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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.

29th September 2023

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

September has flown by in school, and what a pleasure it has been to see all of the children returning with such energy and positivity. The children have settled into their new classes and routines brilliantly, and are already producing work to be very proud of. Over the next couple of weeks senior leaders will be meeting all the class teachers to find out how the children are settling in and getting on with their learning and having a look at their books. We have these pupil progress meetings every term and they are an opportunity for us to really think about what every child needs to help them progress.

There are lots of great things happening this half term. We have started clubs and will be adding some more clubs after half term as well. We are interested to know what clubs you would like to see at Moreland so please let us know any ideas. Also if you have some skills you could share by running a club we really welcome parent/ carer involvement. International evening will be held on Friday 13th October. Please speak to Ebony if you would like to help out or have any ideas on how we can make this highlight of the school year even better. Families are always so generous in bringing delicious food to share and like last year please do say if you would like to run your own community food stall. The children will be sharing what they have been learning and performing some music in an assembly on the morning of the 13th. We also have our Harvest Assembly on Monday 16th October. We will be collecting food for a local foodbank so please donate what you can spare (non-perishable goods only please).

The children have been learning about Power and Governance in their Global Citizenship lessons. It is important children understand how they can have a voice, how to make a difference and how the system of governance works so they can develop as active citizens. As part of this work we are holding elections for Head Students and School Council. Children have also been given the opportunity to apply for a number of other jobs in the school including Digital Leaders, Eco team, Reading leaders, Junior Farmers, Wellbeing team and Playground Pals. We are interested in children's views on school life, their community and the world they live in and give them opportunities to express these views.

We love to share with you what the children have been learning and the events taking place in the school. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo, the website and follow us on X (twitter) @moreland primary. We are planning to get our own Instagram account too. Please share our tweets and posts and spread the word about all the great things we are doing at Moreland!

We now have started letting out the school building on Saturdays and in the evenings. This helps us to raise funds for the school so that we can continue to offer the wide enrichment opportunities that we currently provide. If you know of any groups that are looking for space then information is available on the booking site: <https://moreland.schoolhire.co.uk/>

Please remember we really value your feedback so if you have any ideas of things that you would like to see, community events or how we can support you with your child's learning at home do let your class teacher or another member of staff know. I am on the gate most mornings and try to be there whenever I am free in the afternoons. Please do come and speak to me or other senior leaders if you have anything you would like to discuss.

Have a lovely weekend.

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

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 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.





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. 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



REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR ATTENDANCE BADGES EVERYDAY!



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

SEPTEMBER 2023

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	95%	7
Rec - Beech	92%	4
Year 1-Maple	90%	12
Year 1-Olive	89%	7
Year 2-Cherry	93%	5
Year 2- Pine	93%	9
Year 3 - Ash	93%	9
Year 3 - Palm	96%	10
Year 4 - Fir	94%	11
Year 4 - Birch	91%	6
Year 5 - Rowan	95%	7
Year 5 - Sycamore	92%	10
Year 6 - Cedar	94%	8
Year 6 - Oak	94%	2

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)





SEPTEMBER 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	Anas	Charlie Efecan Kaitlyn Daniel	Arthur, Robin Chiara, Zain Khadijah Aaliyah, Yasin Amir, Ayrah Abigail, Ahlam Linda, Liyana Morayo, Abyaan Yousuf, Aya Zeeshan, Rashida Harry, Alannah Tobi, Dylan Salma, Amari Kyra, Kasiyah Salah, Muzamil

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

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



Monthly E-Safety

Remind children to never reveal their surname, address, age, phone number or school online.



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

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

OCTOBER 2023	
Friday 13th	International Evening - More details to follow
Monday 16th	Harvest Assembly - You can donate anything that is not perishable Please bring to the office
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th	October half term school closed
Monday 30th	Inset Day school closed for children
Tuesday 31st	Deadline for secondary school applications
NOVEMBER 2023	
Monday 6th	Flu vaccs - Rec to Yr6
Wednesday 8th	Parents evening 2-7pm book an appointment nearer the time on parentmail
Wednesday 15th	Photographer coming to take children photos
Friday 17th	Children in need day children wear pyjamas and pay a donation

Thank you to everyone that donated to the British Red Cross Moroccan Relief Fund. We were able to raise £355!

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.....

