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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.

17th November 2023

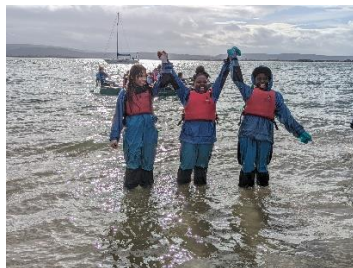
Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this month's newsletter. It has been a busy couple of months across the school. It was lovely, last month, to see all the families celebrating International Evening together and sharing food. Thank you to all the families who brought food in for us to share. It was delicious!



Year 6 had a fantastic time in Wales and we are really proud of the resilience and grit they showed. Some children even learnt a few words of Welsh! It is always a pleasure to see how children rise to the challenge of both being away from home and trying new things. I also very much enjoyed seeing how much the children valued spending time in natural environments whether this was the woods, river, hill tops or the beach. One of our key values at Moreland is for children to spend time in natural environments and to develop a love and respect for them. This was really evident during our time in Wales.





We also shared our Take One Picture Exhibition for 2023 with the whole school community last week. I am sure you will agree that the standard of work displayed was fantastic and a testament to the creativity and hard work of the children and staff. Teachers from other schools and representatives from Islington's Cultural Leads team and Arts Mark also attended and were extremely impressed. We will put a virtual tour up on the website for those of you who missed it. A big thank you to Miss Watson for all the hard work planning and arranging the project.



I hope everyone had a chance to attend Parent's Evening last week to find out about how your child is getting on in their learning. If you missed your appointment please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time. We will be running selected booster classes again this year. Some children in Year 1, 5 and 6 will start these this term and the remainder of classes will be delivered in the spring term. We will let you know if your child has been selected for booster classes.

Anti- Bullying Week

This week is National Anti- Bullying Week. The theme this year is "Make a Noise about Bullying" and we will be focusing on awareness around bullying, how to prevent it and empowering children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt bullying causes.

We take bullying very seriously at Moreland and we work with all children through PSHE, E- safety and Emotional Literacy Lessons all year round to support children around this topic. We encourage all children and parents to speak out straight away if they have any concerns around bullying. All children know they can speak to any adult in the school and that the Safeguarding team are also always available for children to raise any concerns. There is a well-being team of student representatives also who help us to develop our approaches to supporting well-being in the school and work with Dom on issues affecting children.

We are currently working on a Department for Education project called Equally Safe. The aim of this is to embed best practice approaches at Moreland to creating equal and inclusive schools and tackling identity based bullying. Some of the members of the children's well-being team are working as "Agents of Change" and have attended training on leading this at a student level.

The charity *kidscape* provide support and advice for parents and carers around bullying and information can be found on their website:

<http://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/parent-advice-line/>

They also have a helpline and What's App contact.

Parent Advice Line: 07496 682785

WhatsApp: 07496 68278





Online Bullying

This is a growing issue and many children now have access to social media and texting through their mobile phones. We know that children are experiencing bullying online and through social media and that children often feel that they can say something online that they wouldn't say face to face. This can lead to children feeling very upset both at home and at school and has really negative consequences for their sense of well-being.

Discussing online bullying with your child

It's important to have regular conversations with your child about the online world, including issues like cyberbullying. This will help you to understand if they have ever experienced or witnessed online bullying for themselves, and give you an opportunity to support them and reassure them that you are always there to help.

Some questions which you could ask your child are:

How can you be kind online?

What would you do if someone was being unkind online?

What do you think cyberbullying is?

How is it different to physical bullying?

There are some excellent resources to support parents and carers in this area. Have a look on the website below for more information.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/cyberbullying-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

Have a look at our Anti Bullying Policy on the school website for more information.

Social Media and Apps

I would like to remind you that, Facebook, Tik Tok and Instagram all are age rated 13 and Whats App is age rated 16. They should not be used by children below this age as they are not mature enough to safely manage conversations through these apps/ sites. I would ask that you check your child's phone regularly, look at the content of conversations and delete these apps if children are using them. This helps protect your child and ensure their safety and emotional well-being.

