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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.

9th May 2022

Head teacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone has enjoyed the recent holidays and religious festivals over the last few weeks. Eid Mubarak to all our families who celebrated Eid last week. We will be holding an Eid celebration as part of our family picnic in July when hopefully the weather will be more reliable. There is a busy term ahead so please see the 'What's On' list of events between now and the end of July.

National Assessments

The children have all worked very hard this year and have a lot to be confident about. They have shown a very positive Growth Mind set in working to fill the gaps caused by the pandemic. All National Assessments will be held this year and there is also a new times tables test. It is very important as always that children attend school every day during testing weeks and leading up to them so that they sit the tests at the right time with their classmates. The tests will take place at the following times:

Year 6 SATS are this week Monday to Thursday. Children are welcome to attend breakfast club.

Year 4 Multiplication Screening is the week beginning 20th June.

Year 2 SATS are the week beginning 16th May

Year 1 Phonics Screening will be on the week beginning 6th June.

We will also be assessing all classes in all subjects not just English and Maths. Teacher assessments are even done in nursery and reception classes. These assessments enable us to measure how much progress children have made and how much of knowledge of the curriculum they are retaining. This in turn informs us of what provision each individual child needs on-going.

Helping Your Child

We have just held our Pupil Progress meetings that happen each term. There are important things that parents and carers can do to ensure their children make good progress. These are:

- **Make sure your child comes to school every day and on time.** If they are too ill to come to school make sure that as soon as they feel well enough they return to school. Punctuality is important. If a child is late it can unsettle them for the day and they miss the important learning that happens at the start of the day. This is often learning to read and write! Please make sure that your child attends Booster classes if they have been asked to. We are working really hard to make sure children make up lost learning from Covid but we need your help to make sure they attend every session.
- **Encourage your child to read as much as possible and read to them every day.** Read to your child throughout their childhood even when they can read themselves. This helps to build their vocabulary and encourage a love of reading. Make sure your child reads everyday as well. They will need to read aloud to you to begin with. When they are confident reading to themselves make sure they still reading every day for at least 20 minutes. Reading is the key to being successful in education.
- **Make sure your child does their homework.** We don't give a lot of homework at Moreland but what we do give is to practice the core skills of spelling, handwriting and times tables. All the children have access to Times Tables Rock stars so remind them to log on and play for 10 minutes every day. This will really help them be fluent in maths. In Early Years we will be reintroducing our family homework play activities. These are fun activities that you can do with your child that will help them learn as they play. Look out for these activities on Tapestry.
- **Talk to your child about what they have been learning at school.** Talking to your child about what they have learnt at school helps the knowledge to stick in their minds. Ask them to tell you about what they learnt in each lesson or to give you a quiz to see how much you know the topics yourself. The Knowledge Organisers that we send home and put on the Class Page on the website are a good source of information about what your child is learning about. See how much they can remember. Visiting places, reading books or researching on the internet together is a great way to help them learn more about a subject too. Keep a look out on Class Dojo because teachers often put extra activities that will help children with their learning.

School Trips

A key aspect of our exciting curriculum at Moreland is the trips and workshops that we arrange for the children. These are an integral part of children's learning and help to provoke children's interest in a subject, help learning to stick, open their eyes to new experiences and provide cultural opportunities that inspire children in the Arts. We ask that if you are able that you please do contribute to the cost of these trips as it is not possible for the school to fund them fully. We do subsidise the costs from the school budget and through support from organisations such as Slaughter and May, Sister Pictures and the Cultural Mile Fund to try and keep costs down, however we are not able to cover the full cost of all trips. The cost of a coach even for a day trip in London is around £800 alone!

Please check your Parent Mail Account to see if you have outstanding payments due. If you are struggling to pay please do speak to the teacher or to the school office. It is possible to also make payment by instalments for trips and this may help you with more expensive trips such as residential. Please speak to Danielle if this would be helpful.





