

# Savile Park Primary School

## February 2023 Newsletter



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Facebook: Savile Park Primary School - Moorfield and Heath.  
Please check out our photos!



We are nearing the end of this half term and yet again we have managed to pack lots of exciting learning into the last few weeks. There have been a number of educational visits and visitors into school which the children have been keen to talk about.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we will be making sure we use this opportunity to further promote the children's understanding about positive mental health. The theme for this year is 'Let's Connect' and we will be stressing the benefits of having healthy connections to family, friends and others and how this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. For more information please see <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

### Parking in and around the Heath Site

Regularly, School receives complaints about inconsiderate parking, from other parents/carers, local residents and other tenants.

Whilst we are aware that this only applies to a small minority and the vast majority park considerately, please can we remind you again about the following:

- not parking in the top car park (unless you are displaying a valid disabled badge).
- parking considerately eg not blocking resident's driveways ie Charnock Close (we have had complaints from residents) and not stopping on the yellow hatchings.
- ensuring that engines are switched off when parked to ensure our children are not being exposed to unnecessary exhaust fumes.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Governor Update

We are pleased to inform you that Robina Sarwar-Hayat, has been appointed as Parent Governor.

We would also like to thank Natalie Booth and Saleah Hollingsworth, who resigned recently, for their contribution whilst being a School Governor.

### Art Competition



We are excited to inform you that school has registered to enable our children to enter the annual Royal Academy of Arts Summer Show.

Children can bring their artwork into school and we will upload it to the relevant site or if you prefer you can do it yourself.

Further details can be found on the attached link.

<https://yass.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/2023/YASS-Leaflet.pdf>

Good luck to all our budding artists!

### School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme

We have been advised that there is a shortage of small bananas due to low production and a decrease in the quality and availability of citrus fruits.

We have been reassured that we will continue to receive other fruits such as apples, pears or carrots until things improve which hopefully will be no later than March 2023.



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## Playground Improvements



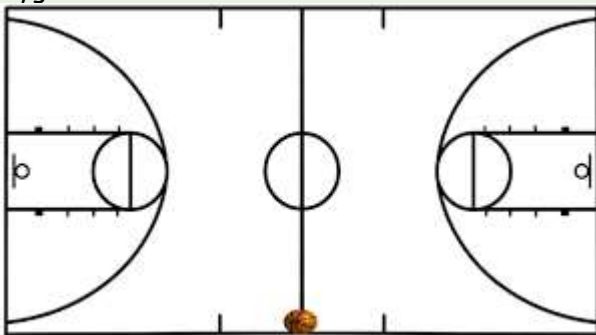
We are delighted to inform you that the long awaited improvement works to the ball court at Moorfield have started.

Once finished the children will have access to a high quality facility that will be used not only at playtimes and lunchtimes but for PE lessons as well.

The design incorporates several uses for the area including cricket, netball, basketball and football.

In addition, the Early Years playground at Heath will be getting a revamp to improve a currently unusable area due to its uneven access and poor ground conditions.

The plan is to Astro turf the area and create some raised seating areas which will be fully accessible to the children and which will increase the playground area.



## Punctuality

It is important that children arrive on time ready for learning. We still have a large number of children arriving late each day. School starts promptly at 8.45 am at Heath and 8.55 am at Moorfield. We would appreciate your co-operation in getting your child(ren) to school on time.

## Year 6 Poetry Slam Event

Year 6 took part in an inspiring Poetry Slam workshop with Rob Bradley, a poetic rapper and storytelling songwriter. The children were enthralled by his performance and got to use the techniques he taught them to write their own poetry. Each group worked extremely hard and produced some fantastic, thought provoking and emotive poetry based around their chosen theme linked to the word "green". The groups performed their pieces and the judges chose a winner - a very difficult choice indeed! The winning group, "The Golden Lions" will go on to represent the school competing against other schools in the Grand Final at The Victoria Theatre.



## Year 3 visit to Cliffe Castle

On Tuesday 17 January, Parrots and Toucans visited Cliffe Castle in Keighley for an Egyptian Workshop. Excitingly, they were able to participate in an Egyptian mummification workshop. They particularly enjoyed learning about the step-by-step process of mummifying a dummy - just like it would have been undertaken in Ancient Egypt! They also developed their art skills as they carried out activities using embossed foil and made some Egyptian sarcophagus! Everyone had a thoroughly great time and learned many new things about life in Ancient Egypt.





# MUSIC



## SINGING

We have some very exciting news to share with you all... Calderdale Music Service will be coming into school weekly to deliver singing workshops, as well as leading whole school singing assemblies weekly. They will be splitting their time half termly between our two sites. We are looking forward to kick starting this exciting opportunity for the children and will be working together to create some key stage and whole school performances. Look out for further information and performance dates later in the year!

## Questions



If you have any questions or queries about our music provision or the music curriculum, or you would like to sign your child(ren) up to any of the weekly sessions, please speak to a member of the office staff or Mrs Collins.

## MUSIC CURRICULUM

We are very proud of our music curriculum, coverage and musical experiences for our children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your support and enthusiasm with your child(ren)'s musical journey.

Here is a roundup of what has been happening lately and what is coming up in and out of school:

- Moorfield singing club/choir (Autumn Term) sang Christmas songs at the Thoughtful Spot bookshop
- Year 6 Hawks sang Christmas songs in Halifax town centre
- Key Stage 1 and EYFS performance of "The Magical Christmas Journey"
- End of term Rocksteady assemblies for parents (the children were fabulous!)
- Weekly Rocksteady music lessons
- Weekly singing workshops and whole school assemblies with Calderdale Music Service
- Heath weekly singing club/choir (Spring Term)
- Staff training on singing and teaching the elements of song
- Return of whole school singing assemblies
- Music displays updated around school focussing on topic vocabulary for each Key Stage.





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## Introducing Hall Ambassadors! An exciting new role for 2023

A Hall Ambassador's role is to support our younger children in the dinner hall in various ways. A Hall Ambassador is assigned to their own table and offer support with things such as cutting food up, getting a drink, positive interaction, encouraging children to eat their lunch and role modelling positive behaviour.

Children in years 5 and 6 can apply and go through an application and interview process. Successful candidates then receive training from Mrs Watson (Behaviour Mentor) to support them in their role.

Successful applicants also receive "pay" for volunteering their time to support the school community. This involves receiving a stamp on their "pay card" every time they complete a "duty". Each stamp is worth 10 points. Once a child has accrued 50 points they can visit "The Shop" and purchase an item. The shop is filled with lots of fun items that the children love. The shop is opened every 2 weeks by Mrs Watson.

This application process gives the applicants fantastic experience of what it's like to apply for a job, how to write an application form, the experience of an interview and the rewards they can receive. This also helps to develop skills such as confidence, independence, responsibility, writing and speaking skills and time keeping.



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 1 February Strike day
- 3 February NSPCC Numbers Day - Dress Up for Digits
- 6-12 February Children's Mental Health Week
- 8 February Diamonds House Treat to the Electric Bowl in Halifax
- 9 February Year 4 trip to DEVA in Chester
- 10 February Year 6 PE Hockey competition at Park Lane School
- 13 February School closes for February Half Term
- 20 February Teacher Training Day
- 21 February School re-opens
- 28 February Potential strike day

### 8 February



Congratulations to Diamonds who were the Autumn Term house point winners. They are looking forward to celebrating this fantastic achievement, next week, at the Electric Bowl in Halifax.