Help Managing Children's Behaviour at Home

One of the things that parents say to us frequently is that their child behaves at school but they struggle to manage their behaviour at home. Children can behave very differently at home and school for a number of reasons. I read this interesting newspaper article this week about this and it had some good tips.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2023/nov/13/are-your-kids-good-around-other-people-but-behave-badly-with-you-its-all-about-consequences>

Here are some practical things they suggest parents can do:

- Establish routines. Have a routine for when your child gets home from school or outings. This might include allowing your child to unwind and relax, giving them a healthy snack and then setting them up with an engaging activity. Routines make it easier for everyone to transition from one setting to another. It is even better if the routine includes activities – such as colouring-in or a run around outside – that are calming or burn off energy.
- Set simple house rules. Have a few simple rules that clearly communicate to your child how you expect them to behave. For example: "use an inside voice" or "keep the toys on the floor".
- Notice good behaviour. Let your child know when they have done the right thing. Do this by describing what you are pleased with ("you two are sharing the toy so nicely"). This will make it more likely the behaviour will occur again.





- Spend small amounts of time with your child regularly. This is especially important when your child approaches you for help or attention. It shows you're there for them and they do not need to become louder or act out to get your attention. Spending small amounts of time - as little as one or two minutes - often throughout the day is a powerful way of strengthening your relationship with your child and preventing problem behaviour.
- Have realistic expectations. Change is easier if you focus on one or two goals at a time. Also, when striving to improve behaviour, expect occasional setbacks. No child (or parent) is perfect!

If you are struggling with your child's behaviour at home please do reach out and ask for help. We can give you practical advice, signpost you to help from early help services and work together with you to tackle any problems. Please speak to your class teacher or Dom if this would be helpful.

Events

There are lots of events coming up between now and the end of term. Please do keep an eye on the what's on section of the newsletter for dates and times of different events. The PTA are just organising the Christmas Fair and would very much appreciate more help. If you have some time to give and can help with organising and running the Christmas Fair please do speak to Ebony or Sophie who are leading on this.

I wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes

Catherine Lawrence

Headteacher

LOST PROPERTY BOX

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

Make sure you write your child's name on their stuff to make it easier for the teachers to give back!

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 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 and sweatshirts 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!





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.

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.

Applying for Reception Class - Information for Nursery parents

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 - 31st August 2020

Please go to the following website as soon as possible for more details:

www.islington.gov.uk/admissions

Dates and deadlines:

You can apply from 1 September 2023, but you must apply by the deadline, 15 January 2024.

We recommend you apply by 08th January 2024, just in case there are any problems with getting online or logging into the site.

15 January 2024: this is the deadline to submit your application

16 April 2024: you'll get an offer by email after 5pm.

30 April 2024: this is your deadline to accept (or turn down) your school place

If you need help completing the application you can Phone Islington Council on: 020 7527 5515 or call the school office.





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. If your child is sick you can either ring the school and let us know or leave a message on parent mail. If we do not have a reason for an absence Dom or Danielle will call you.

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

Thank You

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






OUTSTANDING
99-100%

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR
ATTENDANCE BADGES
EVERYDAY!

VERY GOOD
97-98%

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

OCTOBER 2023

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	94%	5
Rec - Beech	94%	19
Year 1-Maple	93%	29
Year 1-Olive	91%	12
Year 2-Cherry	91%	11
Year 2- Pine	94%	12
Year 3 - Ash	91%	21
Year 3 - Palm	94%	15
Year 4 - Fir	94%	39
Year 4 - Birch	95% 	36
Year 5 - Rowan	94%	16
Year 5 - Sycamore	90%	11
Year 6 - Cedar	95% 	15 
Year 6 - Oak	95% 	4 



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](https://twitter.com/morelandprimary)





OCTOBER 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 - CEDAR YEAR 6 - OAK	Ezra Anas Abigail Mohammad Ibtihaj	Shahad Daisy Arya Milania Charlie Efecan Kaitlyn Daniel	Arthur, Robin, Zoey, David, Jesse, Oliver Chiara, Oscar, Waseem, Bella, Ahyaan Zain, Aiya, Owaiss, Jana Khadijah, Isaiah, Kamran Aaliyah, Yasin, Yaseen, Abdulrahman, Alonzo Amir, Ayrar, Michael, Inaaya, Hafsa, Mohamed Abigail, Ahlam, Khanh, Marnie, Abdallah, Polly Linda, Liyana, Rachel, Mia, Benny, Jacob Morayo, Abyaan, Isac, Morayo, Oliver, Mubarak Yousuf, Aya, Phillip, Lily-May, Freddy, Aivah Zeeshan, Rashida, Yahya, Tamjid, Kairo, Aya Harry, Alannah, Berra, Isaiah, Muhsin, Isaac Tobi, Dylan, Tosin, Talyah, Rubiya, Laila Salma, Amari, Hadjer, Wareesha, Amari Kyra, Kasiyah, Amber, Malak, Mert Salah, Muzamil, Aydan, Nana, Deborah

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. Please do not feed 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 £6.50

Monthly E-Safety
Decide Time limits for things like using the internet and playing games.



