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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

Happy new year to you all. I hope you had a good holiday. Thank you for your support last term not just with contributions of party food but also for supporting various fund raising events. We are hoping to raise money for GOSH- Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in 2016- a very worthwhile charity.

Reading Friday:

I invite you to come into nursery, reception, year 1 or year 2 8.50-9.20am every Friday morning to read with the children. This could be your own child or any child. Teachers and staff will be reading with children too. The purpose of doing this is not just to support children's reading but it will also give you the chance to see how we hear children read, the kind of questions we ask, the way we prompt them and encourage them to use phonics. I am really hoping this will be an enjoyable experience for all of us. We have assembly at 9.20am and then every class teams up with their partner class for buddy reading for 20 minutes- year 4 have a lovely time with nursery children!

Philosophy for Children (P4C)

Good news- we have been awarded a bronze award for P4C. Enquiry based learning is now widely practised in Moreland, most recently introduced in early years. By the time children reach year 5 and year 6 a majority of them have the skills to think more deeply, reflect, question, debate and discuss in a mature manner which often astounds us. The mind of the child, their imaginations, perception and openness is unique and something we actively encourage and nurture. The external assessor actually said we are well on the way to achieve the silver award. I would like to thank Miss Husbands for leading P4C (as well as reading and writing). It is essential our children are confident and articulate and prepared as much as possible educationally, spiritually, socially, physically and emotionally for secondary school and indeed for life and we all need to work together to give them the necessary skills and nurture their qualities.

Quality Mark for PE

More good news- we achieved external verification that the school is demonstrating good commitment to improving physical education. Miss Jones leads PE and I would like to thank her very much for organising the subject as well as a wide variety of sporting events so well.