

18th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to wish you a wonderful summer. It has been a fantastic year at Moreland and we have much to be proud of. Thank you for all you do to support your children and the school community.

I was very pleased with the end of year results in the National tests. All results were above, in line with or only just below the national results and we have improved on last year in all areas. I will share these results online when we have had them finally validated in the Autumn. We had a good OFSTED inspection in our 0-2 provision in May and as you know we had an OFSTED inspection for the rest of the school last week. OFSTED do not allow us to share the outcome of the inspection until the report has been validated and published. Due to the summer holidays, this will not be until some time in September, when we will be able to share the report with you.

The school now has a number of curriculum awards to celebrate the richness and quality of our curriculum at Moreland – The Gold History Quality Mark, The Gold Primary Geography Quality Mark, The Gold Arts Mark, The Bronze Healthy School's Award and this year we have added the Silver Rights Respecting School Award and Islington's Belonging Award to the list.



There have been many highlights, this year and I have particularly enjoyed seeing children have the opportunity to build their confidence and their curiosity about the world through the many enrichment and extra-curricular activities we offer at the school. Children have visited so many galleries, museums, concerts and exhibitions. They have spent time in nature through our residential in Sussex and Suffolk and during trips to local nature spots and forest school sessions in every class. They have had sporting opportunities – taking part in competitions, visiting sporting events including watching the Lionesses play at Wembley and participating in extra-curricular clubs. We are very proud of all that we offer our students at Moreland! Have a look at our social media x and Instagram to see what we have been up to over the year. We will also be sending out our Year Book in September which will provide some great memories.

Two special memories from this year for me - I really enjoyed my trip to the South Downs with Sycamore class. Everyone commented on how polite they were and we had such fun on the beach, in the countryside and on the farm. It reminded me of my childhood growing up on a farm! I also very much enjoyed getting to represent the school at the Education and Skills Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace with Athena and talking to the King and Queen about our fantastic work on reading for pleasure.





The last couple of weeks of term have also created many memorable moments for the children. The Year 6 performance of Oliver was a fitting performance to end the year. Some children from Key Stage 2 took part in the Islington Dance Festival at Arts and Media School Islington this week showcasing the dance they had choreographed linked to the Take One Picture Project. Year 3 have worked with the Musician's Company again to compose and record a piece of music linked to the painting. There is a currently an exhibition at the National Gallery Education Space linked to last year's Take One Picture and we have the piece of music composed by last year's year 3 class included in the exhibition. If you are near Trafalgar Square do pop in and see it. It is displayed on the screen at the back and if you ask they will play the music or you can scan the QR code to listen.



We will be holding an exhibition again in the Autumn so that you can see all of the children's work for this year's project which includes art, music and dance. We will once again then be submitting the work to the National Gallery in the hope that it will be chosen for the exhibition at the gallery.

We all wish the best of luck to our wonderful Year 6 children as they continue onto the next stage in their life. We know that they will work hard at Secondary school to be the best they can be and utilise everything that they have learnt during their time at Moreland. Make sure you keep aiming high and come back and visit!

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank all the people that help to make Moreland a safe and happy place for children to learn and grow. Children get to learn in a fantastic environment and experience a rich and creative curriculum. All of these amazing opportunities would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our fantastic staff team at Moreland. I would like to thank every one of them for the commitment they show to ensuring the children receive the best education possible and making sure the school runs smoothly. I would also like to say good bye and thank you to those staff who are leaving us this term – Ms

Pumphrey, Nikoleta, Sarah, Sabrina and Taylah. We appreciate everything that you have done for the children in your time at Moreland.

We are lucky to have the support of a very proactive and supportive governing body. There is a lot of work involved in being a school governor and all our governors volunteer their time to do this important role.

At Moreland we are supported by many community and business partners who help to provide a wide range of opportunities and experiences for our children. We are particularly grateful to Slaughter and May, Sister Pictures, the National Literacy Trust and the Country Trust for their ongoing commitment to the school.

The summer holidays can seem like a long time to keep children entertained but there are many free and low cost activities taking place in Islington for children and families over the summer. Please do look at the Islington website below for ideas of how to keep your children busy!

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/things-to-do/summer>

I would particularly recommend getting your children signed up at the local library to the Summer Reading Challenge. We often see children's reading slip backwards after the summer so whilst I know that the summer is a time to relax and rejuvenate, please do make sure that your child reads every day. The holidays can be a great time to encourage them to try new books, join the library and actually improve their reading. I always try and read lots during the holidays and I will be asking the children to tell me about what they have enjoyed reading too.

<https://islingtonlife.london/things-to-do/summer-reading-challenge/>

There are free swimming lessons at Better Pools over the holidays. I would very much encourage you to sign your child up for these. Water safety is a vital skill. Only 17% of our Year 6 children can swim the recommended 25 m that children should be able to swim by the end of primary school. Please do take advantage of the free lessons.

<https://islingtonlife.london/things-to-do/free-swimming-lessons-2/>

Summer holidays can bring additional expenses. If you are struggling with the cost of living increases there are organisations in Islington including food banks to help. Have a look at the website below for locations of these.

<https://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/service.page?id=verXLO-lbWs>

Finally, I would like to wish everyone in our school community a safe, enjoyable and (hopefully sunny) summer holiday. We will see the children back on Wednesday 3rd September for the new school year. (Nursery and Reception children will have been given separate start dates so please check these.)

Have a lovely holiday and see you in September!



Catherine Lawrence (Headteacher)

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

