



Welcome to Morden Mount Primary School -- Where potential comes alive!

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Dear Parents,

First and foremost, it's been a fantastic week of increasing curiosities and learning, and the atmosphere here is buzzing with enthusiasm. Our pupils have seamlessly settled into their routines, and we are delighted to see their eagerness to showcase their talents and skills.

One notable highlight is the exceptional work produced by our Year 6 students. They have been working on descriptive pieces, imagining a Pandora's box filled with extraordinary powers and features of nature. The quality of their writing, marked by the use of metaphors and rich vocabulary, has been truly outstanding.

In Year 3, as part of their study of the Stone Age, our young learners had the unique opportunity to engage in imaginary conversations with a boy from another world. To prepare for this encounter, they generated thoughtful questions to ask their otherworldly friend. It was heart-warming to witness their genuine curiosity about the unknown.

Our Year 5 students have been exploring the epic story of "Beowulf" by Michael Morpurgo, which narrates the heroic quest of a great prince of the Geats to vanquish Grendel, the foul fiend, a hideous sea-hag, and a monstrous fire-dragon. The students put their journalistic skills to the test by crafting modern-day newspaper articles recounting the quest and the defeat of Grendel. The captivating headlines they came up with are sure to grab your attention.

We were thrilled to see such a strong turnout of Year 6 parents at the recent secondary school transfer meeting. We hope that the session provided you with valuable insights into the transition process.

Looking ahead, we have scheduled academic review meetings for each year 6 pupil. These meetings are designed to offer you a deeper understanding of your child's learning journey in Year 6 and the expectations surrounding the upcoming KS2 statutory tests.

For the rest of the school, Parent Consultation Week is just around the corner. It will take place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October 2023. The booking system will be open starting Monday, 2nd October, 2023. Please make sure to book slots with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress and any questions or concerns you may have.

We are excited about the continued growth and achievements of our pupils, and we look forward to collaborating with you in ensuring their success. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we can't wait to connect with you during Parent Consultation Week.

Warm regards,

Kemi Okhani

*Parents Consultation*

*Evenings*

*Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

*3.45- 7.00pm*

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

*3.45 -5.30pm*

## Payments – Schoolcomms

To register your child for clubs, you need to use the Schoolcomms payment account. You can download an app to use on your smartphone:

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload)

Android phone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/android download](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload)

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via <https://schoolgateway.co.uk> if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app if possible as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to. If you have any questions or would like some more information, please visit the School Gateway site: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>

Your login details will be generated using the mobile phone number AND email contact information we have recorded in our school database, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date!!

Once you have downloaded the app and have created your account, your child's details should be visible. You should then have the option to click on the 'Payments' or 'Lunch money' tabs. Once you have opened the tab, the list of payments available (clubs, trips, breakfast club, etc.) should be visible; you may need to scroll to the very end of the list to find the payments you wish to make! Click on the required item, add it to your basket, and then pay with your debit/credit card.

### SIGN UP TO THE METRO

The Morden Mount Metro will be sent only to those who have signed up to our GDPR-compliant mailing list, as data protection regulations mean that any parent/carer who has not given specific permission for us to use their email address to circulate school notices (including the Metro) will not receive them. Please sign up at <http://eepurl.com/gd9sol>.

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#### **Our mailing address is:**

Morden Mount Primary School Lewisham Road SE13 7QP



## How to get involved?

Friends of Morden Mount is a committee run by dedicated parents and carers. Our aim is to bring parents together to organise fun activities for parents and children and at the same time raise some funds for the school. We welcome anyone who wants to join us in whatever way works for you! We are all busy, so here are some ideas for getting involved:

**Join the committee!** We meet regularly to plan events, brainstorm new activities and more. Children are welcome, so get in touch if you want to come along to one of our meetings!

**Become a year rep!** Reps are the voice for each year group, whipping up support and feeding back to the committee. Doesn't involve much time commitment but is a great resource!

**Volunteer for events!** For every event, we rely on volunteers to make it a success, from planning and preparation to setting up, tidying away, etc.

**Share your talents!** Do you have fundraising ideas? Perhaps you can help in the job you do? Are you a face-painter? Are you a designer? We are always open to suggestions!

**Meet the team:** Salma Sufian (Vice-Chair) has a boy in year 6; Liz Pinel (Treasurer) has two girls - one in year 5 and one in Year 2; Kobus Fritz (Communications Manager) has three children, a boy in year 9, a girl in year 5 and a little boy in Reception; Hannah Conway (Arts Coordinator) has twin girls in year 3; Rudolf van Koningsveld (Chair) has a girl in year 6, a boy in year 4 and a girl in Year 2.

We also have support from Ms Birkby. She liaises between the committee and the school.

If you'd like to join us or volunteer during events, please get in touch.



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