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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.

22nd March 2024



Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this newsletter wishing our community Ramadan Mubarak and looking ahead to the holiday a Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak. We will be celebrating Easter on Tuesday next week with our annual Early Years Easter Bonnet parade. Fingers crossed for a sunny day. On Wednesday we will have our spring concert where all the classes will be showcasing some of their learning in music. Please do come along to both events as the children really love to have family members come and watch them.

After the holiday we will be celebrating Eid with a celebration planned by the PTA. Last year everyone really enjoyed the Eid disco and I am sure we will have something exciting happening. Watch this space for more information...

We have noticed that the children are very keen to talk about and share their experiences of their religion with each other. One of our great strengths as a school is the sense of community we have at Moreland and the more we understand each other, share our beliefs and recognise what we have in common the stronger our community becomes.



Getting Out and About



The Easter holidays are the perfect time to get more active and there are lots of activities taking place in Islington that you can access. Many of these are free to families.





- Sign up for free swimming lessons at Islington pools this Easter holiday
<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/london/islington/ironmonger-row-baths/half-term-ironmonger-row-baths>
- Sign up for other free sports activities or visit one of Islington’s adventure playgrounds this holiday
- Try a fun walk around your local area or another part of London – treasure hunts are a fun way to get kids walking without realising they are exercising, these are often really educational too and teach you all about the area!
<https://www.treasuretrails.co.uk/collections/london>
<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/walks-and-itineraries/self-guided-walks-and-trails>
- Go to the park everyday
- Sign up to local holiday clubs and activities– there are free lunch bunch clubs for eligible families which include activities and a healthy lunch.
<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/things-to-do/lunch-bunch>

We are lucky in Islington to have great facilities and lots of free and low cost activities for children and families. Please ask if you need help registering for any of the activities above.

Thinking Schools

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

In September we launched our new Thinking Skills (5 C’s) which I mentioned in the last newsletter. This month I will explain our first thinking skill “Critical Thinking”.



Critical Thinking involves:

Thinking it through

Reflecting on learning

Identifying strengths and weaknesses

Trying new strategies



Why is it important?

When children are able to think critically, they are able to ask questions, identify problems, and find solutions. Learning to think critically may be one of the most important skills that today’s children will need for the future. In today’s rapidly changing world, children need to be able to do much more than repeat a list of facts; they need to be critical thinkers who can make sense of information, analyze, compare, contrast, make inferences, and generate higher order thinking skills.

How can you encourage this?

- Provide children opportunities to play, investigate, explore and solve problems
- Help children to hypothesize and make predictions– “If we do this what will happen next?”
- Encourage them to think in different ways and try out different strategies – “What other ways could we try to do this?” “Let’s think of possible solutions...”
- Help them to reflect on things – “How did that go?” “What worked well and what didn’t work so well?”

Internet Safety Tip of the Month

Parental controls help you to block or filter upsetting or inappropriate content, and to control purchases within apps. You can install parental control software on your child’s and family’s phones and tablets, games consoles, laptops and you home internet.

Parental controls can help you to:

- Plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for.
- Create content filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content.
- Manage the content different family members can see.

Why not brush up your skills on this subject by visiting:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Please keep a close eye on the amount of screen time and what children are accessing over the holiday period.





Staffing Updates:

We have a few changes to staffing for next term:

Sadly we will be saying good bye to our Assistant Head Inclusion Richard Morse who will be leaving next week. I want to thank Richard for all his hard work and dedication to supporting children and families with SEND he has shown during his time at Moreland. We wish him luck in his new job. We have a new experienced Assistant Head Dani Fisher- Munoz who will be joining us in June and Nikoleta will be covering Richard's responsibilities until then.

I also need to tell you that Susan Davis (Nursery TA) has retired. Susan has decided that the time has come to spread her wings and spend some time travelling. I know that everyone at Moreland will really miss Susan and her sense of humour and unflappable manner. I have personally worked with Susan for a very long time and she was my Nursery Nurse in my very first year as a teacher in a school in Camden. She has always been a great support to me and everyone else she has worked with. I hope she will be back to visit and tell us all about her adventures!

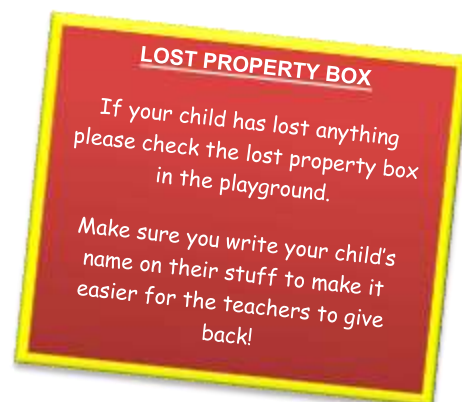
I hope everyone has a restful and pleasant Easter holiday and see you back at school on Monday 17th April.

Have a lovely week!

Best Wishes

Catherine Lawrence

Headteacher



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

Vouchers can be redeemed on 29th March and 5th April 2024 for the Easter Holidays

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!

