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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.

31st March 2022

Head teacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of another busy and fruitful term at Moreland. For me, this has been a very special term as I am extremely happy at being appointed the permanent Headteacher at Moreland. I have worked at Moreland for 14 years, starting as a part time early year's teacher in 2008, and I have known some of our families now for many years. I am very proud of our school and community and I look forward to working my hardest to ensure the school continues to provide the very best care and education for all our children. We are a very ambitious school and we have high aspirations for each and every child. As part of our Learning for Life vision we provide many opportunities for children to broaden their horizons and open their eyes and minds to the opportunities that are available to them if they believe in themselves, work hard, show resilience and a growth mindset.

Speaking of these skills, I was very proud to watch the football team play in the Slaughter and May League final this week. They played so well all season and only lost out in the final game to Thornhill School. This is a fantastic achievement and although the children were very disappointed to lose the final they should congratulate themselves on how well they played, how hard they trained and fantastic team work.

At Moreland, we provide a really wide range of extra- curricular activities, sporting opportunities and curriculum enrichment activities. This term alone children have visited the following places: The Royal Festival Hall, London Zoo, The Maritime Museum in Greenwich, The Tower of London, Spitalfields City Farm, The Cutty Sark, The Natural History Museum, Charter House, 3 Discovery and The Garden Classroom. They have also taken part in sporting competitions and in school dance and drama workshops.

There are many more trips planned for next term again. Please do volunteer to help on trips as it helps the school and gives you ideas of places to visit in the holidays and at weekends. We are lucky in London that so many of our fantastic museums are free to visit. Why not take a trip to the Natural History Museum, The Science Museum, The British Museum, The Museum of London, The National Gallery or Tate Modern this Easter holiday. They are all free!

Another highlight of the term was the Science Fair we held last week. The children very much enjoyed sharing their learning with other classes and trying out lots of practical Science experiments. It was wonderful to see so many Early Years parents getting involved in the morning session too. I think we have many budding scientists in our midst!

Next term, we have SATS in Year 6 and in Year 2, the times tables test in Year 4 and the phonics test in Year 1. Please do support your children to revise and practice for these tests at home. There are lots of revision guides available online and in bookshops. All children have access to Times tables Rockstars and it really helps all children's mathematical fluency if they practice their times tables for 10-15 minutes every day. Every child should read for at least 20 minutes every day even in the holidays and reading a wide range of books, magazines, comics and non- fiction books will help them enormously in their learning in all subjects. I will remind children to take a book home from their classroom library to read over the holidays.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful holiday. See you all back at school on **Tuesday 19th April**.

Best Wishes

Catherine Lawrence
Headteacher





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 2021-2022 are on our website. Please read the attached letter regarding leave in term time.

Thank You

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



WELL DONE TO ALL THE CHILDREN THAT RECEIVED A GOLD OR SILVER BADGE THIS TERM!

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REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR ATTENDANCE BADGES EVERYDAY!






Change of contact numbers / Address

If you have changed your contact numbers or address please let us know as soon as possible

BIRTHDAY CAKES

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

FEBRUARY 2022

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	95%	6
Rec -Beech	92%	6
Year 1-Maple	94%	8
Year 1-Olive	94%	15
Year 2-Cherry	92%	1 
Year 2- Pine	95%	1 
Year 3 - Ash	94%	11
Year 3 - Palm	96%	16
Year 4 - Fir	92%	5
Year 4 - Birch	93%	8
Year 5 - Rowan	97% 	6
Year 6 - Cedar	96%	13

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! At the end of term we will be disposing of any items that have been in lost property for a while.





PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE!
www.moreland-islington.co.uk
 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL OR TO VIEW OTHER NEWSLETTERS.

FEBRUARY 2022	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 YEAR 6	Ruby Najaah Ali	Janaa Lily-Anna Haya Safiyyah, Hanna	Yusuf, Charles, Zahra Freya,Heyla, Zora Liyaana, Zayd, Kayden Zayan,Polly, Eliza Daniel, Alfie, Lewis Anisha, Miral, Farid Jasmine, Harry, Huda Sara K, Sofian,Yahya Rayan, Remiyah, Dylan Hadjer, Salma, Kayden Amelia-Rae, Ouriel, Penelope Suhayla, Douaa, Adam Maisie, Teddy, Navaya-Sky Abdullah, Rodan, Armaan

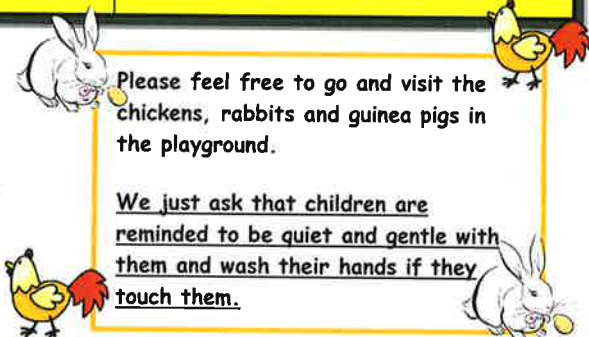
HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Inayah, Sara K, Samirah, Tianah-Fleur
 Hamza, Teddy, Olivia,
 Sara, Asra



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.



Monthly E-Safety Tip for Parents

Be aware that location services can mean strangers finding out where we live or go to school.



After school clubs will finish on Thursday 31st March.

Parents should have received a letter for the new term; you must re-apply for any clubs your child would like to join. We will try to give all children their choice of club but we will also make it fair and give places to children that missed out last term.

You will need to complete the form and return as soon as possible to Danielle.

