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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.

30th June 2022

Head teacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers

We are getting very close to the end of the school year. There are lots of 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. I am pleased to say we will be having our annual summer family picnic on Friday July 8th which will also allow us to celebrate Eid Al Adha together which is that weekend. School Council have also planned a bake sale on this day to raise money for playground equipment so please do contribute some cakes for it. We will be sending out a flyer with more information soon.

It has been a very busy year and the first time in 2 years without any school closures. We are still working hard with children to make up for the learning and social development lost during the pandemic and will continue to offer targeted boosters and support next year for children who need it.

Some of the highlights of this year for me (apart from being appointed permanent Headteacher of course!) have been working with 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.

I love dressing up so another highlight for me has been all the opportunities to dress up (or down on Pyjamarama day). The Jubilee Tea Party was fantastic despite the best efforts of the rain to get in the way. I loved seeing all the children in their red, white and blue or royal outfits. We had a school tour that day for prospective parents so we have set a very high standard for the dress code!



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 11th July also.





Trips

A number of parents have spoken to me about paying for school trips in the light of the current cost of living issues. As a school we have also incurred increases in costs and we are trying very hard to keep the costs of trips to a minimum. It is really important that children do go out and visit all the things London has to offer as this really supports their learning and cultural enrichment. The school does subsidise all trips but we do have to ask for contributions towards some of the costs. Some of the things we do or will be doing to keep costs down are:

- Travelling by public transport more
- Utilising funding and grants from partner organisations such as the Cultural Mile Fund, Sister Pictures, Slaughter and May. If we are able to get funding for a trip we do not ask for any contribution.
- Spreading paying trips across the school year more.
- Offering parents the chance to pay a small weekly amount on parent pay to spread the cost. You can decide this amount.
- Providing information on all the trips for the term ahead at the start of term to allow you to budget and plan.
- Setting up a payment plan from September for the more expensive residential trips in the Summer Term for Years 5 and 6.

As always please do speak to the class teacher, the office or Dom or myself if you are experiencing difficulties. We can also sign post families to general financial support within Islington.

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.

Next year we will expect all children to have a Moreland Book bag again. During the Pandemic we stopped using them but 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. We will also provide every child with a reading journal for you to sign daily. There will be a reminder about this in September too.

Parent Questionnaire

The annual parent questionnaire has been sent out via parent mail. It is very easy to fill in online so please do complete it. Last time we had a record number of completed questionnaires, over 200, I am hoping to get one back from every parent this time. If you have any ideas or concerns we always encourage you to share them with the school at any point. Please do let us know what you think. We are always striving to improve and as we tell the children Growth Mindset is the most important thing! At Moreland our "Learning for Life" motto applies to everyone.

Have a wonderful weekend

Best Wishes

Catherine Lawrence
Headteacher

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www.moreland-islington.co.uk

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

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



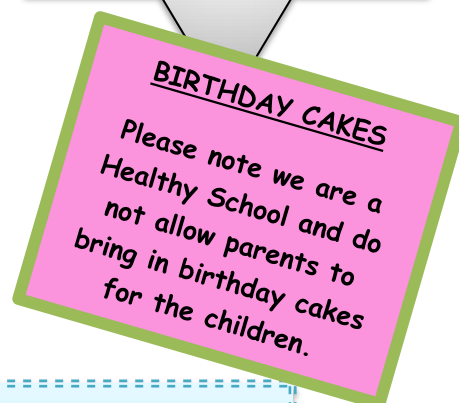
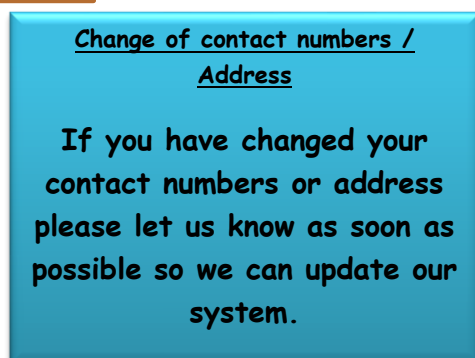
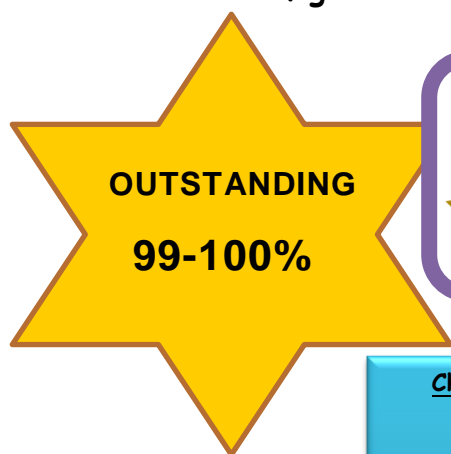


