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Moreland Primary School

Reaching higher than I dreamed, becoming the person that I want to be,
doing the best I can for the world and for me.

20th July 2023

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to wish you a wonderful summer. It has been a fantastic year at Moreland and we have much to be proud of. Thank you for all you do to support your children and the school community. We very much value feedback from parents and carers so please let us know anything more we can be doing to keep you involved in your children's learning and school life.

I was very pleased with the end of year results in Y1 Phonics and KS1 and KS2 results. All results were above, in line with or only marginally below the national results which considering the difficulties of the last few years and missed learning shows how hard the children and staff have worked. I will share these results online when we have had them finally validated in the autumn.

There have been many highlights for me, this year and I have particularly enjoyed seeing children have the opportunity to build their confidence and their curiosity about the world through the many enrichment and extra-curricular activities we offer at the school. My favourite moments have included witnessing the awe and wonder of children in KS1 and 2 watching a West End show, seeing children really embracing nature on the Year 5 residential in the South Downs - star gazing, jumping in puddles, rolling down hills...., singing with 6000 children at the Young Voices concert at the O2, seeing children's enjoyment of the Take One Picture project - through creating their own art and attending our school exhibition, our fabulous football team winning the league unbeaten all season and seeing the community come together for International Evening, our Christmas Carol concert (complete with Pedro the donkey) and our Eid celebration.

The last couple of weeks of term have also created many memorable moments for the children. The Year 6 performance of Pirates of the Curry Bean was a fitting performance to end the year with and we were proud to see how hard all the children and adults worked to put on a top rate show. I was particularly impressed with the positive attitude, hard work and quality of singing and acting this year.



Some children from Key Stage 2 took part in the Islington Dance Festival at Arts and Media School Islington last week showcasing the dance they had choreographed linked to the painting Surprised!. Thank you to Lauren who supported the children with this project.





Following our Take One Picture project in the summer term last year based on "A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas" some of the children were invited to help plan the National Gallery exhibition displaying work from school's across the country. They were also invited to the opening of the exhibition last week where they introduced the exhibition and our dance which features in the museum. The children excelled themselves and Hannah, Lauren and I were so proud to see the confidence with which they talked about the exhibition. They received so many compliments from visitors to the exhibition and the National Gallery staff.



We will be holding an exhibition again in September so that you can see all of the children's work for this year's project which includes art, music and dance. We will once again then be submitting the work to the National Gallery in the hope that it will be chosen for the exhibition at the gallery. Have a look on Twitter @morelandprimary to see some examples of what the children have been doing.

We all wish the best of luck to our wonderful Year 6 children as they continue onto the next stage in their life. We know that they will work hard at Secondary school to be the best they can be and utilise everything that they have learnt during their time at Moreland. Make sure you keep aiming high and come back and visit!

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank all the people that help to make Moreland a safe and happy place for children to learn and grow. Children get to learn in a fantastic environment and experience a rich and creative curriculum. All of these amazing opportunities would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our fantastic staff team at Moreland. I would like to thank every one of them for the commitment they show to ensuring the children receive the best education possible and making sure the school runs smoothly. I would also like to say good bye and thank you to those staff who are leaving us this term - Mrs Phillips, Joe, Karen, Aisha, April and Ms Kimyani . We appreciate everything that you have done for the children in your time at Moreland.

We are lucky to have the support of a very proactive and supportive governing body. There is a lot of work involved in being a school governor and all our governors volunteer their time to do this important role.

At Moreland we are supported by many community and business partners who help to provide a wide range of opportunities and experiences for our children. We are particularly grateful to Slaughter and May, Sister Pictures and Hogan Lovells for their ongoing commitment to the school.

The summer holidays can seem like a long time to keep children entertained but there are many free and low cost activities taking place in Islington for children and families over the summer. Please do look at the Islington website below for ideas of how to keep your children busy!

