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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.

28th June 2023

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are getting very close to the end of the school year. There are lots of end of year events coming up in the next few weeks so please do have a close look at the information in the newsletter with all the dates and timings. We decided to have some of our usual end of term events before half term due to the increasing occurrence of very hot weather in June and July. It was lovely to celebrate the Coronation and Eid with families in May and we also held Sports Day and Moreland's Got Talent last month. As usual we have the Year 6 events to look forward to over the next few weeks - PGL this week, then the Year 6 show, Leavers Assembly and Prom in the final week of term.

A number of parents have asked me about a summer fair. In most schools this is arranged by the PTA. We would love to establish a more developed PTA at Moreland next year. This would help us to run more community and family focused events at the school and help with fundraising towards projects. Please do speak to myself or Mrs Phillips if you would be interested in joining the PTA next year. We will compile a list of email addresses and set up a meeting in September. Hopefully, we can then build on the events we have held this term to plan ahead for next year including an exciting Summer Fair.

It has been an honour and pleasure this year to work with such a fantastic team of teachers, admin, premises and support staff who always give their very best to the children and go the extra mile. It is sometimes easy to overlook in all the hustle and bustle of daily school life all the hard work that goes on every day to make sure the children get the best education possible. It is also wonderful to be part of such a caring and diverse school community and to see our brilliant children everyday that come to school happy and eager to learn.

Teaching and Learning Review

We recently had a teaching and learning review at the school led by our School Improvement Partner who is a former inspector. She commented on how highly the children spoke of the school and how aspirational they were for themselves and their futures. Here are some of the children's comments she recorded:

'The staff in the school really encourage you and support you to be what you want to be.'

'This is a friendly and happy place.'

'Moreland is a happy place in which the education is really good.'

Some of our school Governors also met with representatives of our student groups and ate lunch with the children during a Governor's Immersion Day. They called the children "an impressive group!"

I am very proud of how well the children present themselves to visitors and the confidence and clarity with which they talk about the school and their education.

We strive to provide children with the best education and the opportunity to develop as rounded human beings who have compassion for others and care for the world around them fulfilling our school mission statement of "Reaching higher than I dreamed, becoming the person that I want to be, doing the best I can for the world and for me".

The report recognised how hard we work on fulfilling this particularly, the positive impact of all the enrichment activities we provide:

"The extended and extremely rich opportunities for enrichment raise the pupil's aspirations for their future; enhances the engagement of pupils in their learning; extends their knowledge and helps them recall and remember what they have learnt."





Statutory End of Year Assessments

All the children worked very hard for the statutory assessments this year - Year 6 SATS, Year 4 Multiplication Check, Year 2 SATS and the Y1 Phonics Test. You will have seen in the news how difficult many children found the Year 6 reading test this year. All of our children approached every test with a positive growth mind-set and tried their very best. We will publish all the results on the website in the autumn when we have received them from the Department for Education. This was the last year of Year 2 SATS so children in Year 2 next year will not sit SATS tests. The other tests will remain in place.

All teachers will carry out assessments with their classes over the next two weeks so that we can assess the children's progress and attainment and plan for them ready for next year. You will receive an end of year report for your child written by the class teacher which outlines your child's progress and attainment. There will be an opportunity for you to speak to the teacher about the report if you wish at a drop- in parent's meeting on Tuesday 18th July. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to meet with them.

Attendance

We also report on attendance as part of the school report. It is vital that children are in school on time and every day unless they are too ill to attend. Children are still learning right up to the last day so attendance is just as important in the last few weeks of term. With the long summer holiday we often find children come back to school having forgotten some of their learning. If this is extended even longer than the six weeks there is more ground for children to make up in the autumn term.

Next Year

In the next newsletter we will be providing information on who your child's class teacher will be next year. All the children will have the opportunity to spend time in their new classes and meet their new teachers on Meet the Teacher Day in July. Early Years will be holding their welcome Teddy Bears Picnics on 10th July also.

Lost Books

Please do have a look for any school books at home and return them to school. We need to have well stocked school book corners so that children can read widely and need your help to ensure that books are returned once read.

Please ensure all children to have a Moreland Book bag as they are essential for children to keep track of books, homework books and letters. If you do not have one they are available to buy in the school office.

Take One Picture

At the moment children are taking part in our Take One Picture Summer project. They are creating art works, music and dance pieces inspired by the painting Surprised! by Henri Rousseau.

I am very pleased to tell you that the dance piece choreographed by the children as part of last year's Take One Picture Project will be featured in the National Gallery as part of the exhibition based on the picture "Shipwreck in Stormy Seas".

This is a great honour as only 40 schools in the whole country are chosen to be part of the exhibition. It is free to attend so please do go along during the summer holidays to the National Gallery. The exhibition runs from July 13th -October 8th 2023. Have a look at the link below for more information.

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/take-one-picture-2023>

Have a wonderful week

Kind Regards

Catherine Lawrence

Headteacher





LOST PROPERTY BOX

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

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

Please check now for the summer holidays, claims cannot be backdated.

