

Weekly Bulletin

Moon Hall School, Reigate

1st February 2019

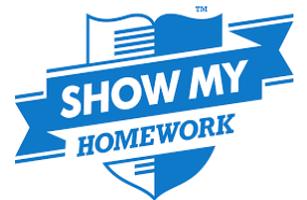
Dear Parents and Families of Moon Hall School Reigate

A slightly disruptive week to the school. School closures are something that all Head's wish to avoid, however ensuring the safety of our pupils and staff is paramount in all decision making. With over 50% of our pupils relying on the school bus service and many pupils living some distance from the school whether or not our buses can run, plays a large part in our evaluation of whether to open the school or not.

As a working parent myself I fully realise that when school closes this can be difficult for parents. I hoped by sending information regularly and as early as possible that this has alleviated problems we have had in the past when communication and decisions have been taken later and created issues for working parents. Thank you for all of the messages of gratitude regarding this week's communication. Here is a beautiful picture of our grounds taken on Thursday. This has been shared with Surrey Mirror who published it on their web page.



Show My Homework has been running now for a number of weeks. I feel this has been a huge success for our pupils, staff and parents. The main aim of introducing this was to improve parent communications. Having pupils write down tasks that were often incomplete or lacking information is now not an issue. Thank you to those parents who have welcomed the new system and for your overwhelmingly positive feedback. Another step in the right direction!



CELEBRATIONS ASSEMBLY

We have Celebration Assembly on Friday 15th February, all parents and family members have been invited to share this wonderful assembly. The assembly will also be an opportunity for parents to meet afterwards and have some refreshments. Year 6 and 7 work will be on display highlighting some of the work they have achieved this term. Please do come along and join us all and please do RSVP to the invitation that was sent out via the schooloffice@moonhallcollege.co.uk



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We have our Open Morning on Thursday 7th February. Our last Open Morning was our busiest ever with over 45 parents visiting; please do spread the word to your colleagues, friends and family members should they be looking to make a move away from their child's current Educational setting to find something more suitable for their child. As a school **we have a lot to offer**, not only through our fantastic teaching but in the exciting plans with the introduction of our MUGA which will be wonderful for our pupils. We are currently around £30k towards reaching our total of £200k. This may seem that we are some way off, however with organisations suggesting they will match our fundraising; this project will gain momentum quickly over the coming months! We are still looking for parents to get involved either through donations or in terms of your time to help with the FOMHSR fundraisers, please contact Anne Baker, our chair for information.

Thank you to Sam Parkinson, a Parent in year 6 who volunteers to run our Facebook page and helps out with our Marketing. Sam is very proactive in trying to promote the school through our Facebook page- **please do like the page @MHReigate** as many updates and informative articles are posted on there. Here is one of the recent posts by Sam:

Never a truer word spoken. At Moon Hall, we tailor each child's learning in order to do just this - to 'meet them where they're at'. Not where they are 'supposed' to be. Every child and their individual needs matter here. We're with them every step of the way

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Kind wishes for a wonderful weekend

Michelle Catterson

Acting Head



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So Far This Term...

Drama

Year 7 and Year 9 are working on scripts this term. Year 7 will be working on a performance of 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations' by Alan Ayckbourn, which is the story of a young lad who has rather an overactive imagination. Year 9 will be learning scenes from 'The Blue Carbuncle' by Arthur Conan Doyle. This is a Sherlock Holmes story and has been chosen to help prepare students for their work in English in Years 10 and 11, as Arthur Conan Doyle's 'Sign of Four' is a GCSE set text. Students will be bringing scripts home and I would ask that you encourage them to learn their lines as they will be assessed on their performances.

Year 8 are not being left out! They are studying Hamlet by William Shakespeare and will be preparing a devised project for their assessment at the end of term based on the themes we are looking at. I'm looking forward to watching the work they produce!

Mrs Martin

Science

In Science, Year 8 have been looking at the Periodic Table. Thanks to Oliver F for pointing out that it was actually the 150th anniversary of the Periodic Table this week too! We looked at the reactions of the Group 1 metals; the most reactive metals. Students were very impressed with the Rubidium and Caesium reactions!

Year 9 have been learning about the Digestive System, nicely modelled by the 'Gums to Bums' demonstration. They can tell you the details!

Year 10 have been busy learning about the Nervous System and had fun doing a series of practicals, which were testing some of our different senses. We tested the sensitivity of different parts of the hand and arm. We also found out that holding your nose renders your taste buds pretty useless!

Year 11 have worked hard for their mock exams and will spend some time next week going through their papers, seeing where they did well and looking at areas we need to work on.

Mrs Smith

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Junior Film Club

On Fridays, students in Years 3, 4 and 5 are part of Film Club between 1:15p.m. – 1:50p.m., where they learn different video effects. If your child is interested learning how to video edit with their iPads, iPhones or Android devices, here are a few programs that might interest them. You as parents can purchase them directly through the following links:

- Action Director – Android
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cyberlink.actiondirector>
 - o This can be purchased through the Google App Store
- iMovie – Apple <https://www.apple.com/uk/imovie/>
 - o This normally comes with the iPad or iPhone, or you can download from the Apple App Store.

Diary Dates

4th – 10th February 2019

Wednesday 6th February

BTEC Unit 1 Online Test

Thursday 7th February

Open Morning
Year 11 Art Trip

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Spring Term Menu - Week 2

Everyday

Daily selection of mixed leaves, tomatoes, cucumber, grated carrot, sweetcorn
tuna, eggs and grated cheese
Selection of breads and rolls
Accompaniments include; pickles, sauces, dressings, croutons, seeds & olives

Monday

Breaded bean burgers in a seeded bun
Quinoa & falafel burgers on tomato slices & rocket
Jacket potato with baked beans
Sweet potato & potato wedges
Apple crumble & custard, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

Tuesday

Pork sausage 'Toad in the Hole' with onion gravy
Roasted red onion & rosemary sausage 'Toad in the Hole'
Jacket potato with baked beans
Steamed potatoes, cabbage, carrots, onion gravy
Beetroot brownie & crème fraiche, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

Wednesday

Minced beef chilli
Sweet potato & vegetable chilli
Jacket potato with baked beans
Grated cheese, nachos, sour cream, steamed broccoli
Pancakes, berries & cream, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

Thursday

Chicken pasta bake
Roasted vegetable quiche
Jacket potato with baked beans
Green beans, roasted celeriac, garlic bread
Cheesecake, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

Friday

Breaded haddock, spicy chicken strips
Lentil & butterbean stuffed mushrooms
Jacket potato with baked beans
Croquette potatoes, grilled tomato, pepper & onion

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Chocolate chip tray bake, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt