

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

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| Dear Parents,  We come to the end of the first half-term and what a fantastic learning experience it has been for all of us. Seven weeks have flown by swiftly and while it has been quick, the breadth of experiences our pupils have encountered during this period has been truly enriching.  This newsletter will start with an apology to all parents who have scheduled appointments this week with teachers as part of the Parents/Teachers Consultation Meetings. The cancellation, as explained in the letter sent out to parents, was due to an unanticipated Ofsted visit, which as we all know, is only ever communicated to the school on the day prior to the visit. Parents’ Consultation Meetings has been rescheduled for Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th 2023. The booking system is now open so please go ahead and book new appointments for your Parents/Teachers Consultation Meetings.  Related to the Ofsted visit, we will like to take a moment to thank all the parents who responded to the online parents’ questionnaire including those who engaged with the inspectors at the school gate. At some point, the inspectors were surrounded by a large group of parents who were quite keen to share their views about the school. We believe that through these acts, you successfully impressed upon the inspectors how steeped our school community is in the tradition of working together as a team to support our pupils. We have had the privilege of listening to some of the feedbacks you gave the inspectors about the school and we, wholeheartedly, agree with your assessment that our pupils thrive in their learning, make good progress and are happy bunnies!  This half-term the pupils have immersed themselves in a project called “My Story”. This project explores the art of narratives (storytelling) from the pupils own unique perspectives. The purpose of the project was to foster greater cultural awareness, stimulate the imagination of the pupils and to encourage a sense of curiosity about the world around them with fresh perspectives. During the project, emphasis was placed on creative expression and the ability to communicate in different forms. The design of the project enabled the pupils to dig deep (inquire), reflect on different areas of their growth and to communicate their findings, to others, in various formats including poetry.  Parents who attended the year 4 class assembly today were treated to some inspirational story sessions emanating from the personal reflections of the pupils. Utilising their topic, River, as a conduit, year 4 pupils gave the audience insight into rich family histories, important traditions and practices. Some of the stories were also aspirational as pupils delved into the future with glimpses into what and where they would like their places to be in the world. In their presentation, the pupils demonstrated stunning eloquence and unyielding determination which was truly enchanting, leading to some deeply touching moments.    The progression of the creative work produced by pupils have been placed on walls across the school and samples of work will also be laid out during the parents’ consultation meeting for you to see. Please take a moment to view during your visits and congratulate your child on their remarkable achievement  Please note that Enrichment clubs will commence on Monday 30th October. See the attached timetable.  Wishing you a very restful half-term break.  Kind regards,  Kemi Okhani    This term’s enrichment clubs will start the week beginning Monday 30th October and run until the week ending Friday 15th December 2023. Here are the clubs we have on offer:   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 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 | £20.00 | Main Hall | | 1 and 2 | Monday | Dance | 3.30pm – 4.30pm | £20.00 | Music Hall | | R – 6 | Tuesday | Table tennis | 8am – 8.45am | £20.00 | Playground | | R – 6 | Tuesday | Table tennis | 3.30pm – 4.30pm | £20.00 | Playground | | 3 and 4 | Tuesday | Dance | 3.30pm – 4.30pm | £20.00 | Music Hall | | 5 and 6 | Wednesday | Girls Football | 8am – 8.45am | Free | Football cage | | 3, 4 and 5 | Wednesday | Gymnastics | 3.30pm – 4.30pm | £20.00 | Main Hall | | 3, 4, 5 and 6 | Thursday | Dodgeball | 3.30pm – 4.30pm | £20.00 | Main Hall | | 3 and 4 | Friday | Boys Football | 3.30pm – 4.30pm | £20.00 | Football cage |   To register and pay for your child's clubs, you need to use the **Pupil Asset Stripe payment account**. You will have been sent an email asking you to authenticate and create your account.  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!!  Most clubs are limited to a maximum of 20 per club – Dance is limited to 10; places will be allocated on a first come – first served basis.  **Half-term activities for children**    **Free holiday meals this half term**    During the October half term, any child in Greenwich can pick up free holiday meals from **libraries and adventure play centres** in Royal Greenwich.  From **Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October**, simply turn up, and grab a nutritious packed lunch from sites across the borough. Find your closest pick up location and check their serving time. There are no forms or fuss. Click on the website below for details. <https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals>  Pickup locations will also be hosting a range of fun activities for children to get involved with, allowing parents to take a breather this half term. |

# 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.      **@FriendsMrdnMnt**  **@FriendsofMordenMount friendsofmordenmount@yahoo.com** |