Support for Families

We know times are difficult with rising costs at the moment. If you are finding things difficult please do speak to Dom who is our Pastoral Support Manager or come along to our weekly coffee morning on a Tuesday in the Eco-pod with our Bright Futures Family Support Link worker Anna. They will be able to sign post you to the right support. They can also help with a range of parenting and family issues too.

The Sounding Board Network

There are lots of local organisations that provide support and one of these is The Sounding Boards Network. This was set up to fill the gap between befriending, advice services and mentoring, a space to encourage problem solving and conversation. They provide an opportunity for Londoners aged 18 or over who feel in need of some extra guidance or support, to have someone to discuss a problem with - or simply to talk. People needing support (members) are carefully matched with a volunteer for a series of one hour telephone conversations to help navigate through the challenge/s they face. All volunteers have reference checks and an enhanced DBS check. While they ask for a small voluntary contribution from members, no one is turned away if they cannot make a contribution.

In the future they hope to hold Sounding Boards 'Sweet and Savoury' in person gatherings for members and volunteers and skill sharing sessions. Their website can be found here: [-https://www.thesoundingboardsnetwork.org/](https://www.thesoundingboardsnetwork.org/)

Inset day and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We will be having an Inset day on Friday 27th May. The school will also be closed on Monday 6th June following half term week as our permitted additional bank holiday. We will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with a Jubilee Lunch on Wednesday 25th May and a Jubilee Tea Party after lunch that families will be invited to. A flyer with more information will go home soon. We will need your baking skills so please do get involved!

Have a wonderful week

Best Wishes

Catherine Lawrence
Headteacher

Do you have a child that has just turned 3 years old or will be 3 before the 31st August?

Please come to the school office or Children Centre to collect an application form for a Nursery place.

We will be looking at our waiting list soon to fill the places available for September 2022.

There are only a limited amount of places but if you have other children in the school we will try to Prioritise those applications.

Come and collect the application form today!!



Free Two Year old Places

We will also be looking at free two year old places for September soon. You can check whether your child is eligible one term before you are able to start receiving free hours. For example, if your child turns two between 1 April and 31 August you can check from 1 April.

You need to apply and check eligibility on the following website:

www.islington.gov.uk/free2

If you are eligible complete an application form that you can collect from the school or children centre and write the eligibility code you will receive on the application form. If you need any more information contact the children centre 0207 504 0592.

Again we only have a limited amount of places to fill so please check as soon as you can.



