

# Moorside News 15th December 2023

Welcome to the final newsletter for the term and for 2023! A lot has happened since the last one!

## School Inspection - Thank You

As you will be aware, the school was inspected on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We had a great response to the Ofsted parent questionnaire and many kind words of support. Thank you. The inspection team spoke to many children who were a credit to themselves, to you and the school. I would like to thank all the staff for their ongoing hard work and dedication. Thanks also to the governors who work closely with the staff team. We always welcome any opportunity to reflect on our work for the children and look forward to sharing the report with you when it is published in mid-January.

## Christmas Fair

It was great to see so many people in school for the Christmas Fair run by MOORFS. As always, there was a lot to see and do. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event and for MOORFS for giving up their time to organise it. Thanks also to Y6 for running the games stalls so successfully.

## Foodbank Friday

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to our monthly foodbank collection. People were very generous and it took the volunteers several car trips to collect it all.

## Safeguarding and Well-Being

Throughout term time, school plays a vital role in supporting children's safety and well-being both in and out of school. Christmas is a positive and joyous time for many families. However, it can also put pressure on some families in different ways. Below are a set of links to organisations and services which can offer support over the Christmas period.

**Libraries** are safe/calm spaces if things become difficult at home.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/warm-and-welcome-places/>

What's on list for LCC libraries: <https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/index.asp>

Our libraries are all warm and welcome spaces, where you can find:

- a warm drink
- a space to sit
- free computers and Wi-Fi
- charging points for your phone or laptop
- events and activities

- help from staff to find information

### **Other Helpful Organisations**

**The Samaritans** - if you are having a difficult time or are concerned about someone else

<https://www.samaritans.org/branches/lancaster/> or call 116 123 from any phone

**Safenet** - for support relating to domestic abuse

<https://safenet.org.uk/> or call 0300 3033 581

**NSPCC** - if you are concerned about the welfare of a child

**0808 800 5000**

## **Christmas Tree Winners**

The winners of the Christmas Tree colouring competition are as follows:

Pre-School - Livia

Year 1 - Joey

Year 2 - Guorui

Year 3 - Annabelle

Year 4 - Lowri

Year 5 - Thomas

Year 6 - Eva

Well done to everyone who entered. We had some fantastic colourful and imaginative entries. It certainly brightened up the corridor for the Christmas Fair.

## Pupil News

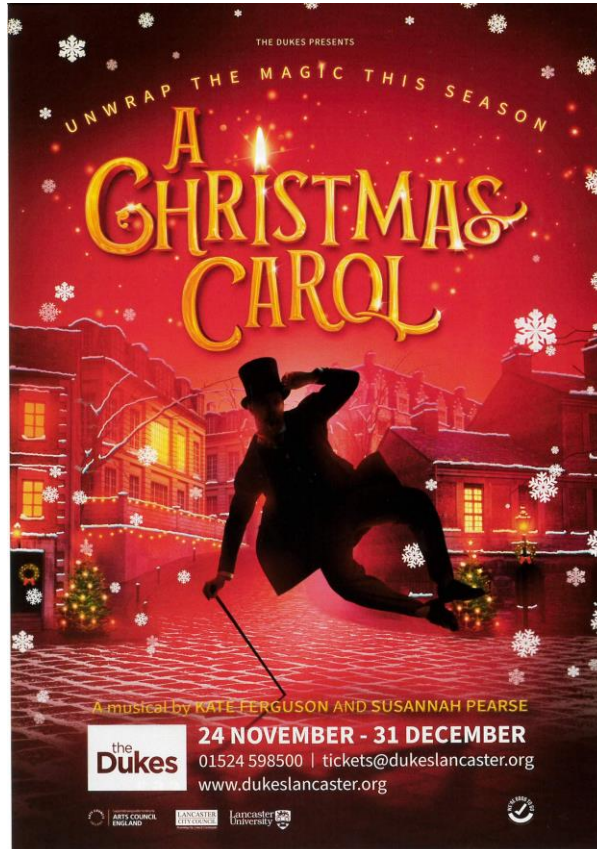


1 - We have our very own Jack from Year 2 appearing as Tiny Tim at The Dukes in 'A Christmas Carol' over the festive season. Our Year 5 & 6 children are looking forward to seeing him perform when we go to see the show next Wednesday.



2 - Kessie from Year 5 has successfully auditioned to appear in the ice-skating Christmas show 'Alice through the Looking Glass' in Blackpool and will perform in 11 shows throughout December. Tickets are available and proceeds go to Blackpool Ice Dromes Charities Association (BIDCA)

## Community News



## Diary Dates

### December 2023

Mon 18th Reception Nativity 10.00 AM

Tues 19th Reception Nativity 10.00 AM & 2.00 PM (2 performances)

Wed 20th Year 5 & 6 at The Dukes 'A Christmas Carol'

Thur 21st SCHOOL CLOSSES AT **2.00pm**