

This Week's News

We're racing through the festive events! We enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner and staff and parents alike have been entertained and delighted by the children's Christmas performances.

We have parties next week on Tuesday, so children may wear their own clothes on Tuesday 19th December.

In other news, we have had a great week for wrting at Old Moat: We are very proud to announce that Maili in Year 5 has got through to the second round in the BBC's 500 words competition. Like many of her classmates, she wrote a 500-word story for the competition and hers has been picked from thousands of entries to go through into the next round. This is a huge achievement. We are hugely impressed by ALL the children who wrote something for the competition and thrilled to have an Old Moater selected for the next stage! In addition, Y4 have had a film crew in from Manchester city Council's environmental team to record them writing persuasive letters to local businesses asking them to use less plastic. (see photo on next page) All that remains is for us to wish you a safe, **peaceful** and enjoyable holiday, whether you are celebrating Christmas or not, and to wish you a very Happy and New Year!

WORD OF THE WEEK - PEACEFUL

Peaceful is an adjective meaning quiet and calm, or not involving violence.

The noun **peace** means quietness and calm or a time when there is no war or violence. The suffix **-ful** turns it into an adjective.

It was **peaceful** in the house as everyone settled down to sleep.

We need to find a **peaceful** alternative to war.

Dates for Your Diary

Lunch Menu

Available from the school office or online at www.oldmoat.manchester.sch.uk
Next Week's Lunch Menu
is Week 3. The new daily menu is displayed at the main and back entrances.

Christmas parties (wear own clothes)

Tuesday 19th December

School closes for Christmas on Wednesday 20th December at 3:15pm and reopens on Thursday 4th January 2024. Have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Arriving in January 2024

Friday 19th January 9am Internet safety workshop for parents Wednesday 10th January Stay'n'Play returns 9.15-10.45am Tuesday 30th January - 9.15 am ESOL returns

Friday 2nd February - First aid for Parents. please email Mrs Walsh if you are interested.

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At the toy sale We raised f313.52p. Thank you Mrs Walsh for organising the sale.



Green Heroes-all of Y4 are Green Heroes this week, persuading businesses to use less plastic!



Book of the Week



Aliens Love Panta Claus by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort

We normally catch Miss Addison with more serious reading matter, but everyone likes a laugh, and Miss Addison recommends this book for a good laugh at this time of year!





Is your child ready?

The age of your child as well as their developmental stage and maturity can affect their ability to have a safe and positive experience of social media.

Minimum age requirements

Most of the popular social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13.

The age requirements are there because of data protection laws. Online services are not allowed to collect or store children's personal information if they are under the age of 13. Data protection laws also say that only children aged 13 and over can sign up to online services without parental permission.

Following the age restrictions sets a good example for your child. Although the age requirement doesn't always mean the site is inappropriate for children to use, it's a good indication, especially for younger children.

Scan the QR code for other tips on what social mead is age appropriate.









Year 2 have been learning fundamental movement skills. Take a look at them doing some hopping, skipping and jumping!