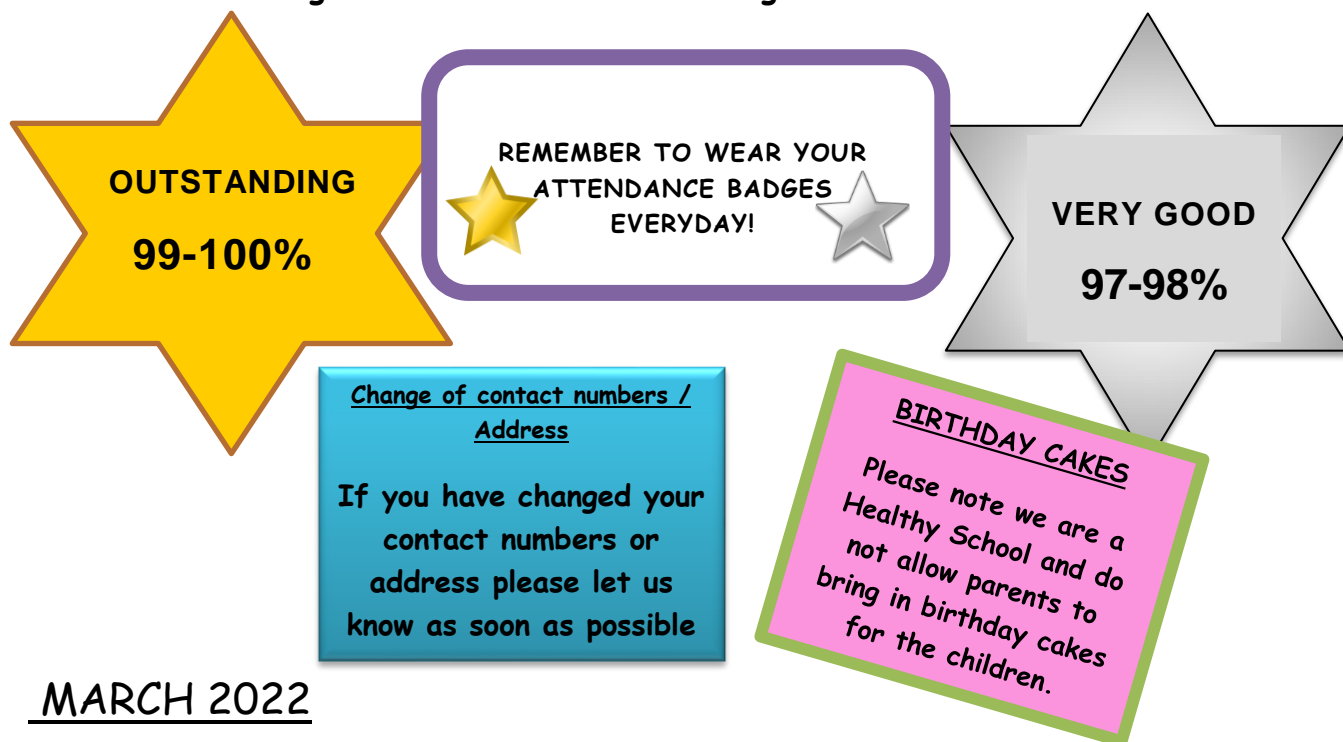


Dear parents/carers,



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



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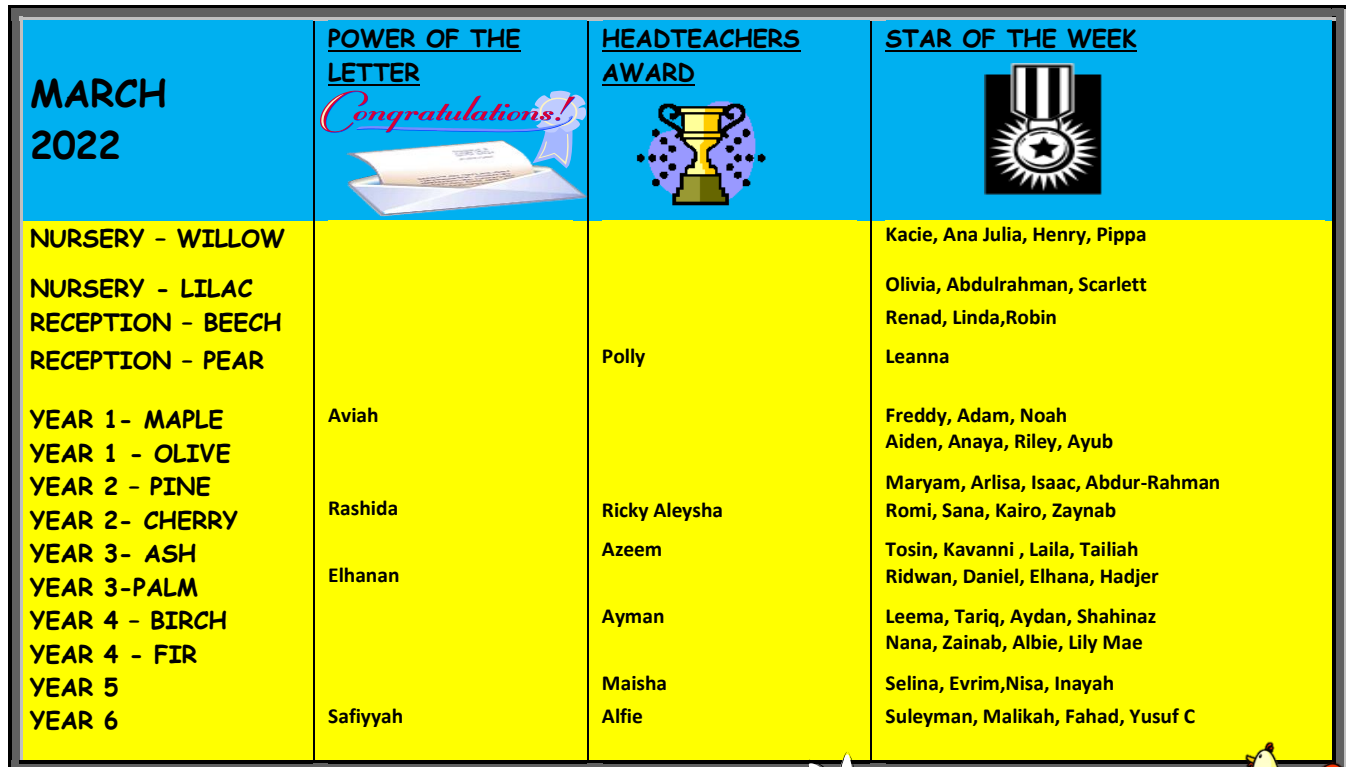
CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	90%	9
Rec - Beech	94%	20
Year 1-Maple	93%	17
Year 1-Olive	90%	21
Year 2-Cherry	93%	11
Year 2- Pine	88%	4 
Year 3 - Ash	90%	14
Year 3 - Palm	91%	21
Year 4 - Fir	93%	10
Year 4 - Birch	94%	18
Year 5 - Rowan	96% 	16
Year 6 - Cedar	93%	11

