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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.

## 3rd November 2017

### Executive head teacher news:

You can see from the 'What we have been learning' pages that we have been busy here at Moreland. Year 5 had a wonderful time in Cardfields. The children have enjoyed some lovely trips which enhance learning. Developing a 'Growth Mind set' has really taken off as children learn to feel good about themselves and their abilities to be successful learners. This is not just for the children, it is for us adults too as we all expand our intelligence, embrace challenge, persist even if something is difficult, work hard and learn from our mistakes. We have a big job to do in school and at home as together we prepare children for life.

#### Thank you:

Thank you for coming along to our International afternoon and for all the wonderful food contributions. We had a lovely time. There is a wealth of cultures to celebrate in our school.

#### Dates for your diary:

Please have a look at what's on between now and the end of term. Parents evening is the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We will be arranging alternate days for those of you who need an interpreter or a longer meeting with teachers. Ultimately, we want to share with you your child's progress and to show you their books. We encourage you to attend with your child as they work hard in school and have a lot to be proud of and to show you.

#### Mo:

It is with great sadness that I tell you that Mo, our wonderful learning mentor is leaving next Friday. She needs to travel to Nigeria to sort family business in the next few weeks and months. Mo has worked in Moreland for over 11 years and is much loved by all of us- children, staff, governors, parents, families and the local community. I invite you to assembly next Friday at 9.15am when we will pay tribute to Mo. I will let you know who will be replacing her as soon as we have recruited someone. The staff and I refuse to say good-bye to her and have demanded she keep in touch with us all. It may be that one day she will work in Moreland again- we can hold onto this hope. In the meantime, please try to come along next Friday morning- you are really welcome. Let's give her a good send off.

*Have a lovely weekend.*

Ann Dwulit





# Attendance & Punctuality



Dear parents/carers,

Please make sure your child attends school every day. See below the attendance figures we ask parents to aim for, if you have any problems regarding attendance or punctuality please come and see me. Please remember the school does not authorise any leave in term time. All holidays should be taken in the school holidays.

Mo Akinde - Attendance Officer



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



Monthly Prize Draw  
 If your child's attendance is above 97%  
 They will be entered into a prize draw.  
This will take place the first Friday of the month.  
 They could win a voucher to spend in a High St. store.



## Attendance for October 2017

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	
Rec - Pear	95%	
Rec -Beech	94%	
Year 1	93%	
Year 2	98%	
Year 3	98%	
Year 4	95%	
Year 5	97%	
Year 6	97%	



## PUNCTUALITY FOR OCTOBER

Year 3 are the winners with 7 lates this month.

We have quite a few items in the lost Property box. If your child has a missing sweatshirt, bag or jacket please come and have a look.



Please make sure your child's name is on all their belongings.

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## Head of School Notice Board-important dates

\*Remember to check this board as we may add or cancel certain events.

You can also check our website for up to date information!

NOVEMBER	
Tues 7th	PTA meeting 9.00am Family Kitchen
Wed 8th	Year 6 class assembly 9.15am parents welcome
Tues 14th	Early Years open morning 9.00-9.45am
Wed 15th	Year 5 class assembly 9.15am parents welcome
Fri 17th	Children in Need Day - Wear something spotty suggested donation £1
Wed 22nd	Year 4 class assembly 9.15am parents welcome
Thurs 23rd	Parents evening sign up from Monday 20th November
Wed 29th	Year 3 class assembly 9.15am parents welcome
DECEMBER	
Tues 12th	Christmas Panto Years 1 to 6
Thurs 14th	Nativity pm - Year 3 supported by KS1 Early Years will be singing Xmas songs - Parents welcome
Fri 15th	Nativity am - Year 3 supported by KS1 Early Years will be singing Xmas songs - Parents welcome
Thurs 21st	Break up for xmas holidays 2pm collection NO PLAYCENTRE
JANUARY	
Wed 3rd	Inset Day school closed
Thurs 4th	Children return to school



## CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL

On Friday 17th November Denise will be running a craft stall selling table decorations, Christmas decorations and gifts made by the children.

Please come and have a look, maybe start your Christmas shopping early!

The stall will be in the playground at 3.30pm.

All money raised will go towards buying equipment for the garden club.

Thank You





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

<b>Nursery</b>	In Nursery we have been settling children, learning routines and focussing on following the 'Moreland Way'. We have been reading a range of stories during literacy that relate to our topic 'Into the woods'. Our focus around the books has been related to roleplay and creative activities such as collaging and junk modelling.
<b>Reception</b>	In Reception this month we have been celebrating Heritage month by focusing on Mo Farah. During PE we practised how to warm up our bodies and even ran around the football pitch ten times! In class we have started our phonics programme and have been learning lots of new sounds.
<b>Year 1</b>	In our Topic and Literacy, Maple class learned about Britain and they worked in groups to write fact files about a country in Britain. We looked at maps and read facts and we also tasted a food from each country. England's scones were voted the nicest! In maths, we have been practising our numbers to ten and now we are learning our number bonds to ten. In science, the children have been learning about the different types of animal's mammals, reptiles, birds and how to group them. For our Black History celebration, Maple class learned about Lenny Henry and his work with Red Nose day and the children designed their own red noses!
<b>Year 2</b>	In Literacy, Cherry Class has been learning all about instruction writing. We can talk about the different features that instructions need to have. We are going to write our own set of instructions for our game that we are going to design in Topic. In Maths we are using our place value knowledge to add and subtract three digit numbers.
<b>Year 3</b>	What a busy start this term in year3! In literacy we have been learning how to use descriptive language in our writing and we have been learning how to write non chronological reports. In maths we have been learning how to add 4 digit numbers with and without regrouping. In Topic we have been looking at countries that are vulnerable to Volcano eruption.
<b>Year 4</b>	In Literacy, we are learning about fiction text, looking closely at natural setting. This links nicely to Science and Topic, where we study plants, animals and habitats. In Maths, we are applying our knowledge of estimation from the last term to deepen our understanding of multiplication and division. This term will are looking forward to working with Guy Fox History Project to learn all about money.
<b>Year 5</b>	In English we have been reading the story of Beowulf. In maths we have been multiplying and dividing numbers by 10,000 and 100. In topic we have been learning about Persian ways.
<b>Year 6</b>	In English, we wrote a diary entry about our time at PGL. For maths, we have been learning how to compare and order fractions with mixed numbers. For science, we learnt about the evolution of language. We have been continuing our topic on deserts and learnt about different animals such as the meerkat, fennec fox and thorny lizard. We also had a fantastic trip to London Zoo!





