



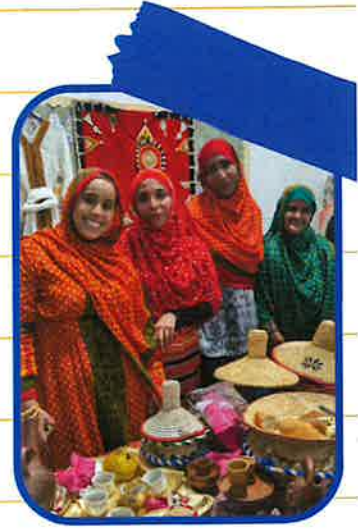
**NOVEMBER  
EDITION**

# NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S NEW?  
 Headteacher's News



**INTERNATIONAL DAY**



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! It was also great to see so many parents visit the class museums. I hope it gave you an insight into what children have been learning and the effort they put into their work.



**CHILDREN IN NEED**

Last week we had our annual Take One Picture Exhibition. We were very pleased with the standard of the work produced by the children again this year. We really have a creative school community. A big thank you goes to Hannah for all the hard work planning and arranging the project.



**TAKE ONE PICTURE  
EXHIBITION**

There have been many other exciting things happening including Children in Need (we raised over £370- well done!), workshops and trips to support children's learning and on Thursday a small group of children visited the Houses of Parliament to tell MPs all about our new library and why libraries in schools are so important.







## Anti Bullying:

Last week was National Anti- Bullying Week. The theme this year was “**Choose Respect**”. We focused 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.



## Respectful behaviour.:

A reminder on the importance of everyone in our school community behaving respectfully to each other. We work hard to teach the children the importance of respect and it is vital that all adults are also modelling this in their interactions with each other.

Please remember our Code of Conduct for Parents/ Carers and Visitors. This sets the expectation that parents and carers are :

- supporting the respectful ethos of Moreland Primary School and Children's Centre by setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour towards a members of their school community;
- working together with teachers and support staff for the benefit of children. This includes approaching the school to resolve any issues of concern and to discuss and clarify specific events to bring about a positive solution.

Everyone at Moreland deserves to feel safe and respected and I know that we value this in our school. Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have a concern and follow up with the Phase leader if the situation is not resolved.

## EVENTS

### Coming Up:



*Nativity Play - Tuesday 10th December 2.30pm*



*Christmas Fair - Thursday 12th December after school*



*Christmas Donkey Parade to St Clements Church - Tuesday 17th December 10.30 am*



*Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - Wednesday December 18th*

*Early Years Festive Sing- a-long - Wednesday December 18th 9.30 am*







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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 November 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



### OCTOBER 2024

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	86%	20
Rec - Beech	88%	12
Year 1-Maple	91%	21
Year 1-Olive	94%	25
Year 2-Cherry	93%	6
Year 2- Pine	96%	22
Year 3 - Ash	91%	15
Year 3 - Palm	94%	22
Year 4 - Fir	95%	40
Year 4 - Birch	96%	14
Year 5 - Rowan	95%	18
Year 5 - Sycamore	94%	21
Year 6 - Cedar	95%	41
Year 6 - Oak	89%	18





### TWITTER

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

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## 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](http://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.

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

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.

### BIRTHDAY CAKES

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

### 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 soon!



It's an easy, convenient way to receive school messages



To register contact the school office for more details





# 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	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Play 2.30pm in the hall
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair after school in the hall
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Donkey parade to St.Clements Church 10.30am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wear your Xmas jumper today Early Years Festive sing along 9.30am - Hall Xmas lunch for all children
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes at 1.45pm NO PLAYCENTRE
JANUARY 2025	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day school closed to children
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to submit Reception class applications

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 !

## 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

## 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.





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

Early Years Lilac Pear Beech	Early Years have been learning all about the story of the Gingerbread Man. We have re-told the story using puppets, explored sensory play such as ginger scented play dough and also started baking gingerbread biscuits this week! We have been writing recipes in the home corner and have been trying to figure out how we could build a bridge to help the gingerbread man across the river in the construction area.
Year 1 Maple / Olive	We all enjoyed a trip to London Transport Museum to continue their learning in History about vehicles from the past. We have also been engaged in our Geography topic, following and creating maps of our local area. In English, we received a postcard all the way from Australia and have been practising and building up to writing our own replies. Thank you to everyone for wearing their Pyjamas and the generous donation to Children in need we raised £350.
Year 2 Cherry / Pine	Cherry class - In English, we have been learning about the rules for writing a diary. In Maths, the children have continued to practice adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. In Science, we have been exploring everyday materials and their properties. In Art, the children have used water marbling to create amazing pictures. Finally, in RE, we have been learning about special places for believers and why these places hold significance. Pine class - In maths we have been learning about adding and subtracting two 2 digit numbers. The children have multiple strategies to work out these problems. In topic the children have continued their learning about The Great Fire of London supported by lots of trips including going to see the sites of the Great Fire in the city. In English, the children have been reading Toby and The Great Fire of London and have been learning how to write a diary entry. They will start drafting their diary entry this week.
Year 3 Palm / Ash	This term we have been learning about Rivers. In geography we have been learning about the features of rivers, we have mapped a river using Digimaps and we have learnt about the various leisure activities that can take place on a river. In maths we have nearly finished our Addition and Subtraction topic, and will soon be moving onto Multiplication and Division. In English, we have been writing diary entries and learning about prepositions and adverbials of place, all based on the book 'A River' by Marc Martin.
Year 4 Fir/ Birch	Year 4 have been learning about migration this half term, with a focus on people in London. We have been reading the novel 'Boy at the Back of the Class' and are working towards writing recounts from the point of view of a refugee. We've thought a lot about the emotions that people may be feeling when migrating to a new country and the push and pull factors that would cause them to move. In Art, we have been working on collages using digital portraits. We visited the National Portrait Gallery and saw lots of inspiring portraits and have then worked on taking our own digital portraits and using these to make creative, abstract collages.
Year 5 Rowan / Sycamore	In year 5 we have been working hard on a different number of topics. After half term, we begun learning about Roman Londinium. We have looked at who the Romans were, why they came to Britannia and about Boudicca's revolt. In English, we have been developing time travel stories in Roman London. We continue to develop our knowledge in Maths and other subjects
Year 6 Cedar / Oak	In year 6 we have been exploring the Victorian era in our topic lesson. We have been focusing on the Christmas carol book in English and will be working towards writing a suspenseful story as our big write. We have used cross curricular learning from our core textbook to our art work where we have been creating Christmas carol front covers. Similarly, in our DT lessons we have been using our designing skills to create a playground. We have been manipulating different materials to ensure our playground is strong and stable. In maths we have been focusing on our 4 operations and fractions. Specifically long multiplication and

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

[www.moreland-islington.co.uk](http://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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> December

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.

