



Moundwood Academy Half Termly Newsletter

Letter from the Head

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a joy to welcome our students back to school for the new term.

We are pleased to be working as part of the Beckmead Trust. The outstanding expertise of the Trust will help drive high expectations and achievable goals for all of our students.

As Headteacher, I often pop into classes and have been blown away by the positive attitude towards learning.

I would like to thank our parents and carers for the invaluable support you give to the school and I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

Mr Andre Genas



Term dates



Autumn Term: Tuesday 8th September – Friday 18th December

Half term 26th Oct – 30th Oct 2020

Spring Term: Monday 4th January – Friday 26th March 2021

Half term 15th Feb – 19th Feb 2021

Summer Term: Monday 12th April – Wednesday 21st July 2021

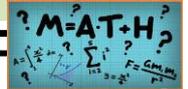
Half term 31st May – 4th June

May Bank Holiday 3rd May 2021

INSET DAYS

4th January 2021

12th April 2021



Primary Update

Primary pupils have settled back into school fantastically this term after a long summer holiday, they were all happy to see each other again and to start learning new things.

In English they began reading Oliver Twist before watching the classic musical version. By the end they all had favourite characters and really enjoyed acting out scenes from the story.

In Maths they started re-capping their knowledge of place value before moving on to addition and subtraction... using the column method!

The afternoons were spent learning about our topic 'Crime and Punishment' where the boys found out lots of interesting (and horrifying) facts about how people were punished for crimes throughout the ages. They also had a chance to get creative, they all made wooden spoon puppets of characters from Oliver Twist to use in our homemade Punch and Judy show.



Hello from the SENCo

I'm Fiona Ross, the new SENCo. I arrived here in March 2020 and had barely unpacked my stuff when Lockdown happened, so I am still finding my feet. In case you are wondering what a SENCo is, I am the lucky person who organises access to learning for your children - if those children have specific learning needs. Those learning needs can be anything from dyslexia, to dyscalculia, to speech and language difficulties, to autism and ADHD.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your children much better.

Maths

This half term secondary have been studying angles, graphs, tables and charts. All students have made excellent progress and have displayed a really positive attitude to learning.

As I am writing this on World Statistics Day, here are a few facts.

There are more chickens in Great Britain than people.

The British accent changes every 25 miles.

6,000 people in Britain suffer serious harm every year because they tripped over their trousers. Some of them fall down the stairs while trying to put their trousers on.

Food Technology

In September we introduced Food Technology to our curriculum. All of our students have engaged throughout each lesson. Our students have made a selection of vegetarian dishes which are both economical and nutritional, lunches or snacks. Before our students create a new dish, they look at the allergens that the dish may contain. This term our students have made a variety of dishes, including Spanish omelettes, onion bhajis, coleslaw, tuna potato cakes, flat bread with tabbouleh and jollof rice. But their favorite dishes were Rocky Roads and Mars Bar Scones.

Now that our new Food Technology room is up and running our students we will be producing meat and chicken dishes next term such as, Tuna Bake, Beef Burgers and Chicken Curry. To our students delight they will also create cakes and tray bakes such as chocolate chip cookies, lemon drizzle cake and chocolate brownies.



Enrichment

In enrichment we have been working on a few projects. This have all been student led. Our main project has been creating letters for the front of school. The idea is to create a pleasant welcome area for people as they arrive at school. The letters spell out Moundwood and pupils have been responsible for each letter, using a collection of different media to decorate them.

They have also created hand casts, using plaster. They started by wrapping each others hands, allowing them to dry, before decorating them in their preferred styles.



Voyager

What an academic year it has been for us so far in Voyager. After returning from summer our students have settled fantastically and produced some outstanding work. Even with the uncertainty and adjustments to the world around us, our pupils have demonstrated their incredible resilience and ability to succeed in the face of adversity.

With the support of our new team member Ms. Kerry Davies, pupils have solidified and developed their skills in English and Maths, as well as creating some masterpieces in the kitchen, which we have all had the pleasure of sampling.

We are all looking forward to the run up to Christmas and the exciting opportunities that this time of year brings.

In the meantime, we would like to extend our best wishes to you all and hope everyone stays safe and well.

ICT

We now have a brand-new ICT suite, which our students have enjoyed working in. All the students have been learning about the parts of the computer in regards to hardware and software. They have also been learning about input and output devices. During lessons, the students have created posters and online quizzes which they have enjoyed playing,



News & Support

The website below is a directory of support for communities to enable them to access a variety of services to promote health and well-being.

<https://www.frontlineuk.org.uk/>

Families are welcome to speak to Mrs. Brown regarding food bank vouchers or if they would like more information or support.



English



This term in English, Jake, Patrick, Lee and Liam all did a practice Level 1 Functional Skills paper. They all passed. Secondary have worked fantastically on An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley. They have studied a classic "Whodunnit!" and now know who done it...sort of! They all took a part in the play and read with expression and enthusiasm.

Music



We are proud to introduce Music Technology to the curriculum this year. The school has a new Apple Mac suite of computers with Music production software installed. Students studying Music technology are working towards Bronze and Silver Arts awards.