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/things-to-do/summer-fun-activities>

I would particularly recommend getting your children signed up at the local library to the Summer Reading Challenge. We often see children's reading slip backwards after the summer so whilst I know that the summer is a time to relax and rejuvenate, please do make sure that your child reads every day. The holidays can be a great time to encourage them to try new books, join the library and actually improve their reading. I always try and read lots during the holidays and I will be asking the children to tell me about what they have enjoyed reading too.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Summer holidays can bring additional expenses. If you are struggling with the cost of living increases there are organisations in Islington including food banks to help. Have a look at the website below for locations of these.

<https://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/service?page?id=verXLO-lbWs>





There are also a number of shops and restaurant chains offering free or cheap meal deals for kids over the summer holidays.

<https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free>

Some families are also eligible to attend Islington's Lunch Bunch programme which offers free activities and a healthy lunch for children aged 4-11. Check the link below to find out more.

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/things-to-do/lunch-bunch>

Finally, I would like to wish everyone in our school community a safe, enjoyable and (hopefully sunny) summer holiday. We will see the children back on Wednesday 6th September for the new school year. (Nursery and Reception children will have been given separate start dates so please check these.)

Have a lovely holiday and see you in September!

Catherine Lawrence (Headteacher)

There have been some slight changes regarding teaching assistants so I am sharing the staffing list for September again here.

Current Class	New Class September 2022	Teacher	Support Staff
Children will remain in their current Nursery classes if not moving to Reception	Nursery Lilac	Jessica Fish	Gwen (4 days), Susan D (2 days),
	Nursery Willow	Blanca Gill	
Classes have been mixed. Parents have been informed of the new class.	Reception Pear	Ella Tomlinson	Nazmina
	Reception Beech	Hannah Watson	Denise Rahima
Sunshine Class			Anjeza, Ubah, Solmazhan
Classes have been mixed. Parents have been informed of the new class.	Year 1 Olive	Tamsin May	Saira (4 days), Susan D (1 day), Oliwia
	Year 1 Maple	Ruth Punter	Tina
Year 1 Olive	Year 2 Cherry	Ms Umeh	Homaira
Year 1 Maple	Year 2 Pine	Lauren Wright	Sam, Fatma
Year 2 Pine	Year 3 Ash	Ebony Macfarlane Harris	Esen , t.b.c
Year 2 Cherry	Year 3 Palm	Ms Pumphrey	Pier
Year 3 Palm	Year 4 Birch	Mohammed Hussein	Charlotte
Year 3 Ash	Year 4 Fir	Jamilla Agmin	Leanne (3 days), Susan K (2 days)
Y4 Birch	Year 5 Rowan	Mr Slee	Sue (3 days)
Y4 Fir	Year 5 Sycamore	Athena Anastasi	Zalaikha
Year 5 Sycamore	Year 6 Cedar	Ms Milner	Shanelle Semra
Year 5 Rowan	Year 6 Oak	Jenny Cruden Ms Walker (3 mornings)	Dina Joel

Other Teaching Staff:

Headteacher- Catherine Lawrence
 Deputy Headteacher- Sophie Eleftheriou
 Assistant Headteacher Inclusion - Richard Morse
 Assistant Headteacher 0-5 - Caroline Mitchell
 KS2 Phase Leader - Ms Milner
 KS1 Phase Leader- Lauren Wright
 SENCO - Nikoleta Anagnostou
 Teacher (3 days) - Ms Walker
 Music Teacher - Mercedes Maresca





LOST PROPERTY BOX

If your child has lost anything please check the lost property box in the playground.

The box will be emptied and we will dispose of anything without names!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Islington Council offers free school meals to all Nursery and primary age pupils in local schools.

For your child to receive free school meals you must register just go to:

www.islington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You may also be entitled to food vouchers in the holidays - £15 per week per child

Vouchers will be emailed every Monday from 24th July to all parents entitled.

You can order school uniform on parent mail and pay by card. If you are having problems registering on Parent Mail please see Danielle. We do not take cash in the office everything is done through Parent Mail.

