

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

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*I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance  
Never settle for the path of least resistance  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance  
I hope you dance*

Lee Ann Womack

Dear parents,

The KS2 statutory tests have come and gone but I hope you share in my feelings of pure admiration and pride for our year 6 pupils, who despite the outcry in the country against the reading test, including disturbing details of pupils bursting into tears at the sight of the English reading texts and accompanying questions, completed their reading test, on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, with an incredible show of courage and resilience.

During the test, I watched closely as our pupils, tenaciously focused on their reading papers, deployed all the strategies they have learnt in class, reading and re-reading when necessary, highlighting and zoning in on vocabulary or concepts as evidence for some of their responses. The greater the challenges posed by the text and questions, the deeper they dug into their practised strategies and skills. Not once did any of them flinch neither was a face of despair seen in the room.

At the end of the test, we had moments of debriefing where they were asked how they felt the test went and although they alluded to the challenges inherent within the text however, they also quickly, with their reassuring smiles and confidence) dissipated any fear their teaching team may have had, by clearly articulating how they reached into themselves (resilience) and their bags of skills to overcome the challenges posed by the test.

The school governing committee, during their meetings yesterday, took time to meet with representative of the year 6 pupils to evaluate how they felt the test went and how the governors could be supportive. The governors were quickly put out of their fears (if at all they had any by what they have heard on the news) by the reassuring feedback they received from the pupils. All responses to the questions asked by the governors were delivered with great clarity and maturity, demonstrating the impact of the imbedded values of the school on persistence.

The final questions posed by one of the governors was if the year 6 pupils could give an advice to the current year 5 pupils who will be in year 6 in the next academic year.

*Read the question posed by the governor and one of the responses from the pupils below:*

**Governor:**

If you have to give an advice to the current year 5 pupils about what has really helped you to be successful in year 6, what will it be?

**Year 6 pupil:**

It will have to be that they should be committed to completing their homework and their attendance at the extra session (tutoring) that has been assigned to them. Be focused. Do not miss school or your tutoring sessions. Just to be disciplined with their independent learning.

KS1 pupils are currently in the middle of their statutory test and this should be tailing off to a close by the end of the coming week. I hope that I share your thoughts, as together, we continue to wish them the best in the week ahead.

Wishing you a restful 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](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload)

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

**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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