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.

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 are looking at nursery places for children to start in September 2023.

We only have a few places to offer so we advise any parents that have a child that is three or turning three to complete an application.

These 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.





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. Please take a few minutes to read the letter attached.

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

Thank You

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



MAY 2023

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	89%	17
Rec - Beech	81%	15
Year 1-Maple	84%	11
Year 1-Olive	90%	6
Year 2-Cherry	88%	5
Year 2- Pine	82%	13
Year 3 - Ash	92%	11
Year 3 - Palm	87%	7
Year 4 - Fir	90%	1
Year 4 - Birch	88%	12
Year 5 - Rowan	83%	4
Year 5 - Sycamore	90%	1
Year 6 - Cedar	89%	8





MAY 2023	POWER OF THE LETTER <i>Congratulations!</i>	HEADTEACHERS AWARD	STAR OF THE WEEK
NURSERY - WILLOW NURSERY - LILAC RECEPTION - BEECH RECEPTION - PEAR YEAR 1 - MAPLE YEAR 1 - OLIVE YEAR 2 - PINE YEAR 2 - CHERRY YEAR 3 - ASH YEAR 3 - PALM YEAR 4 - BIRCH YEAR 4 - FIR YEAR 5 - ROWAN YEAR 5 - SYCAMORE YEAR 6	Aleysya Ayah	Isla Amber	Jace, Adiyen, Idris Musharraf, Muwahib Sami, Grace, Richie Shahad Ali, Amell, Daisy Lorenzo, Robin, Arya Ayub, Mubarak Aya, Zayn, Charlie Alayna, MusabOryena Samirah, Tamjid, Lina Carter, Aydan, Remiyah Eli, Salman, Kaitlyn Zainab, Ouriel Olivia, Adam, Aiden Maisie

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

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



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

JUNE 2023	
26th - 29th	Year 6 PGL Trip
JULY 2023	
Monday 3rd	Last week of after school clubs - Playcentre as usual
Monday 10th	Teddy bears picnic for nursery/reception children and parents - <u>September classes</u> Reception - 9.15-10.15am Nursery - 2.30-3.30pm
Wednesday 12th	Year 6 show 6pm Year 6 parents welcome
Thursday 13th	Year 6 show 6pm Year 6 parents welcome
Tuesday 18th	Drop-in parents meeting - please make an appointment with the teacher if you would like to meet with them
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





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

Nursery Willow / Lilac	In Nursery we are very focused on blending and segmenting words with different activities. Every day our children are participating in phonics sessions where they develop their phonemic awareness for learning to read in the next academic year. If you need support to understand blending and segmenting or need activities to keep practicing at home let the team know.
Reception Pear / Beech	We have been learning all about the book Who Swallowed Stanley. This book has taught us all about recycling and protecting the environment. We have been creating a sculpture using recycled materials and encouraging people to reuse things. In maths we have been learning all about shapes, 3D and 2D shapes. We have been looking for them in the environment and sorting them based on their properties.
Year 1 Maple / Olive	Maple class have been focussing on the painting Surprised by Henri Rousseau which features a tiger, we visited the zoo to observe a tiger and created observational drawings whilst watching the tigers play. We have been focussing on Science over the last two weeks and carried out many experiments linked to our topic Treasure Island. The children designed and made a boat, testing whether it would float or sink according to the materials they used. We made shelters focussing on the materials we might have found on an island.
Year 2 Cherry	In literacy, Cherry class has been learning all about letter writing. We can talk about the different features that letters need to have. We have been learning lots in our History lesson ' Pirates' which is linked to Literacy. In maths we have been working really hard on mental calculations and how to use the skills we have learnt in solving simple word problems. In science we have been learning about the importance of gardening and how it helps our well-being. The Children really enjoyed our pirate day celebration and the fieldwork to help develop their map skills.
Pine	In year 2 we have been working on length and mental calculation in maths. In science we have done some gardening and have also been learning about what it means to eat and drink healthily. We have started looking at our Take One Picture project and the children have been fascinated by Surprised! by Henri Rousseau.
Year 3 Palm / Ash	This week the students of year 3 have been working hard on a number of different projects. Our poetry has been fantastic and we have begun creating our jungle boxes for our take one picture project.
Year 4 Fir	In Fir Class this month we have been enjoying our Living Things and Their Habitats in science topic, we even had the opportunity to visit a Natural Park by Kings Cross which was very exciting. In maths we have been consolidating time, and we reminded ourselves at the end of the unit that we need to keep practicing so that we feel completely confident with telling the time to the nearest minute.
Birch	In history and geography we have nearly finished our Ancient Greece topic, and most recently we learnt about the Battle of Marathon between the Persians and the Athenians. In Birch class we have been learning about living things and their habitats. Children had a lovely day at Camley Street learning about different animals and where they live. We have been learning to classify and group living things according to their classification group and appearance. In maths we have been learning about time. Children learnt how to read the time in the 24 and 12 hour clock.
Year 5 Rowan	This month we have been doing a lot of studying of science. We have been learning about Space and how the solar system was and is made up. We have learnt about the Geocentric and Heliocentric concepts that shaped our understanding of the solar system as well as the night and day cycle. We have also developed our understanding of the stages of human lives, from the development of the embryo along to old age and the challenges it might bring.
Sycamore	This term we have been learning all about space. We looked at the size of each planet, made our own model of the solar system and looked at the distance each planet is from the sun. In Geography we carried out some field work and researched how our local area could be improved. We did this by looking at the human and physical features of our local area as well as the building use and disabled access. We used Digi maps to support us with our learning. Finally, we were lucky to attend a concert at the Barbican by the London Symphony Orchestra and were able to see a wide variety of instruments being played.
Year 6 Cedar	In Year 6, we have been incredibly lucky and have had 3 kayaking lessons with Islington Boat Club! We learnt the skills of kayaking, such as moving forwards and backwards, turning in a circle and stopping, played lots of kayaking games and went on a journey down the canal. On the final session, we even got to jump in which was a great way to cool off in the hot weather! It has been so much fun and we have all learnt a new skill!