Dear parents/carers,

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 2021-2022 are on our website.

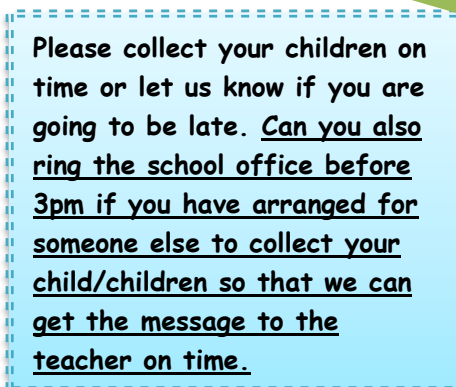
Thank You

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



MAY 2022

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	91%	6
Rec -Beech	87%	20
Year 1-Maple	90%	16
Year 1-Olive	88%	14
Year 2-Cherry	94%	2
Year 2- Pine	95%	6
Year 3 - Ash	94%	5
Year 3 - Palm	95%	9
Year 4 - Fir	94%	7
Year 4 - Birch	93%	7
Year 5 - Rowan	94%	8
Year 6 - Cedar	93%	0



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A group of 12 diverse children of various ethnicities and ages are shown in different playful poses. Some are jumping, some are running, and some are holding hands. The background is white with colorful circles in shades of blue, yellow, and pink.



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	
Tuesday 5th	Sports Day - rest of the school more information to follow
Wednesday 6th	Early Years Sports day - More information to follow
Friday 8th	Last day of all after school clubs Family picnic after school
Monday 11th	Early years teddy bears picnic all parents please enter through Gard street school gate Reception class for September 9.15-10.00am Nursery class for September 2.30-3.30pm
Wednesday 13th Year 5 & 6 show 6pm Peter Pan	We have two dates for the show as space in the hall will be tight please come to one date only.
Thursday 14th Year 5 & 6 show 6pm Peter Pan	
Friday 15th	School Reports to go out to parents Moreland has got talent - 2pm
Tuesday 19th	Drop in parents evening no appointments
Wednesday 20th	Year 6 Prom - letter to follow
Friday 22nd	Year 6 leavers assembly 9.30am Year 6 parents welcome Last day of summer term finish at 2pm - <u>children to be collected.</u>



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



To register
contact the
school office for
more details

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 £4.50

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box will be in the playground outside the playcentre every day.

If your child has lost any uniform please go through the box as at the end of the summer term we will dispose of anything that is left.