Unfortunately we have had to increase the prices of school uniform as the company we order from - Brigade has increased their prices.

Please make sure your child is wearing full school uniform every day.

Teachers will be handing out letters to all children that are not.

Book bags are available to buy from the office.

If you need to buy any uniform for the new term in September please try and purchase before Friday 21st as it can get very busy on the first day back and we may ask you to come back.

FREE TWO YEAR OLD PLACES

If you think you are entitled to a free two year old place please apply now. To check go on the following website www.islington.gov.uk/free2.

You will be given a code that you need to bring to the school or children centre and then complete an application form. We only have a limited amount of free two year old places so please check now!

NURSERY PLACES

We only have a few places to offer so we advise any parents that would like a nursery place to complete an application.

We will keep it on file until the child turns three and we have a place.

The application forms can be collected from the main office or the Children centre.

Change of Contact numbers / Address / Email

If you have changed your contact numbers, home address or email please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our system.





Attendance & Punctuality



Dear parents/carers,

Please make sure your child attends school every day and on time. See below the attendance figures we ask parents to aim for, if you have any problems regarding attendance or punctuality please talk to Dom. Remember the school does not authorise any leave in term time, all holidays should be taken in the school holidays only.

Holiday dates for 2023-2024 are now on our website.

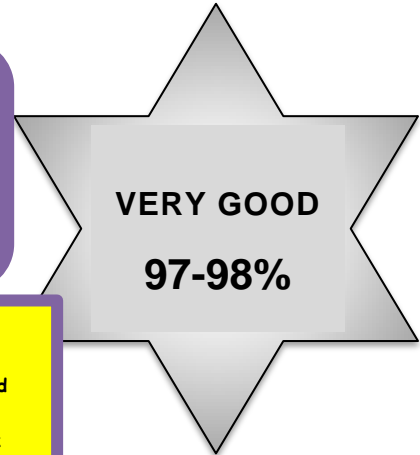
Well done to the children that received certificates and attendance badges!

Thank You

The attendance figures below are Government guidelines that we have to follow



REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR
ATTENDANCE BADGES
EVERYDAY!



Please be aware that all bikes and scooters left in the playground are at your own risk we do not take responsibility for any that are lost or stolen. We would advise you to put your child's name on them and buy a small lock for security. We also ask if you could check you have the right scooter as they are all very similar and can get mixed up quite easily. Thank you

JUNE 2023

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	91%	11
Rec - Beech	82%	22
Year 1-Maple	87%	12
Year 1-Olive	86%	30
Year 2-Cherry	90%	11
Year 2- Pine	91%	21
Year 3 - Ash	88%	14
Year 3 - Palm	88%	12
Year 4 - Fir	92%	14
Year 4 - Birch	91%	22
Year 5 - Rowan	92%	13
Year 5 - Sycamore	92%	5
Year 6 - Cedar	97%	8



BIRTHDAY CAKES

Please note we are a Healthy School and do not allow parents to bring in birthday cakes for the children.






TWITTER

Moreland Primary School now has a twitter account. Why not have a look and follow us.

