

NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S
NEW?

Headteacher's
News



Y2 VISITING THE
CARDBOARD CASTLE



WORLD BOOK DAY FUN

Welcome to this month's newsletter .

We are nearing the end of the Spring term and soon will be breaking up for the Easter Holidays. Many of you will be celebrating Easter or Eid during the holidays so I would like to take this opportunity to say:



Y5 MACBETH DRAMA
LESSON

In this newsletter I would like to share some of the work around one of our important values at Moreland - **Aspiration**.

We want all of our children at Moreland to achieve well and to do this they need to have ambitions, goals and dreams. There is so much the world has to offer and we want all of these opportunities to be available to the children as they grow older.

Therefore we work hard to give children the chance to find out about the world of work and to explore different jobs and places of work. Also to nurture their interests and talents that they hopefully will continue to develop and may even be what they choose to study or have a job linked to later on.



FAB NUMBER DAY
COSTUMES

One way we expand children's horizons is through our Dream Catcher Assemblies. This is where people come to an assembly and the children ask them questions about their job. In the past we have had a huge variety of jobs including: a space scientist, a doctor, a Tower of London Yeoman, a TV producer, an archaeologist, a journalist....the list goes on! If you have an interesting job you would like to share please do volunteer!

We also sometimes take children to workplaces or to special workshops or careers events. Recently, our young Reading Leaders have been very busy and have been to visit the Publishers Pan Macmillan where they found out about all the different jobs linked to publishing and got a sneak preview of some new books that are coming out soon. They got to take part in some market research and learn about the design process. It was an amazing experience and we now have some budding publishers.

We are in the process of arranging some more visits like these. Year 3 will be visiting the studio of Youtube cooking show Sorted Food. This will be a fantastic experience to find out more about how the shows are made and they will even get their own starring roles.

If your child has any special talents or interests we don't know about please let us know. We try to target some trips to these areas such as sporting competitions, music and dance opportunities, additional arts opportunities so it is really helpful to know.

VISIT TO PAN MACMILLAN PUBLISHERS



PANEL DISCUSSION AT THE LITERACY TRUST



CENTRAL FOUNDATION STRING QUARTET ASSEMBLY



VISIT TO ZAHA HADID ARCHITECTS

FOOTBALL TRIP TO WEMBLEY TO SEE THE LIONESSES



INSIDE MATHS EVENT

EVENTS

Coming up this half term

Wednesday 2nd April - Spring Concert
Thursday 3rd April - Easter Bonnet Parade

See Class Dojo for more information





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.

24th March 2025

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. Please read the letter attached about term time leave.

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



FEBRUARY 2025

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	89%	24
Rec - Beech	88%	22
Year 1-Maple	95%	22
Year 1-Olive	90%	34
Year 2-Cherry	91%	10
Year 2- Pine	93%	21
Year 3 - Ash	93%	6
Year 3 - Palm	92%	16
Year 4 - Fir	90%	24
Year 4 - Birch	92%	7
Year 5 - Rowan	94%	22
Year 5 - Sycamore	91%	23
Year 6 - Cedar	95%	32
Year 6 - Oak	93%	24





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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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!

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.



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



To register contact the school office for more details

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

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's centre and then complete an application form. We only have a limited amount of free two-year-old places so please check now!

BIRTHDAY CAKES

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

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.

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT IS THREE YEARS OLD OR WILL BE THREE BEFORE 31ST AUGUST, PLEASE PICK UP AN APPLICATION FORM FOR A NURSERY PLACE NOW AS WE ARE LOOKING AT PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER.

YOU CAN PICK UP AN APPLICATION FORM FROM DANIELLE OR LISA.





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 2025	
Thursday 27 th - 1 st April	Book Fair - Open after school in the library. You will be able to purchase a book and some of the money collected will go towards books for the school
APRIL 2025	
Wednesday 2 nd	Spring concert - see poster attached
Thursday 3 rd	Easter bonnet parade - Early Years
Friday 4 th	Break up at 1.45pm for Easter holidays NO PLAYCENTRE OR CLUBS
Wednesday 16 th	Reception class offers will be sent out by email in the evening
Tuesday 22 nd	Children return to school
Thursday 24 th	No school uniform day - Eid festival
Wednesday 30 th	Deadline to accept Reception class offer
MAY 2025	
Monday 26 th - 30 th	Half Term holiday

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!

