



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

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Dear parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

It was a great delight to welcome the pupils back to the last half-term of the year and sometimes the busiest. It is an important time to keep dates in your diary as a lot will be happening across the school.

I believe the children must have come home to tell you about having visitors in their classrooms. This week, we had school leaders from Heronsgate and James Wolfe who came in to carry out what we refer to as a peer review. Peer review is a structured learning process for schools enabling them to engage in self-reflexivity that fosters critical thinking and the discovery of opportunities they can tap into to further enrich practices and pupils' experiences.

The purpose of the visit was for these leaders to join leaders from our school and together "cast critical eyes" on the teaching and learning experiences on offer at Morden Mount. As part of the visit, the leaders watched a good number of lessons across the school and spoke with subject leaders. The leaders also spent quite an extensive time chatting with the pupils to capture their learning experiences and perspectives.

We are very proud of the feedback we received from the leaders who visited our school, most especially comments that relates to our pupils' excellent learning behaviour. The visitors were equally blown away by the clear articulation of purpose and direction from members of the Eco Council and School Council. According to one of the leaders, the passion to care and listen to others was clearly evident among members of the School Council, such that for a moment, she wished for a cloning superpower to take some version of our passionate and eloquent pupils away with her. Another school leader described the experience of listening to the school choir as inspirational. We are indeed very pleased that our pupils continue to thrive in different areas of their learning and enrichment experiences.

In the coming week, both year 4 and year 1 pupils will be engaging with their statutory test. For the year 4 pupils, it's the multiplication table which they have been eagerly waiting for. Our year 4 pupils have enjoyed preparing for this test and their approach has been through games and mini-In-class competitions, which in itself is exciting. You may find it interesting to know that our year 4 pupils were in the top 20% nationally of pupils who had the highest score in the times table test last year.

Year 1 has also deployed a similar approach to year 4 with some of them participating in an early morning phonics programme accompanied by a plate of buttered bagel and fresh orange juice. We know these extra sessions would not have been possible without the support of our parents who have had to make some adjustments to their daily routine so that they could bring their children in to school earlier. We appreciate their commitment and unflinching support for our school initiatives and programmes.

We would like remind year 6 parents about the residential trip coming up between Wednesday 28th June and Friday 30th June. A meeting has been scheduled for Tues day 20th June at 3.45pm to hold further dialogue with parents of the pupils who are going on the trip and to also answer some of the questions they may have.

Year 6 pupils who have opted out of the residential visit will have the option of going on home journey trips. This is a daily trip to various exciting places and will run simultaneously with the residential trip.

Here are some dates for your diary. →

Have a restful weekend

Mrs Okhani

Year 4
Royal Borough of
Greenwich
Cricket Tournament
Date: Monday 26th June 2023

Year 6
Residential trip
to PGL Sussex
Date:
Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th June

Year 4
Trinity Laban
Concert
Date: Friday 30th June 2023

Year 1
Minnis Bay,
Trip
Date: Tuesday 11th July 2023

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/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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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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