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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.

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Executive head teacher's news

New school:

The builders are working extremely hard to build our new school. Every day we can see something new emerging- it is really exciting. There are over 50 builders on site now. Plumbers and electricians are due to start soon. Work stopped this week for half an hour when our junior builders put their hard hats, boots and goggles on as they went on site with Emma and Mo. The children safely watched concrete being poured and had a good look round, asking lots of questions! We have our own building site in the small hall where children do their own exploring. We are using the new build as a unique learning opportunity and have a careful log of each stage of the process. There is so much building work in the vicinity of the school so it is great for the children to have this opportunity to understand at first-hand what it takes to produce a new building, from the planning stage right up to completion. Dust or noise from the building work is not interfering with children's learning at all. The building site is completely separate from the school, therefore the children have no contact with builders apart from the junior builders and this is very carefully planned with a full risk assessment.

The new school will be ready for us to move into later this year on 11th November. We will have places for 52 FTE Nursery and 60 Reception children from September who will begin in the current building and move across to the new building in November with the rest of the school. We will re-organise rooms in our current building to accommodate this. We have already received over 80 applications for the Reception classes. When we move into the new school the current building will be blocked off and knocked down so our new school playgrounds and grounds can be built. We will continue to use the top pitch for play times. We also have access to the Muga pitch in Kings Square for junior children. They will always be well supervised here. The whole project, including playgrounds and grounds will be complete in spring 2017. I will be inviting Prince William to open our new school when we have our official opening. This is all extremely exciting and I will keep you informed of all progress as we go. It is business as usual for us all in the meantime as we continue to focus upon the children making good progress.