

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

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Dear parents,

It's been a short, 3-day week of odds and ends with the bank holiday and the teachers strike days, despite these however, our pupils have remained committed to their learning. In the week, we held our Learning Champions Assembly. This was to celebrate the effort of pupils who have been using apps offered by the school to extend their learning at home. The apps include Maths Shed, Spelling Shed and the TTRockstars app, which is the favourite of all. This app has been most beneficial to our year 4 pupils, who have been using the carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice to further develop their confidence in preparation for the year 4 Statutory Multiplication Tables Check which comes up in June. The maths Shed and spelling Shed are quite popular among pupils in key stage 1 and we are seeing the impact of the use of these apps in their learning in the classroom.

Talking about test, the next few weeks are going to be very busy indeed.

First, we have the colourful coronation to look forward to this weekend. Today, the pupils had a pre-coronation picnic dinner made up of sandwiches, sausages cakes and ice cream. This will be followed by a post-coronation garden tea party on Friday 12th May 2023, on our school playground. The excitement about the coming coronation and the upcoming garden party could be felt in the air today as the pupils enjoyed their picnic meals and played outside undeterred by the thundery threats from the sky.

The National Test for our Year 6 pupils will hold between Tuesday 9th and Friday 12th May. The test will run between 9am and 12am every morning. All year 6 pupils are advised to arrive in school at 8.45am promptly to have breakfast in the school hall before going into the classrooms to take their test.

Teachers across the school have spent the last week, examining the progress pupils have made in preparation for the various statutory tests coming up. We are very proud of the hard work our pupils have put into their learning and the progress they have made. One of such success stories is the journey our pupils in reception have made from their Baseline assessment in autumn.

Progress data from our reception classes show that pupils have responded well to the Little Wandle phonics & reading programme including the maths Mastery Early Counting system we have implemented. We encourage parents who are interested in knowing more about how we use these programmes to develop the potentials of our pupils to please speak to their child's class teacher at the door. Teachers are quite keen to share ideas with parents so that they can continue to support their child/children's learning at home.

This week we played host to the leader of the Council in Greenwich, Councillor Anthony Okereke and the cabinet member for Children and Young People, Councillor Matt Morrow. Both Councillors spent time with the pupils before settling down to discussions with some of the school leaders. The visit was celebrated by the school choir who gave sonorous rendition of some traditional songs including the popular "Oo a Lay Lay", call and response song to entertain the guests.

Wishing you a restful long weekend Mrs Okhani

School Enrichment Club

Year group	Day	Club	Time	Cost (this term)	Venue
5 and 6	Monday	Boys Football	8am – 8.45am	Free	Football cage
1 and 2	Monday	Multi-sports	3.30pm – 4.30pm	£15.00	Main Hall
year 1	Monday	Dance	3.30pm - 4.30pm	£15.00	Music Hall
3 and 4	Tuesday	Boys football with Charlton FC (new)	3.30pm – 4.30pm	£15.00	Football cage
4,5,6	Tuesday	KS2 Choir	3.30pm - 4.30pm	free (invitation only)	Music Hall
5 and 6	Wednesday	Girls Football	8am – 8.45am	Free	Football cage
year 2	Wednesday	Dance	3.30pm – 4.30pm	£15.00	Music Hall
1 and 2	Wednesday	Gymnastics (new)	3.30pm – 4.30pm	£15.00	Main Hall
4, 5 and 6	Thursday	Netball	3.30pm – 4.30pm	£15.00	Main Hall

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

Android phone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/android download

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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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:

<u>Join the committee!</u> 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.