## Work hard, Follow your dreams and you can achieve your dream job

Dreamcatcher assemblies are a wonderful opportunity to meet people doing interesting things in the world beyond school. This year already we've been inspired by two Dreamcatchers in different walks of life.



**Dreamcatcher at Moreland, Tuesday 10 October 2017**

**Darren Joyce  
Head of Construction, National Theatre**

Darren explained that he works at the National Theatre on the South Bank, here in London. He runs the team that makes all the scenery and props. "We have designers, metalworkers, carpenters, painters, armourers..."

"I get to work with brilliant makers, people who work with their hands—really skilled craftsmen and women. I love the variety in my job: there's a different challenge every day. Actually it doesn't feel like work - it's more like a hobby I get to do every day."

Darren gave us a book about the National Theatre and all the different kinds of people who work there. There's a picture of him too!

"Don't let anyone tell you can't do anything: if you really want to, you can. Be bold, be brave, and follow your dreams."

**Could YOU be our next Dreamcatcher?**

Are YOU in a job or on a course that might intrigue and inspire our children? We would love you to come in on a Tuesday or Thursday morning to answer children's questions about what you love doing and how you got to where you are.

If you or anyone you know could help shape children's dreams, please tell your child's teacher or contact Harriet Goodman ([hgoodman@st-lukes.islington.sch.uk](mailto:hgoodman@st-lukes.islington.sch.uk)).

Thank you!





## Reception Class Applications - Dates and deadlines

You can apply from 1 September 2017, and you must apply by the deadline, 15 January 2018. We recommend you apply by 12 January 2018, just in case there are any problems with getting online or logging into the site. If you need help applying please come to the office and speak to Danielle

15 January 2018 this is your deadline to submit a social medical application

16 April 2018: you'll get an offer by email in the evening




30 April 2018: this is your deadline to accept (or turn down) your school place

16 May 2018: you must send in any appeals by this date. You can appeal even if you've accepted the school place offered.

### Late applications

If you apply after 15 January 2018 then your application will be marked as late. This means that it will not be considered until admissions 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 there are exceptional reasons why it was not possible to make your application by the deadline, please email admissions at [admissions@islington.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@islington.gov.uk). Make sure to attach any letters or other documents that help explain and support your reason.

October	<u>POWER OF THE LETTER</u>	<u>HEADTEACHERS AWARD</u>	<u>STAR OF THE WEEK</u>
			
NURSERY – WILLOW			Zahra, Melvin
NURSERY - LILAC			J'ennae
RECEPTION – BEECH			Haifa
RECEPTION – PEAR		Jake	Maya, Jake
YEAR 1		Quayam	Gad, Aras
YEAR 2		Azra	Rayhana, Armaan
YEAR 3			Suhayb, Connor
YEAR 4		Habeebah	Dahlia
YEAR 5	Itamara	Macheaven	Liyaana, Alvaro
YEAR 6	Sulayman	Whole class	Khalid,Cameron

## Bikes and Scooters

If your child comes to school on their bike or scooter please make sure they have their name on them. We cannot take responsibility for any missing or lost property, they are left at your own risk.



## Events for Parents at Moreland this half term.

Date	Title	Time	Where?	Who for?	Summary of event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent – teachers association	9:05am	Family Kitchen	All interested parents	Would you like to be involved in organising the school Christmas Fair on Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> ? Come along to get the planning process started.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Parents' Evening	2:30pm – 7:30pm	Hall	All parents	Come along and meet with your child's teacher to find out how they are getting on with their learning.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov & Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Read with your child	9:05am – 9:30am	Classrooms	All parents	Pop into your child's classroom to read with them – this will run on the last Friday of every month throughout the year.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Early Years open morning	9:00am – 9:45am	Nursery and Reception classes	Parents of children in Nursery and Reception	Come in and see what your child is learning and find out about early reading in their classrooms. Learn about early reading.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair	Pm – time tbc	Hall	All parents	Get into the Christmas spirit. Festive stalls, fun and events to raise money for the children
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity & Christmas show	14 <sup>th</sup> – 2pm 15 <sup>th</sup> – 10am	Hall	All parents	See Year 3 perform the Lights camel action -Nativity, supported by KS1.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Prize-giving	9.15am	Hall	All parents	