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

Nursery Willow	In Willow class we have been exploring and learning about London landmarks. Our children have described and shared their own experiences visiting these cultural hotspots. At the moment we are trying to replicate London landmarks using 2D shapes. Try to visit them during the weekend!
Lilac	In Lilac class we have been learning how to measure our feet and the giant's feet from our story 'Jack and the Bean stalk'. We have compared our foot size with each other and use vocabulary such as longer, shorter, longest and shortest in our maths lesson.
Reception Pear	In Pear Class we have been looking at the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We know the story well and the children are able to retell it in their own words. We have also been lucky enough to go on some trips this month. We visited the Docklands Museum, where the children learned about what happened on the docks a long time ago. We also visited Little Angel Theatre and watched Pinocchio.
Beech	Beech class have had such a busy summer term so far. We have enjoyed a drama workshop about the environment, a trip to The Museum of London, Docklands to experience mud larking and a trip to The Little Angel Theatre to see Pinocchio. To top it all off we had a 'beach day' with water games, a paddling pool, buckets and spades, and we even ate fish and chips outdoors to make the day authentic. What a treat!
Year 1 Maple	We had a fantastic science fortnight at the beginning of the term all about the human body. The children learnt about what is inside our body and we spent time exploring the 5 senses, carrying out lots of investigations using our senses. In English we are reading the story Flotsam and have started to explore the book, this will be linked to our topic work with the National Gallery around Take one Picture. The children have now all completed their phonics screening check; they all worked so hard reading the words. Well done everyone
Olive	In Olive class we have been learning about the human body. We looked at body parts and carried out investigations which explored our five senses. In maths we have been learning about money and solving maths problems involving coins of different values. We have just started our Take One Picture project and will be reading 'Flotsam', creating under the sea artwork and writing poetry over the next few weeks.
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 topic 'Pirates' which is linked to our Literacy. In maths we have been working really hard on how to multiply and divide using different strategies. In science children learned what a habitat is. They match 6 different animals to their habitats in a cut-and-stick activity. They explain things that the habitats provide the animals with on the writing frames provided.
Pine	This term we have been learning all about living things and their habitats in Science. We have learnt what a microhabitat is and went minibeast hunting in our forest school. In maths we were introduced to bar models and have been using them to solve addition and subtraction word problems. The children will consolidate their knowledge of bar models with addition and subtraction, then move on to using models for multiplication and division. This week we have started our new topic Take One Picture, where we will be exploring themes related to the painting 'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas' and we are excited to visit the painting at the National Gallery. We will be focusing on issues relating to ocean plastic and endangered animals and linking this to our main art project.
Year 3 Palm	This term we started our Take One Picture Project inspired by Claude Vernet's painting. We were particularly interested in the sea and corals. We have experimented with texture and different ways of creating corals in order to create a final piece. In English we have been writing poems and exploring different types of poems.
Ash	This week the students of Ash class have been hard at work learning about poems. The features of poems have been our main focus and the students even wrote their own limerick! In maths we have been finishing our unit on angles and lines. Their end of term project has been based on coral and so the students have been exploring different ways of representing coral reefs in art too!
Year 4 Birch	In Birch class we have been learning about animals and their habitats in science. Children learnt about the life processes of all living things. They also made bug hotels and collected a range of living things in the local environment. In maths we have been learning about area and perimeter. Children have been learning methods to working out the area and perimeter of objects in the classroom.
Fir	This month Fir class have explored living things and their habitats in science. We used classification keys to sort and order animals of various species and classes, and also explored the playground for invertebrates and studied their characteristics. In maths, we have finished our unit on perimeter and area, and will be focusing on shape for the next few weeks, including lines of symmetry. This month we started our 'Take one picture' and in literacy we have started to look at different poems about shipwrecks and the sea, identifying their key language features.
Year 5 Rowan	This term Year 5 have been learning about Space. We have been creating the solar system in the playground with scaled down planets. We have also taken part in two trips, one to the garden classroom and one to the Greenwich Observatory where we learnt more about the subject.
Year 6 Cedar	In Year 6 we have been learning all about the circulatory system in our Science unit. First, we became the different parts of the circulatory system and acted out where the blood cells go around the body. We have also taken part in many exciting investigations and experiments including making blood replicas using different items to represent the parts of blood and a heart dissection where we could see real chambers and arteries! We learnt about our pulse and how and why exercise impacts this before making graphs to show our findings.

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.

Please make sure your child is wearing full school uniform every day.
Teachers will be handing out letters to all children that are not.