Year 6 at the boat club having kayaking lessons



27/06/23

Letter to all Parents about Term Time Leave

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Family Holidays and Special Leave in Term Time

I am writing to remind you of Moreland Primary School's policy about holidays during term time.

The law requires parents to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and normally we would not expect you to take your child out of school for a holiday. There is no automatic right to a holiday in term time.

When considering the timing of your family holiday, please remember the following:

- A two week term time holiday will mean that your child misses out on 10 literacy lessons and 10 numeracy lessons.
- Research shows that children often do not catch up from work missed – this could have serious consequences for their learning and progress.
- Your child's term time holiday could affect other pupils - the time teachers have to help all the children in a class is reduced if they spend time helping your child catch up after a holiday.
- There are 175 non-school days in each year for holidays, cultural experiences and family time.

If after these considerations you feel it is absolutely unavoidable to take your child on a holiday or special leave of absence in term time, you must make an application in advance. Forms are available from the school office and we request that you apply 4 weeks in advance of any proposed holiday or special leave.

The local education authority and the national government strongly discourage schools from allowing term time holidays. While you can be assured that each request will be considered on its individual merits, our practice is to only authorise holidays and leave in exceptional circumstances.

If we do agree to a holiday or leave in term time, it is very important that your child comes back to school on the date agreed. Failure to return could result in your child being deleted from the school roll or legal action being taken against you for the absence. Our school has a duty to keep children safe and this includes knowing where they are.

If you withdraw your child for a holiday during term time and we have not agreed to it, this absence will be unauthorised and could result in a penalty notice (a £60-£120 fine) or a summons to court.

Our aim is to ensure our pupils receive the most from their education and I hope we can count on your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Lawrence
Headteacher

MORELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
PLEASE KEEP THIS DOCUMENT FOR
FUTURE REFERENCE
DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024

INCLUSIVE TERM DATES	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	HOLIDAYS
AUTUMN TERM	AUTUMN HALF TERM	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday 4th September 2023 to Thursday 21st December 2023 Inset Day-Monday 4th September 2023 Inset Day-Tuesday 5th September 2023	Monday 23rd October 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023	Friday 22nd December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024
SPRING TERM	SPRING HALF TERM	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 8th January 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024	Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024	Friday 29th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024 * Good Friday - 29th March 2024 * Easter Monday - 1st April 2024
SUMMER TERM	SUMMER HALF TERM	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
Monday 15th April 2024 to Wednesday 24th July 2024 May Day – Monday 6th May 2024	Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024 Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 27th May 2024	Wednesday 24th July 2024
*BANK HOLIDAYS: Friday 29th March 2024 – Good Friday Monday 1st April 2024 – Easter Monday Monday 6th May 2024 – May Day Monday 27th May 2024 – Spring Bank Holiday		
<i>INSET DAYS i.e. when pupils are on holiday but staff are in school training</i>		
<i>Monday 4th September 2023</i>		
<i>Tuesday 5th September 2023</i>		

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN ISLINGTON

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Sessions include:

- Adult and child swimming lessons: 6-week course for under 3's *Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4 -13-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13 -16-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together
*Summer holiday only

To apply please scan **QR code** or visit website at **better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons**

You can email for more information at **summer.lessons@gll.org**



BETTER



ISLINGTON
For a more equal future



*minimum age for kids
6 years old

TUESDAY

KIDS* 5-5.40PM
ADULTS 5.45PM- 6.25PM

WEDNESDAY

WOMEN' ONLY 10-11AM
WOMAN'S ONLY 6-7PM

THURSDAY

KIDS* 5-6PM
ADULTS 6-7PM

LOCATION

Vibast Community Centre
167 Old St
London
EC1V 9NH

ADULTS

£5 / session

KIDS

£3 / session

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