<p>Nursery Willow / Lilac</p>	<p>We have been very busy exploring our new environment and building relationships with our teachers and new friends. We have shown a particular interest in the block area, where we are learning how to build different structures, role-play area and wood work area. Thank you to all the parents that are making our trips possible.</p>
<p>Reception Pear / Beech</p>	<p>All of Reception has done so well settling in! We have been learning how to look after our fantastic learning environment, what it means to be a kind friend and how to use our listening ears.</p>
<p>Year 1 Maple / Olive</p>	<p>We have had a busy few weeks with two trips to Discover story centre and the National Portrait Gallery. These trips have really enhanced our learning in class. In English the children have loved our story of How to make Tiddalik laugh, they are now writing their own story changing key features. In History and Geography we have been learning about the 7 continents, the children have now learnt a song which embeds this. They have grown in their knowledge of the world we live in.</p>
<p>Year 2 Cherry / Pine</p>	<p>In Year 2 we have been learning about place value in maths. The children understand tens and ones. In English we have learnt about the four sentence types; command, statement, exclamation and question. In topic they have learnt about the Suffragettes along with Rosa Parks.</p>
<p>Year 3 Palm /Ash</p>	<p>This month in Palm Class we completed our two weeks of swimming and everyone made amazing progress over the course of the 10 lessons. In English we have been exploring the life of Nelson Mandela and have written diary entries explaining how Mandela felt during the Defiance Campaign. In Global Citizenship, we wrote our manifestos to be student council members and congratulations to Ibtihaj and Burak for becoming Palm Class School Councillors!</p>
<p>Year 4 Fir Birch</p>	<p>We have started off the year by refreshing our knowledge of place value and practising our numbers up to 10,000. In PE we have been focusing on our ball skills and learning how to play netball. In our English lessons we have been focusing on writing a recount based on the story 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. We have used this as a cross curricular link into history and geography where we have explored the Windrush on a deeper level. We also loved exploring artefacts and gaining more knowledge on our trip to the London metropolitan archives where we learned more about the Windrush and key historians. This also linked well to our topic work. In Birch class we have been learning about the Windrush. We teamed up with London Metropolitan Archives to learn about the history of migration from around the world. Children had an insight into the lives of individuals who made their journey to Britain and how this has influenced a change. This has been linked to our English where we have been reading about Floella Benjamin who also came to England on the Empire Windrush. In Maths we have been learning about place value and working on partitioning numbers using various systems.</p>
<p>Year 5 Rowan / Sycamore</p>	<p>We have started off the year by refreshing our knowledge of place value and practising our numbers up to 1,000,000. In PE we have been focusing on our ball skills and learning how to play netball. We loved exploring plants at King Henry's walk and are looking forward to our trip to the Museum of London (Docklands) where we will be exploring artefacts related to our history topic</p>
<p>Year 6 Cedar / Oak</p>	<p>Year 6 has made a fantastic start to the year! They have been thoroughly enjoying their lessons all about the Civil Rights Movement and Katherine Johnson. Everyone has found it very interesting and the learning has generated some great discussions and debates! After reading Hidden Figures and watching some clips from the film, the class are now ready to begin planning and writing biographies all about the life of Katherine Johnson.</p>





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.

Applying for secondary schools - Information for Year 6 parents

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 1st September 2023, and you must apply by the deadline, 31st October 2023.

We recommend you apply by 20th October 2023, just in case there are any problems with getting online or logging into the site.

29th November 2023: this is your deadline to submit a social medical application

1st March 2024: you will receive an offer by email in the evening

15th March 2024: this is your deadline to accept (or turn down) your school place

Late applications

If you send your application after 31st October 2023 then your application will be marked as late. This means that it will not be considered until they have allocated school places for all applications received on time. This could reduce your chances of getting a place at the school you want.

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



**Family Hub Fun Day
for Islington children and
young people.
Celebrating the launch of
Family Hub South at
Bemerton Children's
Centre**

**Family Hubs,
Start for Life**

Saturday 4 November

11.30am-2.30pm

**Family Hub South at
Bemerton Children's Centre
and Jean Stokes
Community Centre,
Coatbridge House,
Carnoustie Drive, N1 0DX**

**Free food, refreshments,
music, activities and
services for children and
young people 0-19 and their
families. Including services
for children 0-25 with SEND**

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