We will dispose of any items that are not collected





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

<p>Early Years Willow Lilac</p> <p>Pear Beech</p>	<p>This spring term has been a delightful blend of fun and learning. It has been a pleasure watching the seasons change, from gently jumping in puddles with our wellies to flying kites on those pleasantly breezy days. Story time has stood out as a highlight, as we have explored engaging tales of dragons, adventurous princesses, and even baby bears visiting the moon. Our young explorers have been busy developing valuable skills, stepping into the role of "exploretops" as they uncover new wonders. We were particularly intrigued when some dinosaurs visited our school. The children took great interest in finding some dinosaur eggs and thoughtfully creating homes for them. We have also embraced the importance of teamwork, supporting our friends like a team of "teamadactyls." Throughout this term, we have learned the significance of perseverance, inspired by our little "stickosaurs" who show resilience. With every challenge approached using the problem-solving skills of our "solveosaurus," it has truly been a term filled with meaningful experiences and shared laughter.</p>
<p>Year 1 Maple / Olive</p>	<p>Year 1 have been enjoying weekly visits to forest school, playing and learning outdoors and exploring the natural world. We also had a successful trip to Highgate Woods where we conducted our geography field work, locating natural habitats. It was a great opportunity to see England's varying weather too as we got caught in a hailstorm!</p>
<p>Year 2 Cherry / Pine</p>	<p>In year 2, we have been learning about the United Kingdom. We now know the four nations and their respective capital cities, as well as key physical and human features of each. In English, we have been writing our own non-chronological reports about a chosen country. In Maths, we have started learning about multiplication and division. In RE, we have been learning about Easter and the significance of some symbols. In DT, we are designing packaging for different products that the children will be making.</p>
<p>Year 3 Palm / Ash</p>	<p>This month we have been looking at travel blogs. We analysed the language and layout features of a travel blog, and we are now writing our own blogs about India! In science we are continuing to explore rocks and fossils, and in computing we have been creating animations using a web app in the J2E website.</p>
<p>Year 4 Fir/ Birch</p>	<p>In Year 4, we have been writing mystery stories based in Ancient Egypt. We have been reading Secrets of a Sun King for inspiration for these, before planning and writing our own stories. We've come up with our own creative characters and settings that we are describing. We've also been working on Ancient Egyptian projects in Art and DT. In Art, we are making canopic jars and in DT we are making shadufs.</p>
<p>Year 5 Rowan / Sycamore</p>	<p>Hello everyone! We've had an exciting month in Year 5! In Geography, we've been developing our understanding of the UK, exploring its cities, counties, majestic mountains, and vital farming regions. It's fascinating to see how everything connects! In Maths, we've been getting to grips with multiplying fractions, showcasing impressive enthusiasm and creativity in our lessons. Our English studies have whisked us into the dramatic world of Shakespeare, with a focus on Macbeth. The children have enjoyed bringing key scenes to life through performances! We've also had some fantastic trips, including a visit to the Globe Theatre. These experiences truly enrich our learning. Looking forward to more adventures next month!</p>
<p>Year 6 Cedar / Oak</p>	<p>In Year Six we are about to start our second big piece of writing for the term, an adventure story. The children are deeply engaged in our book 'Holes' and are using it for inspiration in their writing.</p>

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 holiday is 7th - 21st April

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.



21/03/25

Letter to all Parents about Term Time Leave

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Family Holidays and Special Leave in Term Time

I am writing to remind you of Moreland Primary School's policy about holidays during term time. The law requires parents to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and normally we would not expect you to take your child out of school for a holiday. There is no automatic right to a holiday in term time.

When considering the timing of your family holiday, please remember the following:

- A two week term time holiday will mean that your child misses out on 10 literacy lessons and 10 numeracy lessons.
- Research shows that children often do not catch up from work missed – this could have serious consequences for their learning and progress.
- Your child's term time holiday could affect other pupils - the time teachers have to help all the children in a class is reduced if they spend time helping your child catch up after a holiday.
- There are 175 non-school days in each year for holidays, cultural experiences and family time.

If after these considerations you feel it is absolutely unavoidable to take your child on a holiday or special leave of absence in term time, you must make an application in advance. Forms are available from the school office and we request that you apply 4 weeks in advance of any proposed holiday or special leave.

The local education authority and the national government strongly discourage schools from allowing term time holidays. While you can be assured that each request will be considered on its individual merits, our practice is to only authorise holidays and leave in exceptional circumstances.

If we do agree to a holiday or leave in term time, it is very important that your child comes back to school on the date agreed. Failure to return could result in your child being deleted from the school roll or legal action being taken against you for the absence. Our school has a duty to keep children safe and this includes knowing where they are.

If you withdraw your child for a holiday during term time and we have not agreed to it, this absence will be unauthorised and could result in a penalty notice (a £60-£120 fine) or a summons to court.

Our aim is to ensure our pupils receive the most from their education and I hope we can count on your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Catherine Lawrence
Headteacher

SCHOLASTIC

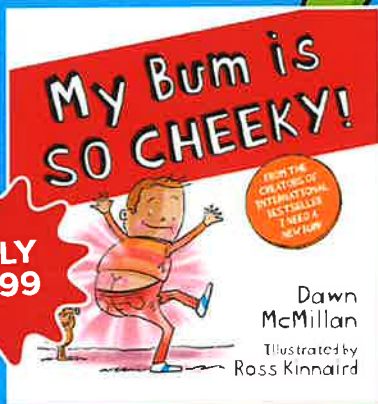
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Date:

Years 1 & 2 - Thursday 27th March
EYFS - Friday 28th March
Years 3 & 4 - Monday 31st March
Years 5 & 6 - Tuesday 1st April

Location - Library Time - 3.30-4pm

Scan the QR code
to pay online!





Spring Concert

Wednesday 2nd April

EYFS

9.20-9.40

2.00-2.30

KS1

KS2

2.30-3.15



**COME AND HEAR WHAT WE
HAVE BEEN LEARNING IN
MUSIC.**





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.

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





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