



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

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### **Welcome back to our newsletter!**

The start of the new summer term has been a whirlwind! (Two four day weeks have helped as well!) It's been so busy for all children and staff as the summer term is where the children really start to show the fantastic progress they have made. Yr2 and Yr6 teams finished the KS1 and KS2 SATs; all the children have worked extremely hard and their teachers are so proud of them.

Brilliant Club in Yr5 got off to a fantastic start; twelve children visited Sussex University where they found out about university life; they came back buzzing, ready to start their task. They now have a long essay to write, supported with weekly tutorials; but they have a graduation ceremony to look forward to at the end!

We have started a joint project with James Wolfe called 'Greenwich Moon Time', where every year group will plan and deliver a series of lessons based on the moon; this is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. We intend to hold an exhibition in early July to show off the amazing work I know children will produce from this exciting topic! Some Yr1 parents got a sneak preview at recent a Friday sharing assembly, where 1NN showed off their work they've done so far on this exciting project.

KS2 children are frantically practising their acts to ensure they get through their class auditions for Morden Mount's Got Talent – more on that soon when we know who will be in the semi-finals after half-term.

There is a calendar of events at the end of the newsletter; please look as the summer term is packed with dates for sports days, trips and school events. We'd love to see you at these events

**Miss L Chapman**  
**Head of School**

### **SPORT IN MORDEN MOUNT**

#### **Year 5/6 Boys Football team**

Morden Mount Boys Football team played 6 matches against James Wolfe recently. 3 matches in Morden Mount and 3 matches in James Wolfe. Both school teams showed a great competitive spirit whilst at the same time showing true sportsmanship and a positive attitude. Over the 6 matches, a mutual respect grew between both teams and shaking hands after every match became the norm.

For Morden Mount, Anastasios and Tomilola played really well in goals saving us on many occasions. Collins and Armend have developed a formidable partnership in defence and always concentrate and communicate well in every game. Chinedu's workrate has matched his skill and he has scored a few goals as a reward for his efforts. Mohammed has been a real find for us this year and he contributed 4 goals in 2 matches through his determination and decision making. We have learned a lot from playing our friends at James Wolfe and we hope to put what we have learnt into practice in the upcoming tournaments.

Well done boys!!

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are proud of our uniform at Morden Mount and I am pleased to see pupils wearing theirs. Please remember our school uniform consists of a red sweatshirt, white shirt/top/polo shirt and grey or black trousers/skirt. PE kit consists of school PE t-shirt and shorts. Fleece are optional. Uniform is available to purchase from Bailwood Fashions, 246 Lewisham High Street (opposite Lewisham Library). Children should wear black shoes, trainers or plimsolls. If you are a **Greenwich** resident in receipt of a means tested benefit **and** receive Child Benefit, you may be eligible to claim a School Uniform grant for children in Reception and Year 3. Please contact the School Office for information or an application form.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs on a daily basis in the Main Hall between 7.45am and 8.30am; children are looked after until 8.55am each morning. Breakfast Club provide cereals, toast and hot drinks at a very low cost of £2.00 per day. Please **do not** drop off Breakfast Club children at the school before 7.45am – there is no staff available to look after them. We are not able to look after other children who are not attending Breakfast Club.

We are changing the food that will be available at Breakfast Club. Children will have toast, cereal and a drink and, in addition, we will be serving bagels which are provided by the Magic Breakfast charity.

We will also have some bagels available for children who do not come to coming in to the school hall once they have come through the Key Stage 2 (junior) playground gate.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

Starting from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, please join us for a series of interactive workshops where you will learn and share how to prepare your children for transition to secondary school, how to support your child through adolescence and, most importantly, how to keep them safe!

**Venue:** Nursery Community Room

**Day:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 9.00am or 12.45pm.

Please come along to the session most convenient to you!

Foluke Akingbalogun  
Parenting Practitioner

### JEWELLERY, EARRINGS AND NAIL VARNISH

We would like to remind parents/carers about our school uniform policy linked to jewellery and nail varnish. We do not allow the wearing of jewellery at school, as it can easily become accidentally caught by another child during playtimes or other physical activities. In addition, jewellery items may get lost at school, so they are safer left at home. The only exception to this are single stud earrings (no hoops or dangly earrings, please) and watches. Children cannot wear nail varnish to school, so please remove this the night before.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019, school dinners rose to £11.00 per week (£2.20 per day) and should be paid at the beginning of each week. If you wish to change your child's dinner arrangement you must notify the School Office as soon as possible but preferably at least one week in advance. If you receive a means tested benefit **and** Child Benefit you may be eligible to claim for free school meals. Please contact the School Office for information or an application form. **Meals must be paid for until we receive authorisation that the benefit has been confirmed.**

### **MOBILE PHONES, GAMES CONSOLES, ETC.**

Just a reminder that children should **not** bring items (games, toys, books, etc.) from home into school – we accept no responsibility for these items. Whilst children should not bring mobile phones to school we understand that some parents feel the need to provide children in years 5 and 6 with phones for added security; this may be because they are travelling quite a distance to school on public transport. Children are requested to switch their phone off upon arrival to school and hand it in to the class teacher/teaching assistant; there is no legal obligation for schools to look after the phones and we take no responsibility for their safekeeping. **Please do not allow your child to bring in or wear any smart watches or smart devices!**

#### Dates for your diary

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	5GW class assembly	9.05am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics test start today	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 to The Maritime Museum	9am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	3DP class assembly	9.05am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reception assembly	9.05am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 to the Horniman Museum	9am
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	3MM class assembly	9.05am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 assembly	9.05am
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Enrichment clubs end this week!</b>	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governors meeting	6.15pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	2DE to Woodlands Farm	9am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	5GW to Woodlands Farm	9am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Olympic Athlete assembly	9.05am
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	2GK to Woodlands Farm	9am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	5NC to Woodlands Farm	9am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 to Woodlands Farm	9am
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>End of year</b>	

## Royal Borough of Greenwich

School terms and holiday dates are shown here for the school year beginning in September 2019. In 2019/2020 pupils should attend for 190 days (or 380 half sessions)

**AUTUMN TERM** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019

School holiday Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

School holiday Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

**SPRING TERM** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

School holiday Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

School holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**SUMMER TERM** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

School holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020

### **INSET days (teacher training day – school closed to children):**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

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.

### **How to get involved?**

We welcome anyone who wants to join us in whatever way works for you – you don't need to commit loads of time to be a fantastic addition to our team. 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! 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**

We would like to introduce ourselves: Liz Pinel (Secretary). She has two children, the oldest one is in Year 1; Rudolf van Koningsveld (Chair), with a child in Year 2, another in Reception and one child at home; Nodia Miller, whose daughter is in Year 3; Jane Otto (Treasurer) who has two children, the oldest in Nursery. We also have support from Ms Birkby, the Reception class teacher; she liaises between the committee and the school. If you'd like to join us, please get in touch!



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### **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>.