



# Littlemoor Academy Newsletter

October 2023

## Such a busy half term!

As we approach the end of the first half term of the new school year, we would like to share with you some of the highlights of the past seven weeks, together with a reminder of some of the main dates for your diary in November.

All the children have settled so well into their new classes and met new friends. They have performed confidently at their Harvest Festivals which were so well attended. Many thanks to everyone for their generous donations for the Doncaster Food Bank.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of our dedicated staff who have worked so hard this half-term to ensure our pupils benefit from high quality teaching and learning every day.

Have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Kind regards,

**Carol Ann Turner,**  
Executive Headteacher



## KEY DATES

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October:** Children return to school with a carved pumpkin.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November:** Skip2Bfit workshops

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Y2 children to attend Remembrance Day Service at Alexander House.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Odd Socks Day

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need Day

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November:** Flu Immunisations

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** Parents' Coffee Morning

Please refer to the calendar on our school website for details of more events.



## #TEAMLITTLEMOOR

PE clubs are now underway.

A Macmillan Coffee Morning was held in school and £165 was raised.

KS1 children participated in a KS1 football competition at Campsmount Academy.

Significant building improvements are well underway at Littlemoor with every building having a new roof.

New fire doors are being installed in the coming weeks, together with new LED lighting.



## Our Littlemoor Five Non-Negotiables:

1. Children arrive on time, wearing their school uniform.
2. Children bring their book bag and water bottle to school every day.
3. PE kit is brought to school on a Monday and remains in school until Friday.
4. Children read at least 3 times each week.
5. The Seesaw app is accessed at least weekly.





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## Looking after our physical health and mental wellbeing

At Littlemoor, we place a high emphasis on physical activity as a way of supporting the children's physical and mental wellbeing.

KS1 children complete daily skipping sessions which involve an aerobic warm up and then a two-minute skip, with a special counting skipping rope.

Dave Gibson from Skip2Bfit visits each term to deliver skipping workshops and to encourage the children to be the best that they can be.

In Dave's words: **"Practice makes you better."**



**Governing Body:** Are you, or any of your friends or family, interested in being a school Governor? Being a Governor can be an extremely rewarding experience and you will develop different transferrable skills which is great for your personal development. Please get in touch with the School Office for more information.

## ASPIRE

We have appointed new members to our School Parliament who have been voted for by their peers.

We have also appointed our Sustainability Champions who meet with our Staff Sustainability Lead, Miss Mulvey, on a regular basis.

One of our main areas for development this year across school is a well planned and progressive Sustainability Curriculum.



## TEACHING AND LEARNING

We have held Parents' Evenings this week for parents and carers of F2, Y1 and Y2 children. It was wonderful to welcome families into school to discuss their children's progress and achievements to date.

Our F2 children have completed their Reception Baseline Assessments and we were very pleased with their willingness to engage with the activities assessed.

Reading Workshops have also been held for Reception and Year One parents this half-term.

Our Harvest Join-In Sessions for Early Years parents have also been well attended.



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