@morelandprimary





JUNE/JULY 2023	POWER OF THE LETTER <i>Congratulations!</i> 	HEADTEACHERS AWARD 	STAR OF THE WEEK 
<p>NURSERY - WILLOW</p> <p>NURSERY - LILAC</p> <p>RECEPTION - BEECH</p> <p>RECEPTION - PEAR</p> <p>YEAR 1- MAPLE</p> <p>YEAR 1 - OLIVE</p> <p>YEAR 2 - PINE</p> <p>YEAR 2- CHERRY</p> <p>YEAR 3- ASH</p> <p>YEAR 3-PALM</p> <p>YEAR 4 - BIRCH</p> <p>YEAR 4 - FIR</p> <p>YEAR 5 - ROWAN</p> <p>YEAR 5 - SYCAMORE</p> <p>YEAR 6 - CEDAR</p>	<p>Miral</p> <p>Berra</p> <p>Amelia, Aleysha</p> <p>Wareesha</p>	<p>Scarlett</p> <p>Linda</p> <p>Freddy</p> <p>Kai</p>	<p>Asher , Jameel, Guney, Mirac</p> <p>Ahyaan, Khadeejah, Yamina</p> <p>Sami, Safina, Layla</p> <p>Holly</p> <p>Lael, the whole class, Tristan, Omar</p> <p>Abdirahman, Benny, Muhammad</p> <p>Tianah, Malaya, Morad</p> <p>Nashad, Reema, Adam, Aya</p> <p>Arlisa, Isaac, Lailay, Mushin</p> <p>Reon, Aya</p> <p>Xin, Tosin, Aydan, Azeem</p> <p>Hadjer, Salma, Anthony, Yulizene</p> <p>Rayyan, Melvina, Ouriel</p> <p>Tariq, Mert, Shiloh</p> <p>Qayuum, Sara</p>

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Well done to all the children that were invited to Hot Chocolate Friday!



PLAYGROUND STARS

Daisy Emily Amelia

Monthly E-Safety

Remind children to never ever arrange to meet anyone that they have met online.



Please feel free to go and visit the chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs in the playground.



We just ask that children are reminded to be quiet and gentle with them and wash their hands if they touch them.



BOOK BAGS

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school everyday.

They will need it for homework, letters and to take a book home to read.

If you would like to buy a book bag come to the office we sell them for £6.00

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Head of School Notice Board – Important Dates



PLEASE TAKE A
LOOK AT OUR
WEBSITE

Remember to check this board as we may add or cancel certain events.

You can also check our website for up to date information

JULY 2023	
Thursday 20th	Year 6 prom 6.30pm-8.30pm
Friday 21st	Year 6 leavers assembly parents welcome 9.30am School breaks up for summer holidays 2pm finish <u>All children have to be collected today</u>
SEPTEMBER 2023	
Monday 4th & 5th	Inset days - children in Years 1 to 6 return on Wednesday 6th
Wednesday 6th	Children in Years 1 to 6 return to school

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

www.moreland-islington.co.uk

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL OR TO VIEW OTHER NEWSLETTERS.



It's an easy, convenient way
to receive school messages



To register
contact the
school office for
more details

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY WE WILL SEE YOU ON
WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER!

Have a great
Summer





Some lovely things that have been happening in our class recently.....

