Royal Wedding

Monday 21st All classes celebrate Royal Wedding

Tuesday 22nd Maths evening (more information to follow)

Wednesday 23rd FGB 6.15pm

HALF TERM 26th May -3rd June

JUNE

Saturday 2nd Godalming Carnival 12pm start

Tuesday 6th Sports day

Wednesday 7th Reserved Sports day Friday 8th International Day

Saturday 9th Summer Fair 10:45am-2pm

Monday 11th—15th Phonics week

Friday 15th Father's Day event 9am-10.30 am Monday 18th—22th The theme 'Building resilience'

Thursday 21st Parents Clinic 9am-10am Saturday 23rd Godalming Duck Race

Monday 25th Godalming in Bloom Judging

Tuesday 26th New Reception Parents evening 7pm

JULY

Wednesday 4th Bump up day all classes pm
Wednesday 4th New Parents first visit 3.30pm

Monday 9th New YrR Teddy Bears picnic 3.30 pm Wednesday 11th New YrR Teddy Bears picnic 3.30 pm

Thursday 12th Open Afternoon 2pm Friday 13th Yr2 Leavers Disco

Wednesday 18th Yr2 leavers assembly 2.15pm

Friday 20th TERM ENDS 1.30 pm

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 4th Inset NO children

Wednesday 5th Children back to school



SHALFORD INFANT SCHOOL MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

An opportunity has arisen to join our successful school as a midday supervisor.

We are looking for a friendly and trustworthy person to join our dedicated team of lunchtime supervisors. Ideally, you will be enthusiastic, have a caring attitude and be able to work as part of a team.

Duties include supervising pupils in a safe and organised manner over the lunchtime period, setting up lunch tables and putting them away, assisting with meal duties, dealing with minor first aid and supporting play activities.

Hours of employment will be:

11.45am – 1.15pm, five days a week, so 7.5 hrs per week and term time only, 38 weeks of the year

Salary: Surrey Pay S1/2; FTE £15,874 - £16,173, Pro-Rata (Actual Salary) £2,747 - £2,799

Training will be provided as required.

Start date: As soon as possible

We welcome visits to the school.

For more information or an application pack, please contact the school on 01483 562143 or email info@shalford.surrey.sch.uk.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants will be required to undertake pre-employment checks, such as an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check. Applicants who will be undertaking early and/or later years childcare (or the management of such childcare) will be required to complete a declaration that neither they, nor anyone who lives in the same household, is a disqualified person under the Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2009.