

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin at the end of a week where many of you have been in school for our 'Meet the Tutor evening'. This is a really important event for our tutors to further understand how to support your children and it was great to have so many families through our doors.

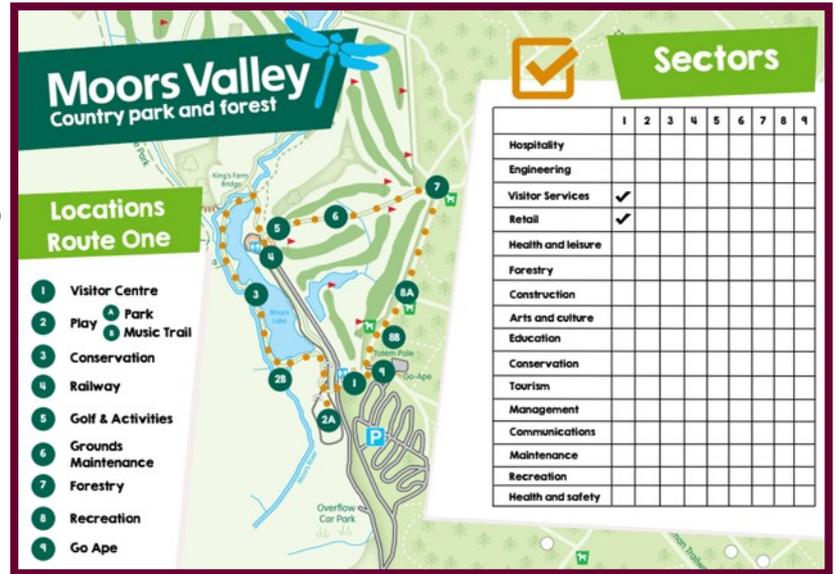
Sports Leader Training

On Tuesday, a small group of year 8 pupils attended a Sports Leaders training session. They were taught how to deliver activities to our younger pupils, along with discussing organisational and communication skills. They all seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. Well done to all of them.



Year 8 Moors Valley

As part of our careers programme for year 8, we were delighted to be able to offer a visit to Moors Valley Country Park as a visit to a workplace. This is joint project between Compass Careers Hub and Moors Valley. The whole year group visited the Park after having a pre-visit lesson at school. The pupils had already investigated the different industries that are employed there. We then walked around the Park, identifying and discussing them further. Back at school this week, we have had a post visit lesson where pupils were able to reflect on their own career aspirations and also to think forward to the future when they may be looking for part-time and seasonal jobs in the local area.



Accelerated Reader

Now we are six weeks in, there are some clear patterns emerging in the race to win the accelerated reader challenges. In each year group the classes compete against each other to read and quiz the most and win a coveted mufti day. This is the current state of play:

- Y5 - 5CS have taken an imposing early lead - almost as many points and words as the other classes combined!
- Y6 - 6DG are in the lead with 6JB and 6JNH chasing.
- Y7 - A very close race between 7KR and 7RDF so far.
- Y8 - The closest of all the year groups - any class could win!

School Production

We held our auditions for the main cast parts on Monday and Thursday this week, and both Mr Shooter and Mrs Roche were blown away by the high standard of all our pupils! They all did fantastically well, and they should all feel immensely proud of the way they presented themselves! They have given us a very tough job in selecting a main cast - so the hard work is truly on us now!!

In these preliminary stages of the production, we will be able to release who the main cast and the ensemble are next week, but, we are all incredibly proud of them all!!!

We are all very excited to set out on this new venture!

A reminder that next week is the last week before half term with school closed between 23rd and 27th October. Monday 30th October is a staff training day so pupils will return to school on Tuesday 31st October.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker