



NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S
 NEW?

Headteacher's
 News



**YEAR 5
 FOREST SCHOOL
 FUN**

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 have already been lots of exiting things going on around the school and out and about. We have our new 4G football pitch which the children are loving playing on. Year 6 have been away to PGL in Suffolk for a great week of adventure, sunshine, fresh air and challenging themselves. They made us proud with their positive attitudes, growth mindset and resilience. Clubs have started and we have already been out on lots of trips and experienced in school workshops many linked to our Black History topics..

If you have some skills you could share by running a club we really welcome parent/ carer involvement or come along to the next PTA meeting to find out how to get more involved.



**ANTI- APARTHEID HISTORY
 WORKSHOP IN YEAR 3**



**DEBATE CLUB TRIP TO HOGAN
 LOVELLS LAW FIRM**



Attendance and Punctuality:

A reminder on the importance of good attendance and punctuality. We are working very hard to improve attendance at Moreland. It is vital children are in school and on time every day. There are very clear links between poor attendance and low attainment. Children who come to school every day are more settled and do better in their learning.

If you are struggling with getting your children to school we have a team of people who can help. Please speak to your class teacher or Dom or Sabrina for help.

In line with the government rules on attendance we will not authorise term time leave or holidays except in exceptional circumstances such as a bereavement. School's are now being instructed to issue fines for unauthorised absence. We have sent a letter on parent mail with more information about this.



Y4 LEARNING ABOUT WINDRUSH AT THE BLACK CULTURAL ARCHIVES



Coming Up:

International evening will be held on **Thursday 24th October**.

Please speak to Dani 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 so please do say if you would like to run your own community food stall. We also have our **Harvest Assembly on Monday 14th October**. We will be collecting food for a local foodbank so please donate what you can spare (non perishable goods only please).



Keeping Safe Online:

I would like to remind parents and carers at the beginning of the year about the importance of monitoring children's use of phones and other devices. It is vital that you know what your child is looking at online and who they are talking to. Children under 13 should not have access to social media apps as they are not mature enough to use them in a safe way.



If you are thinking of buying a mobile phone for your child I would urge you to wait until they are older. Children in primary school do not need a mobile phone and they are a big distraction from learning and from reading for pleasure. We have seen a real decline in children's reading since more children have had access to devices at home.

If they do have a phone take it off them in the evening so they can focus on homework, conversation with family members, helping you at home and enjoying a book or playing. Never let children have a mobile phone or tablet in their bedroom where you can not see what they are doing.





Swimming Lessons:

Islington are offering free swimming lessons at local pools over half term and I urge you to book onto this. Swimming is not only great exercise and fun for children it is also a vital safety skill. Just this summer a boy in my son's class drowned whilst on holiday and seeing this terrible loss of life of a young boy with his whole life ahead of him and the devastation of his family has made me very determined to get more of our children swimming confidently.

If you are not confident swimming yourself or taking your child swimming please let us know as Islington often run family courses to support you with swimming confidence.

Free lessons can be booked on the website:
better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons



YEAR 6 PGL
ADVENTURES IN
SUFFOLK



Other News

Welcome to Sabrina our new Child and Family Support Worker. Sabrina works at Moreland on Monday and Tuesday and is here to support families and work with Dom and the pastoral team around wellbeing, attendance and family support.



Contact us: Tel - 0207 253 8144

Email - admin@moreland.islington.sch.uk Website - www.moreland-islington.co.uk



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.

09th October 2024

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 2024-2025 are now on our website.

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%

SEPT 2024



CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	90%	13
Rec - Beech	97%	13
Year 1-Maple	92%	8
Year 1-Olive	91%	29
Year 2-Cherry	94%	1
Year 2- Pine	97%	13
Year 3 - Ash	92%	18
Year 3 - Palm	94%	22
Year 4 - Fir	97%	15
Year 4 - Birch	96%	17
Year 5 - Rowan	95%	9
Year 5 - Sycamore	97%	11
Year 6 - Cedar	97%	26
Year 6 - Oak	92%	15

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 look and follow us.

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

BIRTHDAY CAKES

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

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.





Applying for Reception Class - Information for Nursery parents

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 - 31st August 2021

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 2024, but you must apply by the deadline, 15 January 2025.

We recommend you apply by 10th January 2025, just in case there are any problems with getting online or logging into the site.

15 January 2025: this is the deadline to submit your application

16 April 2025: you'll get an offer by email after 5pm.

30 April 2025: 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 2024, and you must apply by the deadline, 31st October 2024.

We recommend you apply by 25th October 2024, just in case there are any problems with getting online or logging into the site.

29th November 2024: this is your deadline to submit a social medical application

3rd March 2025: you will receive an offer by email in the evening

17th March 2025: this is your deadline to accept (or turn down) your school place

Late applications

If you send your application after 31st October 2024 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.





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	
Monday 14th	Harvest Assembly
Thursday 24 th	International Evening
28 th - 1 st November	Half term holiday school will be closed
NOVEMBER	
Friday 15th	Children in Need Day - wear pyjamas and make a donation
Friday 22nd	School photos - individual children photos



PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BOX IF YOUR CHILD HAS LOST ANY OF THEIR STUFF. THE BOX IS OUTSIDE IN THE PLAYGROUND.

REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON EVERYTHING !

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.

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 paid 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.

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/free?

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!

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





ParentMail

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.....

Early Years Lilac Pear Beech	In EYFS, the children have been settling in beautifully, getting used to new school routines and making lots of new friends. We kicked off our exciting topic of <i>Food and Festivals</i> by reading <i>Handa's Surprise</i> and <i>Lima's Red Hot Chilli</i> , which the children loved. They've been exploring different cultures through stories and activities, and even had the chance to try new fruits! The children thoroughly enjoyed their first school trip to King Henry's Walk, where we made bread, jam and butter. It's been a fantastic start to the year!
Year 1 Maple / Olive	Year 1 have been very engaged in their new Geography topic- Hot and Cold places. We have learned about the continents, equator and compared Kenya with the UK. We are eagerly awaiting a visit from our story character Tiddalik and can't wait to find out about his adventure. We have also enjoyed creating our own story adaptations in English and exploring fewer, more and equal to in maths.
Year 2 Cherry / Pine	In year 2 we have been learning about inspirational women for our topic. These have been the suffragettes, Rosa Parks and Malala Yousafzai, In English we have been learning how to write a biography so we can write our own about Rosa Parks. In maths we have been focussed on place value and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
Year 3 Palm / Ash	In year 3, we have nearly finished our first maths unit on Place Value, where we have been investigating numbers up to 1,000. In English, we have been learning about the life of Nelson Mandela and have written diary entries and letters from his perspective in the first person. In PE, we really enjoyed our swimming sessions and will continue with Netball until the end of this half term. In science, we have started our Animals (including Humans) topic which we have found really fun so far!
Year 4 Fir/ Birch	In Year 4 Fir and Birch, we have been reading the book 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. The children have loved the story and found it very inspiring! They have acted out key parts, written letters to Floella's parents, written diary entries and thought about Floella's experiences as a young girl travelling on the Empire Windrush. They are now planning and writing historical recounts of Floella's life.
Year 5 Rowan / Sycamore	Rowan class has been settling in well this year. We have been working on our understanding of place value in Maths and in English we have been learning about persuasive writing related to our Topic - The Transatlantic Slave trade. It has been good to start the year going to King's square to do forest school.
Year 6 Cedar / Oak	In year 6 we have been exploring the civil rights in the USA. We have been exploring the importance of equal rights, how segregation impacted society in the USA and UK and acts of racism. We have been focusing on the hidden figures novel in English and have been using our writing skills to write a biography on the incredible Katherine Johnson. In maths we have been exploring place value and now looking at addition and subtraction as-well as prime numbers, common multiples and factor pairs. Science we have been exploring electricity and we have been making our own circuits. We have carried out observations to explore how light is impacted by different components in a circuit. Year 6 also went on the PGL residential which they absolutely loved. Engaging in different activities and pushing themselves to the limits. Overcoming fears and unlocking goals.

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!

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 go online and check today the next half term is 28th October

Please feel free to go and visit the chicken 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.



FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN ISLINGTON

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Sessions include:

- Adult and child swimming lessons: 6-week course for under 3's *Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4 -13-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13 -16-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together *Summer holiday only

To apply please scan QR code or visit website at better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons

You can email for more information at summer.lessons@gll.org





DON'T MISS OUT

Register for benefits-related free school meals to unlock other support worth hundreds of pounds.

Turn over for details

Unlock extra benefits worth hundreds of pounds per child

If you receive certain benefits, your child could be eligible for so much more than free school meals! Register before the summer break to unlock:



A £15 supermarket voucher per child, per week – worth £90 per child over the summer break!



Access to the free Holiday Activities with Food programme. Book a place for your child at dozens of activities – there's something for everyone. Every activity includes a free healthy meal.



A £150 school uniform voucher for every child moving up from primary to secondary school.

If you receive benefits and are not yet registered for free school meals, visit [islington.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals](https://www.islington.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals) as soon as possible for the best chance of unlocking all the extra support before the holidays.