Please collect your children on time or let us know if you are going to be late. Can you also ring the school office before 3pm if you have arranged for someone else to collect your child/children so that we can get the message to the teacher on time.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost a bag, sweatshirt or any other items please tell them to look in the lost property box and to see Danielle on Reception. Please write your child's name on all their stuff, it makes it much easier to find!





Freddy, Adam, Noah
Aiden, Anaya, Riley, Ayub

Maryam, Arlisa, Isaac, Abdur-Rahman
Romi, Sana, Kairo, Zaynab

Tosin, Kavanni , Laila, Tailiah
Ridwan, Daniel, Elhana, Hadjer

Leema, Tariq, Aydan, Shahinaz
Nana, Zainab, Albie, Lily Mae

Selina, Evrim, Nisa, Inayah
Suleyman, Malikah, Fahad, Yusuf C

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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

MAY	
Monday 9th	KS2 SATS WEEK
Friday 13th	Pyjamarama Day - Wear your pyjamas to school for a cosy day all about sharing and reading stories.
Wednesday 25th	Jubilee Celebrations - Letter to follow
Thursday 26th	Class photos
Friday 27th	Inset day - Staff training day school will be closed for children
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term school closed
JUNE	
Monday 6th	Bank Holiday school closed
Tuesday 7th	Children return to school
Monday 20th	Inset Day - Staff training day school will be closed for children
JULY	
Tuesday 5th	Sports Day - rest of the school
Wednesday 6th	Early Years Sports day
Friday 8th	Last day of all after school clubs
Wednesday 13th Year 6 show 6pm Thursday 14th Year 6 show 6pm	We have two dates for the show as space in the hall will be tight please come to one date only.
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>

