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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.

## 7th February 2024

### Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a calm and productive start to 2024. We have been busy at school this half term and there has been lots of exciting learning taking place. Please do keep an eye on the school website and X (Twitter) account for a taste of what has been going on. We will soon be launching our own Moreland Instagram account as another way to promote our exciting curriculum at Moreland.

### Thinking Schools

We continue to work on developing children's self-regulation and metacognition through our RULER and Thinking School's programmes.

I have talked in previous newsletters about the importance of nutrition, sleep and exercise on children's ability to learn and this term I would like to talk about more of what we are doing to develop children's metacognitive skills.

In September we launched our new Thinking Skills (5 C's) which you can see below. I will be exploring each of these 5 C's in the upcoming newsletters.



### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> was National **Safer Internet Day**. All children have e- safety lessons each term and we will be doing additional fun activities with the children at school focused on internet safety.





Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age. This year's theme is all about change and influence online and the UK Safer Internet Centre have created a range of pages to help you talk about these issues and ideas with your child, no matter how much time you have and in an age-appropriate way.

I have included some of the topics they cover here with links so you can find out more.

- **Things change so fast online, it's hard to keep up with what my child is doing**

Staying up to date with what children are doing online can feel like a challenge sometimes. Here are a few simple steps you can take to help bridge the gap.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/things-change-so-fast-online-its-hard-to-keep-up-with-what-my-child-is-doing-2>

- **My child keeps asking to play a game, or download an app that I don't know about, what can I do?**

The easiest way to address this is to research the game or app before you download it, to see what it is and what it offers e.g., in-app purchases, or connection with others etc.

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- **I'm not sure if the content my child is watching is a good influence on them, what can I do?**

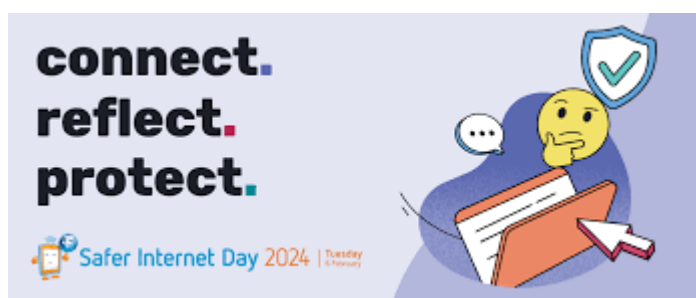
Children begin to be influenced by the content they watch as soon as they're old enough to go online.

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- **My child is keen to share content and make a change online. How can I help them achieve this safely?**

Lots of young people are turning to the internet to talk about issues they're passionate about, to help raise awareness, and promote social change.

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### Parent and Carer Code of Conduct

A key value of our school is respect and we ask that family members treat all staff with respect at all times. We understand that sometimes you may have a concern about your child and we welcome conversations with parents and carers. The steps below outline what to do if you have a concern.





What happens if a parent or carer has a concern about their child in relation to the school?

- Initially contact the class teacher.
- If the concern remains, contact the Key Stage Phase Leader (0-3's - Charmaine, Nursery and Reception - Caroline, Years 1 and 2 - Lauren, Years 3-6 Ms Milner or Sophie).
- If still unresolved, they should contact the Headteacher prior to following the steps outlined in the schools Complaints Policy (which can be found on the school website or in the school office/reception area).

We have a Parent and Carer Code of Conduct which can be found on the school website (<https://www.moreland-islington.co.uk/page/?title=Useful+Information&pid=45&action=saved>) that outlines the expectations around respectful communication. We have an expectation that staff can always feel safe in their place of work and the school will take action when this Code of Conduct is not adhered to. Compassion is also one of our school values, and we hope that as a community we can treat each other with kindness and understanding at all times even during conversations that might be difficult or emotive.

### Coming Up

We have a number of events coming up in the next half term including the Spring Concert and Easter Bonnet Parade which we hope you will join us for. We would also like to start thinking about this year's Eid Celebration which will beat the start of the summer term (in April), after the success of our Eid Disco last year. If you have ideas or would like to get involved in this please speak to Sophie or Ebony.

Please remember we have an **INSET day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** and the school and Children's centre will be closed on that day.

Have a lovely week!

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](http://www.islington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

You may also be entitled to food vouchers in the holidays - £15 per week per child

Vouchers can be redeemed from Saturday 9th February for the half term holiday

### 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](http://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!

### 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.

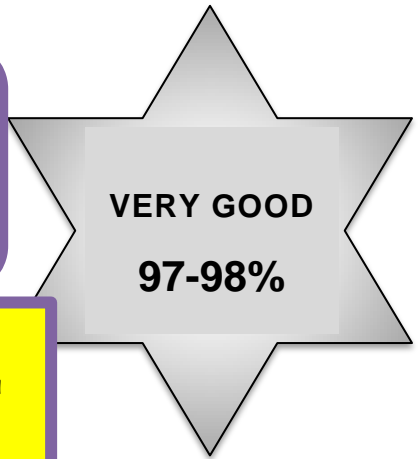
Holiday dates for 2023-2024 are now on our website.