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

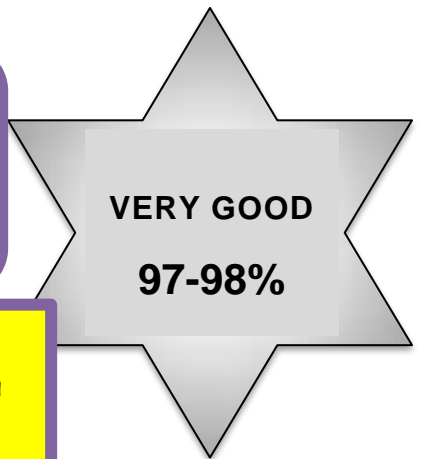
Dear parents/carers,

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. Attached is a letter we would like you to read regarding taking holidays in school time, if you have any questions please speak to Dom.

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

Thank You




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



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.

FEBRUARY 2024

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	91%	25
Rec - Beech	93%	23
Year 1-Maple	91%	19
Year 1-Olive	91%	30
Year 2-Cherry	92%	4 
Year 2- Pine	91%	18
Year 3 - Ash	88%	9
Year 3 - Palm	96% 	23
Year 4 - Fir	91%	35
Year 4 - Birch	94%	29
Year 5 - Rowan	94%	13
Year 5 - Sycamore	89%	6
Year 6 - Cedar	94%	19
Year 6 - Oak	96% 	14







TWITTER

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





January/ February 2024	<u>POWER OF THE LETTER</u> <i>Congratulations!</i> 	<u>HEADTEACHERS AWARD</u> 	<u>STAR OF THE WEEK</u> 
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	<p>Suhaila</p> <p>Ibrahim Anayah</p> <p>Charlie</p>	<p>Hafsa, Safina</p> <p>Emilia Janaa</p> <p>Aivah, Yunus</p> <p>Tamjid Molly</p> <p>Nadeen</p>	<p>Aden , Pablo, Sadie, Evelyn,Violet, Kevin</p> <p>Laevante, Alfie, Jayden, Raphael, Lilith Heyla, Pippa, Adam, Aiya,Yasmin Mohamed</p> <p>Yasin, Alaa, Shahad, Azriel, Sara Grace, Saadiah, Sami, Caitlyn, Darcie</p> <p>Aniyah, Ibrahim, Abdulwahab, Myla, Safa, Omar Robin, Kiki, Farrukh, Ayla, Liyana, Rian</p> <p>Morad, Aiden, Miral, Riley, Farid Anthony, Anas, Aya, Freddy, Charlie, Aivah</p> <p>Rahmat, Safia, Neliha, Saha, Reon, Sara Musab, Oryna, Louie, Ali, Ayan</p> <p>Khadija, Nadeen, Azeem, Madison, Carter Salma, Anthony, Ridwan, Betsy, Kaitlyn</p> <p>Teddy, Asra, Shiloh, Imran, Shaniaz, Olivia Aseel, Deborah, Ouriel, Rayyan, Mert, Ouriel</p>

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.



HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

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



Playground Stars

Riley Yazeed Raidah Louis

Monthly E-Safety

Remind your children to NEVER use the phone while crossing the road—it leads to most pedestrian accidents.



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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

MARCH 2024	
Tuesday 26th	Easter bonnet parade
Wednesday 27th	0-11 Spring concert information on times will follow shortly.
Thursday 28th	Easter egg hunt * Last day of term children finish at 1.45pm
Friday 29th-12th April	Easter holidays
APRIL 2024	
Monday 15th	Children return to school
MAY 2024	
13TH - 17TH	KS2 SATS WEEK
15TH - 17TH	Year 5 residential trip
27TH - 31ST	Half Term
JUNE 2024	
Friday 14th	School is closed Inset Day

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.....

