

# Moorside News 13th February

Welcome to our final newsletter of the half-term. We hope that everyone celebrating the Chinese New Year has a great time next week. It's well worth looking at our Facebook page to see how Y2s have marked the occasion.

## New Developments

Over the next few weeks, we will be starting to give parts of the inside of school a face-lift. Our new site-supervisor, Kevin will be working his way through decorating sections of school. It's a big place, so everything takes time. We are also developing plans for the playground used by Reception children. We want to provide more to do and to solve the ongoing issues with mud!

## World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

World Book Day is an important day in our school calendar. Children and staff are invited to dress as a book character or a word this year. We will also be hosting the Scholastic book fair (more details to follow about this). This is a great opportunity to buy books. It also raises funds for school, which we then use to buy new books. Full details of the World Book Day will follow this newsletter.

## Moorfs Quiz Night Wednesday 18th March

**IN SUPPORT OF MOORFS**

# PARENTS QUIZ NIGHT

**MOORSIDE SCHOOL, LANCASTER**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**  
**6:30PM - 8:30PM**

**£5**  
per person

Get a team together and come support Moorfs and the school

Proceeds go to **MOORFs** school trip fund

**COME ALONG, TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE, AND SUPPORT MOORFS AND OUR SCHOOL!**

Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase on the day. Get your tickets from MOORFs online shop - [www.pta-events.co.uk/MOORFs](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/MOORFs)

## School Trips and Fundraising

Those families who have been with us for a while will know that we run a wide range of high quality educational visits. Many are free, but others are not. Our aim is to provide experiences that children cannot really do with parents and to try to make them accessible to everyone who wants to go. In recent years, costs of visits have risen considerably. With this in mind, we are working with MOORFS to raise funds to subsidise the cost of some of the visits. The quiz night advertised above is the first of these events.

## Moorfs Auction

Last year, our year 6's were lucky to attend Old Trafford to see Lancashire play cricket, which MOORFs helped to fund. While there, Mrs Murphy got a cap signed by Lancashire legend Jimmy Anderson. We are running an auction for someone to win the signed cap, with photo of it being signed, with all proceeds going to MOORFs. All funds will go to MOORFs, to help us fund similar events in the future. Place your bids at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/moorfs-cricket-hat-auction>.

The auction will close on Friday 20th March, and we will get the prize to the winner before school closes the following week.

## Young Voices

Last week fifty children travelled to Manchester to take part in the annual 'Young Voices' concert, which offers the chance to sing as part of an enormous choir and perform with professional musicians. As always, it was a great event. Thank you to Mrs Edwards and Miss Pickles who have been working with the children since September. Thank you also to Miss Lay, Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Keech for giving up their evening to accompany the children. If you have not seen them already, there are some great pictures on Facebook.

## Pupils Out of School Achievements

### Year 6 Fundraiser

Year 6 pupil, William, is running 28 miles in February to raise money for charity while also working towards his Cubs Silver Award.

William is raising money for The Lily Foundation, a charity that supports children suffering with rare mitochondrial disorders.

This includes children like Ruby Wren and the Marshall family who live near Lancaster. Ruby was diagnosed as a baby with a terminal and degenerative disorder called Pearson's Syndrome. Devastatingly, many sufferers don't reach their first birthday.

Now aged four, Ruby has defied expectations by starting school but she and her family have some incredibly challenging years ahead of them.

Now halfway through his challenge, William has already smashed his initial goal of raising £100 for the charity.

Find out more about William's challenge, the Lily Foundation and Ruby's story below.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/william-mounsey-4?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/william-mounsey-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

### Year 4 Gold Medal



*1 - Well done to William from Year 4 who won a Gold Medal at the Regional Schools Judo Championships. What an outstanding achievement.*

## **Unnamed Lost Property**

Please see photos below of all our unnamed coats and various small items of lost property. If you recognise anything you can come to the school office to collect. There are a lot less items this half term which is fantastic. Let's see if we can reduce it even further next half term. We have lots of unnamed jumpers and cardigans that we are unable to return. These get placed in a collection bin at the main office and parents are welcome to take them.



## Community News

**FREE**  
**Women & Girls Sessions**

26th January  
9th February  
23rd February  
9th March  
23rd March

**Women 7-8pm**

**Girl's 6-7pm**

**14TH APRIL**

**WOMENS HARBALL TASTER SESSION 7-8PM**

If you are interested in joining, get in touch to book on!!  
W&G contact is Georgia on 07359348654



2 - Womens/Girls Cricket

**the Dukes Den**

**NEWSLETTER**  
**FEBRUARY HALF TERM**

Here is everything that is coming up at the Dukes!  
Click on the title of events to learn more/book tickets.