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

www.moreland-islington.co.uk

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





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

Nursery Willow	In Willow class we have started the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". Our children have been learning about each stage of the butterfly lifecycle reading and commenting on the story making an amazing story map and playing with the story Accessories. We need parent permission for the next trips, if you need an extra letter let us know.
Lilac	Our book this week is about the hungry caterpillar we found a tiny caterpillar in our garden. We have built it a home and we are observing how it moves and what it eats using our magnifiers.
Reception Pear	In Pear Class we have started the term looking at the book The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children know this story well and have enjoyed writing about their favourite parts of the story. They have been able to sequence the days of the week into the correct order too. They have loved going to look for caterpillars and other bugs outside. In maths, we have looked at odd and even numbers, and sorting numbers from 11 - 20.
Beech	Our topic this term is Into the Garden and our focus book has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have been looking at the life cycle of a butterfly and comparing with other life cycles. Beech class have been excited looking out for different bugs in our garden. For maths we have been looking at odd and even numbers and doubling numbers.
Year 1 Maple	Maple class have started their new Geography and History topic on Seaside's. The children had a great time at Chalkwell beach exploring the sands and paddling in the sea. We even caught some crabs. In Maths we are moving onto number to 100 including addition and subtraction. Please remember that PE is on a Monday and Wednesday.
Olive	In Olive class we have started our new topic 'Seaside's'. We have been using atlases and maps to locate seaside locations in the UK, as well as identify the seas surrounding the UK. In English we have been making storyboards of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' which is our core text this half term. In maths we have been solving division problems and learning how to tell the time using clocks we have made
Year 2 Cherry	We have loved learning about pirates in Year 2. In literacy we are just beginning to plan a personal narrative - letter home from on board ship. In Maths we are learning how to tell the time on an analogue clock and learning about quick strategies for quick multiplication which has helped our times tables. In topic we are going to make an old fashion pirate ship inspired by our trip to Golden Hinde and using internet to find out about famous pirates.
Pine	This month we completed our topic 'The United Kingdom' in which we explored the four countries of the UK in great detail. We used technology and books to research the culture, food, weather, travel and landmarks of each country and ended the topic by writing a persuasive text about one of the four countries. In maths we learnt how to read and plot data on a picture graph and practised answering two-step word problems. During our music lessons we learnt about the key elements of a performance and practised in preparation for the whole school Music Concert.
Year 3 Palm	This term we have been investigating the Stone Age. We have looked at some tools that would have been used and investigated how they progressed from hunter gather to farmer and discussed the benefits and downfalls of this change. In Maths we have been looking at fractions, comparing different fractions moving on to adding and subtracting them.
Ash	This week the students in Ash Class have been learning all about the Stone Age! We have explored the different aspects of stone age life and how farming changed the way people lived. In maths, we have looked at fractions and bar graphs, using their manipulative to calculate sums and create graphs. Tennis has taken over our P.E. lessons and the students have been working hard on their forehand.
Year 4 Birch	In Birch class we have been learning about Ancient Greece. We had a lovely day out to the Wallace collection to find out about art work that the Wallace family collected over 5 generations. We learnt about mythical stories told through artwork, we looked through various paintings, sculptures and furniture from the past that told stories of Gods and Goddesses. In maths we have been learning about angles. Children learnt how to use a protractor to read angles and also learnt how to solve mathematical problems. In English we have been planning to write our very own mythical story based on Ancient Greek mythology.
Fir	This term, in Fir class we have started our topic 'Ancient Greece.' In literacy, we have used drama to help us write a diary entry from the perspective of Odysseus and write a character description of the Cyclops (from Odysseus and the Cyclops). In maths, we have been using protractors to measure angles and draw our own angles. This term we have also started Forest School and in the first session we carried out a minibeast hunt, which we all enjoyed.
Year 5 Rowan	In Year 5, we have started our new topic of the term. We have been finding out about Shackleton's journey on the Endurance. We have also started to look at the Antarctica environment. In P.E. we have been learning about Rounders.
Year 6 Cedar	Year 6 have started the term with lots of hard work and revision ready for their upcoming SATs tests. They have been working very hard and we're very proud of their enthusiasm! We also enjoyed a trip to the Barbican Hall to watch the London Symphony Orchestra performing many amazing pieces of music all composed by inspiring female composers. We got to join in with one of the songs called 'Unreal' which was all about cheese!

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.



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



To register contact the school office for more details