Thank You



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



DECEMBER 2023

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

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



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






**TWITTER**

Moreland Primary School now has a twitter account. Why not have a look and follow us.  
@morelandprimary






<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>	<u>POWER OF THE LETTER</u> <i>Congratulations!</i> 	<u>HEADTEACHERS AWARD</u> 	<u>STAR OF THE WEEK</u> 
<p>NURSERY - WILLOW            NURSERY - LILAC            RECEPTION - BEECH            RECEPTION - PEAR</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Ridwan            Asra,</p>	<p>Charlie,            Mohamed</p> <p>Safa,            Rachael</p> <p>Wareesha</p> <p>Suhayla</p>	<p>Ella, Zachary,</p> <p>Maksim, Hebron,            Jana, Aliya,            Khang, Xaivian,</p> <p>Raafi, Musa, Holly,            Isla, Ibrahim,</p> <p>Ibrahim, Aniyah, Tommy-Lee,            Aiya, Anayah, Raphael,</p> <p>David, Malaya, Anisha            Reema, Mihad, Leah,</p> <p>Reon, Sofian, Ricky,            Joshua, Valentino,</p> <p>Remiyah, Manal, Remiyah,            Yazan, Melvin, Amelia</p> <p>Sara, Adrian, Tariq            Ayah, Melvina, Daniel,</p>

## 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.



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.

Please feel free to go and visit the chickens 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

### 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.





# 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

<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>	
Monday 12th-16th	Half Term holiday
Monday 19th	Inset day school will be closed for the children
<b>MARCH 2024</b>	
Thursday 7th	World book day
Tuesday 26th	Easter bonnet parade
Thursday 28th	Easter egg hunt Last day of term children finish at 1.45pm
Friday 29th-12th April	Easter holidays
<b>APRIL 2024</b>	
Monday 15th	Children return to school

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.

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.





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

<b>Nursery Willow / Lilac</b>	In Nursery we have been reading the story 'So Much' and using this to prompt discussions about our own families. We have been drawing self-portraits and talking about our similarities and differences. We also shared photographs of when we were babies and looked at how much we have changed over time.
<b>Reception Pear / Beech</b>	Reception have been looking at families and how they are the same and different. We have explored how we grow from being a baby to an adult; we even had a baby come in to visit us! We talked about what a baby would need and how to look after them. We have discussed celebrations, had our own birthday party which included making sandwiches, invitations and decorations.
<b>Year 1 Maple / Olive</b>	In Maple class we have been learning about Mary Anning and the wonderful discoveries she found in Lyme Regis. We searched for fossils in the Natural history museum and learnt all about Sophie the stegosaurus. In Art we made some wonderful fossils out of clay and have been creating our own Georgian house in DT. In English the children have been learning about diaries and what we put in them, they have been creating their own diary entry being in the role of Mary Anning. In Olive class, we have been immersed in our Mary Anning topic. We love performing our rap to help us remember key information about her life and have enjoyed visiting and recreating some Georgian houses, collaborating brilliantly with our peers in DT to create our own interiors. Whilst writing our own diary entries, we also have a mysterious diary from Mary Anning where new exciting diary entries keep appearing!
<b>Year 2 Cherry / Pine</b>	In Pine Class we have been learning all about fairy tales, in preparation for the children to write their own fairy tale. In maths, the children have just finished learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, and have now just begun learning about money, which will involve being able to find the right coins or notes to make different amounts. Our topic is Kings, Queens and Castles and the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Medieval life so far. Soon, we will be having a museum afternoon to support our learning and share it with you all. Cherry Class-In literacy we have just started planning our fairy tale stories including all the features. In Maths we have been learning about money and making different amounts. This term in topic we looked at Castles, Queens and Kings. The children went to Tower of London to learn more about Castles and will be going to The Charterhouse where we will see many items from Queen Elizabeth 1 typical meals.
<b>Year 3 Palm / Ash</b>	In Palm Class we have been writing character descriptions based on the character from our book 'Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs.' In Science we have been exploring rocks - we made sedimentary sandwiches to learn about how sedimentary rocks are formed - and in our last lesson we spent some time investigating different fossils. In Geography we have been learning about tectonic plates and how volcanoes and mountains are formed.
<b>Year 4 Fir/ Birch</b>	In year 4 we have been learning about the ancient Egyptians. In English we have been focusing on the key features of a newspaper reports. We will be writing about the discovery of Tutankhamun. In maths we have been focusing on our multiplication skills and multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by one digit using written formal methods. We have also been learning about the states of matter in our science unit.
<b>Year 5 Rowan / Sycamore</b>	This term we have been learning about the Anglo Saxons and had an excellent day out visiting Sutton House. On our trip we saw a variety of Anglo Saxon artefacts which helped us understand what life was like in Anglo Saxon times. In maths we have finished our unit on multiplication and division and have started our new topic - fractions! Our highlight this month was the Young Voices concert, where we watched some talented performers and sung in a huge choir!
<b>Year 6 Cedar / Oak</b>	Year 6 is really enthusiastic about our new class novel: Kick by Mitch Johnson. We have been learning about the character called 'The Dragon' and finding out about a young boy called Budi's challenging job in a football boot factory. This book links to our geography learning about global trade. We will be creating TV news reports and newspaper reports linked to our learning.

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