Nursery Willow / Lilac	<p>In Nursery we have been learning about our families, the place where we live and our history with the topic "All About me". Children have engaged through a variety of fun and creative activities to gain vocabulary and develop speech. We have had lots of fun talking about them when they were babies and toddlers and comparing them with the present.</p>
Reception Pear / Beech	<p>Reception have been exploring and playing with toys from the past. We compared them to the toys we have now and how they are the same and different. We have gone on a signs of spring walk, watched frogspawn grow and drawn lifecycles to match. We have been using our phonic knowledge to start to write simple sentences.</p>
Year 1 Maple / Olive	<p>In Maple class we have been working on writing our own fairy stories, the children have changed parts of Little red riding hood to make a new story. The children are now writing these out. In Maths we are focussing on Place value to 50, learning to count in 10's rather than starting from 1. We have been designing and making our own mini beast homes in DT and learning about woodland habitats in Science.</p> <p>In Olive class, we have engaged in lots of outdoor learning, looking at habitats and even making our own. We have been very helpful to our new friend Little Red Riding Hood and have done various pieces of writing around the story. Following on from our fossil topic, we made some coprolites for the science fair and we are looking forward to excavating them to find out what the dinosaurs ate!</p>
Year 2 Cherry / Pine	<p>In Cherry Class we have been learning about the United Kingdom. We know the four countries and their respective capital cities, as well as key physical and human features within each. In English we have been writing our own non-chronological report about a chosen country. In Maths we have started length and height, measuring different objects using metre and centimetre. In RE we have been learning about Easter and the importance of some symbols.</p> <p>Pine class -In maths we have been learning how to use multiplication and division. We have now moved onto measuring using centimetres and metres. In topic we have been learning about the United Kingdom and its geography. We are writing a persuasive guidebook about one of the four countries of the UK and will be creating food products from one of the four countries.</p>
Year 3 Palm / Ash	<p>In Year 3 we have been writing our travel blogs about India and this week we will be publishing them. Additionally, we have been learning about length and perimeter in maths, and we have just moved onto fractions. In Geography, we have been learning about the lines of longitude and latitude, and this week we explored different time zones around the globe.</p>
Year 4 Fir/ Birch	<p>In English we have been writing a mystery story based on our topic, the Ancient Egyptians. We have been exploring Ancient Egyptian in our History and Geography lessons where we have looked at identifying Egypt on a map, the roles of the pharaohs, roles of women in Ancient Egypt and jobs they did. In Maths we have been exploring fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions, adding and subtracting fractions. We have also been doing dance and cricket lessons with a professional cricket coach.</p>
Year 5 Rowan / Sycamore	<p>Our class text this term was 'Macbeth' and we had lots of fun exploring the play as well as learning about William Shakespeare. After exploring the text for some time, we visited The Globe Theatre and participated in a live action workshop where we developed our acting skills. In Geography we have been exploring the United Kingdom - thinking about topography, farming, cities and counties. In science we continued our work on forces and even made our own Rube Goldberg machines.</p> <p>In Rowan class we have been learning about the UK. We have been learning about the mountains, the counties and cities in the UK. In Maths, we are developing our understanding of multiplication and division. In English, we have been studying Macbeth and writing a balanced argument on the guilt of Lady Macbeth.</p>
Year 6 Cedar / Oak	<p>Year 6 have been studying the novel Holes by Louis Sachar. Taking inspiration from the venomous yellow-spotted lizards in the book, we have designed our own lizards which we then wrote detailed reports about. The children's ideas were very creative! We are now writing our own adventure stories after practising and building up the skills that we need for this. We also have been using our computing and DT skills to design a product that uses a Microbit. We needed to program the Microbit to become a pedometer and compass and designed our finished product using 3D modelling on Tinkercad.</p>

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

www.moreland-islington.co.uk For more information on what is happening in our school or to view other newsletters.

We are now on Instagram as well please have a look and follow us!


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to receive school messages



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contact the
school office for
more details





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INFORMATION**

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start of term



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HOW TO MEASURE YOUR CHILD

Measure the actual body measurements as this is far more accurate than measuring over clothes.

CHEST: Measure around the chest at the fullest part, placing the tape close up under the arms.

COLLAR: Measure around the base of the neck where the collar sits, inserting two fingers between the neck and tape to allow growth

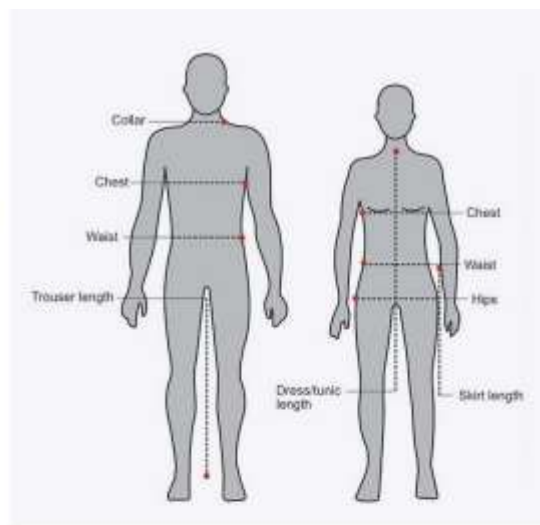
WAIST: Measure around the natural waistline.

TROUSER LENGTH: Measure the inside leg from crotch to floor without shoes on.

HIPS: Measure around your hips, 20cm (8") below your natural waistline.

SKIRT LENGTH: Measure from the waist down to where you would want the hem

DRESS & PINAFORE LENGTH: Measure from nape of neck to length required.



HOW TO USE THIS SERVICE

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log onto www.brigade.uk.com
2. Click on the parents click to order button
3. Enter your child's school name
4. Select the school from the drop down list provided
5. Follow the online instructions to place your order

£3.99 delivery fee applied for all orders

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDERS

July to September is a busy time for ALL uniform providers!

Place your order **BEFORE** 26th July for delivery before the start of term.

We cannot guarantee orders placed after this date will be delivered in time for the start of the new term.

ORDER SATURDAY OR SUNDAY FOR FASTER DELIVERY!