**THE DAY THE EARTH BLEW UP: A LOONEY TUNES MOVIE**  
Fri 13 - Thu 19 February | Dir: Peter Browngardt | With: Eric Bauza | Language: English | 90min | Ages 8+ | £7  
That's not all folks! Porky Pig and Daffy Duck, one of the greatest comedic duos in history, are making their hilarious return to the big screen in the first-ever fully animated Looney Tunes feature film created for a cinema-going audience.

**STORYTELLING + CRAFTS**  
Join us for a series of craft sessions inspired by classic stories by Julia Donaldson.

**THE SNAIL & THE WHALE**  
Workshop | Wed 18 February | 11:15am - 12:15pm | Ages 4-11 | FREE  
Perfect for little adventurers who will create their own Snail and the Whale crafts, using a variety of fun materials to spark their imagination and then experience the story in our Dukes Den, followed by fun drama games.

**ZOG**  
Workshop | Fri 20 February | 11:15am - 12:15pm | Ages 4-11 | FREE  
Perfect for young dragon enthusiasts, who will create their own Zog crafts, using a variety of fun materials to spark their imagination and then experience the story in our Dukes Den, followed by fun drama games.

**DRAMA WORKSHOP**  
Workshop | Wed 18 & Fri 20 February | 12:45pm - 1:45pm | Ages 4-11 | FREE  
After you've finished your crafts, stick around for our family-friendly drama workshops and take part in some theatrical fun here at The Dukes also centred around the imaginative stories by Julia Donaldson, Zog and The Snail and the Whale.

This is your chance to get a taste of our popular Young Company, where members develop new performance, confidence, teamwork and communication skills.

**PLAY IN A DAY**  
Workshop | Mon 16 - Wed 18 February | 10:00am - 4:00pm | Ages 6-12 | £95  
Looking for something creative to do during February half term? Love our popular Summer School or Play in a day? Then join our Play in 3 days! Children aged 6-12 will take part in creative rehearsal sessions alongside games and improvisation, all led by a skilled practitioner.

**COSTUME MAKING FOR WORLD BOOK DAY**  
Workshop | Thu 19 February | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Ages 6+ | Play What You Decide, starting from £3  
Celebrate World Book Day with a special D.I.Y costume making workshop led by the talented Laura O'Connor, our very own costume maker for our Play in the Park and Christmas shows! This workshop is the perfect way for kids to bring their favourite book characters to life while honing their creativity.

**OLDER SIBLINGS? WAR OF THE WORLDS**  
Theatre | Wed 18 - Sat 21 February | 2:00pm & 7:30pm | Ages 14+ | Guardian + Child Ticket: £35  
Four performers enter the stage and construct an epic road movie before our eyes. In the wake of an apocalyptic alien invasion, lines of Brits scabble to flee across the channel while their cities lie in ruins.



[dukeslancaster.org](http://dukeslancaster.org) | 01524 598500 | [tickets@dukeslancaster.org](mailto:tickets@dukeslancaster.org)

St John's  
Hospice

# BEETLE DRIVE



## FAMILY FUN FOR HALF TERM!

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Courtyard Café @ St John's Hospice  
5pm to 8pm  
£5 per person  
(includes hotdog and drink)

## BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW:

[www.sjhospice.org.uk/events](http://www.sjhospice.org.uk/events)



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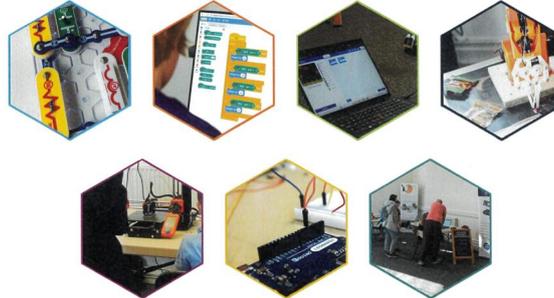
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A HANDS-ON TECHNOLOGY FESTIVAL WHERE  
LANCASTER'S INNOVATION HERITAGE MEETS  
WITH TOMORROW'S MAKERS

**7TH MARCH 2026 FREE EVENT**



Join Tech Lancaster, Local Tech Industry and Careers Support at the Storey Institute, Lancaster, for a FREE day of hands-on STEM activities - with Robots, Coding with Micro:bit, Electronics, 3D printing and Maker fun! Suitable for all ages 6+



Visit [www.spark-lancaster.org.uk](http://www.spark-lancaster.org.uk) to learn more and book a free ticket for Public Day - Saturday, 7th March



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## Diary Dates

### February 2026

Mon 23rd **School re-opens**

Thurs 26th 1CLO Castle Trip

Fri 27th 1LUN Castle Trip

### March 2026

Thurs 5th World Book Day

Fri 6th Food Bank Friday

Fri 6th 1BOW Castle Trip

Mon 16th Year 6 Hawes End Visit 1

Wed 18th Moorfs Quiz Night

Mon 23rd Year 6 Hawes End Visit 2

Fri 27th School Closes for the End of Term **2.00pm**