Nursery Willow / Lilac	We have been learning about different jobs and ways of life. We have discussed what we want to be when we grow up and what it might include. This year we have had lots of fun in Willow class, filled with lots of learning opportunities in and out of the setting. It has been a pleasure to see all the children settle into Nursery and make lots of progress. Have a great Summer full of fun!
Reception Pear / Beech	This term we have been taking part in the Take One Picture project. This year it is all about Henri Rousseau's painting Surprised. A painting that shows a tiger in the jungle. We went on a trip to visit a real tiger and have been learning a lot about protecting our planet and looking after animals that are endangered. In art we have been creating our very own Surprised Tiger. Reception has had a fantastic final term! We have been reading all about looking after our planet, going on litter hunts and making posters to remind everyone to reuse, recycle and reduce. The children reused old t-shirts and socks to make them into brilliant bags and sock puppets. We had a go at growing our own cress, putting them in different places to see how they would grow. We were amazed to see the cress without sunlight was bright yellow! We went to London Zoo to see lots of animals and listen to some fantastic keeper talks. We made a class 'What am I?' book for everyone to guess which animal we were describing. In maths, we explored 2D and 3D shape by going on lots of shape hunts.
Year 1 Maple / Olive	What a year we have had in Maple class this year, from trips to Tower bridge, Transport Museum and London zoo to watching Frozen the musical and a wonderful puppet show at the little angel theatre to name but a few. The children have learnt so much and grown in confidence as well as height!!! Over the last few weeks we have been creating our art work for the Take one picture project with the National Gallery. Looking at the picture Surprised by Henri Rousseau. Olive class have been busy this term. We worked hard learning our phonics for our Phonics Screening which went extremely well. We started our Take One Picture Project, researching everything about tigers and visiting them at London Zoo. Olive class have now created jungle viewing boxes for the art project. We have had a fantastic year in Olive class and the children are ready for their new journey in Year 2.
Year 2 Cherry	In literacy children have been learning how to write a story linked to our Art project. The children have been busy researching the internet to gather fascinating facts about the Art work of Henri Rousseau to enable them to create their own story around the painting. In Maths we have been learning how to solve simple word problems involving fractions and division. In Global citizenship we have discussed how to maintain a healthy environment.
Pine	This month we have been learning about a picture called Surprised! By Henri Rousseau. The children have taken inspiration from the picture to write stories about a tiger that lives in a rainforest. They have created tiger puppets and a rainforest scene using leaf hammering. This week they will tell the stories whilst recording these puppets to create a short film of their work.
Year 3 Palm / Ash	Palm - Reading: We have been reading Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman. In math we have looked at telling the time and conversion of hours and minutes, the duration in hours and minutes and addition and subtraction solving word problems. Then we went on to look at Angles, understanding and identifying angles. In English we have been exploring Tiger Poems based on the book Cinnamon. Children looked at different poems and acted out and performed the poems. They looked at conferencing and at the similarities and differences between different poems. Ash - We are thrilled to share the latest highlights from our dynamic classroom. Recently, our eager learners have been diving into the fascinating worlds of shapes and fractions. They have been exploring the characteristics and properties of different shapes, uncovering their secrets and uncovering their connections to the world around us. Meanwhile, in English, our imaginative young writers have been crafting captivating poems, expressing their thoughts and feelings with eloquence and creativity. In our art sessions, the students have transformed shoe boxes into enchanting jungles, unleashing their artistic talents and creating miniature worlds filled with vibrant foliage and mesmerizing creatures. It's been an incredible journey of discovery and self-expression for our Ash Class students, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements!
Year 4 Fir	In Fir Class we have been exploring poems and writing our own rainforest poems based on our Take One Picture painting, The Surprise. In maths we have been exploring Roman Numerals and measurement and in these final two weeks we will be recapping any of the learning that we have found tricky this year. In art, we have been using our Take One Picture as inspiration for our own artwork. We created trees out of collage and charcoal, and using oil pastels and watercolours to create jungle animals.
Birch	In Birch class we have been using our new maths scheme White Rose maths to cover units of measure, Roman numerals and coordinates. In English children have been exploring a range of poems about the rainforest and have been learning about poetic devices. They had a chance to write a range of poems related to the Take One Picture project.
Year 5 Rowan	In Rowan class we have been writing our own poems based off of The Tyger by William Blake. As well as this we have been creating our own artwork based on the Take one picture - Henri Rousseau's 'Surprised!' To add to our picture, we have been creating origami animals and flowers to put on the front.
Sycamore	This term, all of our learning has been based on the Take One Picture painting 'Surprise' by Henri Rousseau. We have been exploring the theme of the jungle and creating a piece of artwork inspired by the painting. For our art project we took part in an origami workshop and have been creating origami flowers, tigers and birds. These will be attached to the paintings we have created in our art lessons. In English, we read the poem 'Tyger' by William Blake as well as a variety of other jungle/animal themed poems. We learnt about a range of poetic devices which we then used to write our own jungle poems. I am very proud of all of the work the children have done this year and I hope you all have a lovely, well-deserved summer break.
Year 6 Cedar	Year 6 have been working very hard and showing great dedication towards their fantastic performances of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. They have been singing, acting, dancing and making props to perfect their performance ready to show the school and the families! It has been lots of fun to work on and we are very proud of every child. Hard work has paid off!