Disclaimer - Any advertisements that are on this newsletter are independent of the school and therefore we do not accept responsibility for any description, services or goods.





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

DECEMBER 2023	    
Friday 8th	Christmas Fair after school - More details to follow
Tuesday 19th	Donkey Parade TBC
Wednesday 20th	Christmas lunch - wear your christmas jumper or top Christmas parties pm
Thursday 21st	School finishes at 1.45pm <u>ALL</u> children to be collected from school
JANUARY 2024	
Monday 8th	Children return to school



The Christmas Fair (Friday 8th December) is fast approaching and we would appreciate any donations, or help asking shops and businesses for donations. These may include:

Christmas Decorations

Mince Pies - please check the date!

Hot Chocolate/Marshmallows/Cream

Wrapping Paper

Disposable Cup, Plates, Napkins

Tombola Prizes

Raffle Prizes e.g vouchers, gift cards, toys, games, hampers or Christmas food items to put in a hamper, other unwanted gifts

Headed letters are available to take to shops/businesses at the front desk. If you have any questions regarding the Christmas Fair please see Ebony (Year 3 Teacher).

Thank you in advance!!!





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

Nursery Willow / Lilac	Nursery has been busy learning all about the story 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'. We have been retelling the story with puppets, discussing the emotions of the characters and enjoying sensory play with porridge oats.
Reception Pear / Beech	Reception went on a trip to Hampstead Heath to look for signs of autumn. We enjoyed collecting different coloured leaves and compared them with the rest of the class. We have been exploring Diwali by making and decorating diva lamps and creating mehndi patterns. In Literacy, we have been retelling and acting out the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, including changing our voices for each character.
Year 1 Maple / Olive	Year 1 have been sketching London landmarks. We went on a Geography walk of the area to identify local landmarks- thank you to the parents that were able to volunteer to help. We have also really enjoyed gymnastics and learning how to move and balance like champion gymnasts.
Year 2 Cherry / Pine	Cherry Class -In Maths we have been learning how to interpret and represent the part whole concept in addition and subtraction using models and base ten. In literacy children have been learning how to write a diary linked to the Great fire of London. In science we are learning how to compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. In RE we have been learning about the Sacred places and preparing for our Christmas nativity show. Pine Class -In year 2 we have been learning about The Great Fire of London including how it started, why it spread and how it was put out. We have been learning about what a diary is and its features in preparation for writing our own diaries to recount what happened in the fire. In maths, we are focussing on addition and subtraction within 100.
Year 3 Palm / Ash	In Palm Class we have been continuing to learn about addition and subtraction, in English we are in the process of writing some really lovely setting descriptions linked to our river topic, and in science we have begun our topic, 'Animals including Humans,' looking at nutrition and the human skeleton.
Year 4 Fir/ Birch	In Year 4 we have been reading The boy at the back of the class in English. We have been learning about the journey of a refugee and building up our writing for our diary entry. In maths we have been learning how to add and subtract using the column method. We have also been looking at population distribution in the U.K and have been discussing diversity within our country and community.
Year 5 Rowan / Sycamore	This month in Rowan, we have started our topic on Romans. We have had a workshop and two trips already which has developed our knowledge of what life was like for Romans. In Maths we have been looking at adding and subtracting and working on word problems with these operators. In English we have been reading our new book The Time travel diaries which will inspire our historical adventure stories.
Year 6 Cedar / Oak	Year 6 have been enjoying our new text - A Christmas Carol - and our new topic - Victorian London. We have been focusing on the character Ebenezer Scrooge and working on skills needed to describe his character. We have also been acting out some parts of the story, creating freeze frames for the scenes and working on dialogue. In Geography, we have learnt about what life was like in Victorian London. We visited the Ragged School Museum and got to become Victorian school children for the day; it was very different to how school is today!

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