Clubs will re-start on Monday 25th April

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



TWITTER

Moreland Primary School now has a twitter account. Why not have a look and follow us.
[@morelandprimary](https://twitter.com/morelandprimary)

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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

MARCH	
Thursday 31st	Last day of after school clubs
APRIL	
Friday 1st	Easter egg hunt Music concert Yr1 - Yr6 9.15am parents welcome. Please come through the playground entrance. Last day of term school closes at 2pm - playcentre closed All children must be collected by an adult
Monday 4th - Monday 18th	Easter Holidays - school closed
Tuesday 19th	Children return to school Reception class September 2022 offers sent out by email in the evening
Monday 25th	After school clubs will re start
MAY	
Wednesday 4th	Acceptance deadline for Reception class offers
Monday 9th	KS2 SATS WEEK
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	
Friday 1st	Childrens reports to go out to parents
Friday 22nd	Last day of summer term finish at 2pm - children to be collected

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

You should receive an email on the 4th April for the first voucher and then on the 11th April for the second week. Parents will receive £15 per child per week.





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

Nursery Willow	In Willow class we have been learning about the story "Farmer Duck" and the different farm animals, their babies' names, animal houses and which products come from farm animals. We are looking forward to our visit to Spitalfields farm.
Lilac	This term we have been looking at the book "Farmer Duck", we have been learning about the farm animal homes, and the names of their young. The children could name all the animals on the farm. We also went to visit a farm, some of the children have never seen these animals close up and so it was a valuable experience for them.
Reception Pear	Our learning has been around the story What The Ladybird Heard. We visited the farm to support their learning about farm animals and living things. They made their own maps like in the story, and even used a map to find their way around the school. In maths the children have focussed on 3D shapes and their properties.
Beech	For literacy Beech class have been focusing on the book 'What the Ladybird Heard' which linked to an amazing trip to Spitalfields Farm. The children had the opportunity to pet and feed the animals. The children have been learning to write simple sentences describing the trip, using their phonic knowledge to support them in their writing. For maths we have been comparing 2D and 3D shapes.
Year 1 Maple	We have had a very busy month focussing on our topic Enchanted woodlands. The children have been designing and making woodland habitats out of cardboard and wood and learning what materials are best. We have created our own fairy stories and learnt lots of language around this theme.
Olive	In Olive class we have been really enjoying our topic 'Enchanted Woodlands'. We had a fantastic trip to Highgate Woods and also a great afternoon at King Square Park learning about trees. In English we have been writing our own fairy tales using fairy tale language and in maths we have been looking at numbers to 40. We have been solving subtraction, addition and multiplication problems using different methods and learning how to record these. In Science we have continued to learn about animal habitats as well as plants and trees.
Year 2 Cherry	In literacy children have been learning how to plan persuasive writing linked to the United Kingdom. The children have been busy researching the internet to gather fascinating facts about the four countries of United Kingdom. In Maths we have been learning how to solve simple word problems involving fractions and money. In science we have been learning how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and why plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. We planted our own cress in our class and are observing its stages of growth.
Pine	This term we have been learning all about the United Kingdom. In our geography lessons we explored different maps and looked at the human/physical features of each country. We had lots of fun on Science Day, experimenting with plants and have been watching our spring onions and cress grow over the last couple of weeks. This linked to our science topic, plants, where we have been looking at how seeds are dispersed and what plants need to grow. In maths we have been learning all about money and understanding the value of different coins and notes.
Year 3 Palm	This term our topic has been Around the world in 80 days. We have been focusing on the novel by Jules Verne. We have used it as our inspiration for writing a country report all about India. In our Topic lessons we investigated all about the world looking at time zones and identifying lines of latitude and longitude. In maths we have been learning all about measurement. We have looked at mass, length and capacity. Lastly in science we have been learning all about rocks, identifying different rocks, grouping them and doing various experiments on them.
Ash	This month the year 3's has been hard at work learning and researching about India! Having read Around the World in 80 Days, we have been identifying the key features of the amazing country of India! In science we have been exploring the different types of rocks, how they are formed and all their uses. The students have also had the chance to plant their own trees in the school ground where they will grow for the next 100 years!
Year 4 Birch	In Birch class we have been learning about decimals in maths. Children were able to use learning from the fractions unit to help them understand tenths, hundredths and thousandths. In English, children worked on planning and writing a mystery story based on the novel we had read over the term. In science we learnt about the states of matter. We enjoyed taking part in several experiments to help our understanding of gases, solids and liquids
Fir	This month we have enjoyed planning and publishing our mystery stories that were set in an ancient tomb in Egypt. In maths we have been learning about fractions and decimals, and we feel confident solving word problems involving the adding and subtracting of decimals. In science, we have been exploring states of matter. Recently, we investigated evaporation through a puddle experiment and we compared the melting rates of chocolate, ice and butter.
Year 5 Rowan	This month in year 5 we have been continuing our look at the UK. We have developed our understanding of reading maps. In science, we have been looking at the states of particles in solids, liquids and gases. As well as this we have been learning how to separate different solids from liquids
Year 6 Cedar	In Year 6, we have been enjoying our new science topic all about living things and classification. In class, we learnt about the Linnaean system of classification and also micro-organisms. We worked in groups to conduct an experiment exploring how to blow up a balloon using the micro-organism yeast. We mixed yeast, water and sugar in a plastic bottle and attached a balloon on top, before watching the balloons inflate! We also went on a class trip to London Zoo where we got to see lots of interesting animals and took part in an adaptation workshop.



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

To register contact the school office for more details

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.





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 and 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 after the Easter holidays.

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.

Have a safe and happy Easter holiday!

Children return to school on Tuesday 19th April



31/03/22

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)

