

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

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Welcome to our fifth edition of the Morden Mount Metro!

Tomorrow we will be half way through the academic year, it doesn't seem that long since September!

The children have been working on a joint project with James Wolfe, called 'When I felt the music', where they have been listening closely, appreciating and responding to one or two pieces of music linked to their area of study this half-term. The two outcomes we wanted were a fabulous display in the classroom and a year group performance to parents. I hope you saw the music displays in your child's classroom and came along to a performance, as these outcomes have been stunning.

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to parents' evening this week and it was great for teachers to show you how much progress your child has made and involve you in your child's next steps.

I hope you and your family all have a restful half-term

Miss Chapman
Head of School

Cinema trip

On Tuesday 11th February 2020, we took a group of Key Stage 2 children to a relaxed performance of Farmageddon, the latest Shaun the Sheep Movie, at Greenwich Picturehouse.

The children enjoyed the performance and were treated to popcorn and drinks. It was great to see children from a variety of classes working well together and making us feel proud.



Mrs Mahoney
Inclusion Manager/Assistant Head

Department for Education

The Government is monitoring Coronavirus and taking action at home and abroad. The risk to individuals remains low. Please see the advice and information on display around the school.

Sports - Morden Mount Year 5/6 Boys Football team

Morden Mount played 3 matches against James Wolfe on Thursday the 6th February at James Wolfe School. The first match was a close encounter, with new players for Morden Mount - Shakeem and Aryos - playing really well in midfield. Morden Mount had most of the possession and executed some really good passes. Sadly, we just couldn't get the ball in the net and James Wolfe scored twice spurred on by their home crowd.

Final Score: James Wolfe: 2 Morden Mount: 0

In the second game, Morden Mount got rid of the nerves and started to take more shots on goal with Nehemiah, Aryos and Shakeem coming close. Hamza, Appollos and Moses also went close and Morden Mount hit the post three times. James Wolfe scored a goal against the run of play and won the match.

Final Score: James Wolfe: 1 Morden Mount: 0

In the third and final game, Morden Mount were determined to salvage a win and played their best football all year. Collins and Armend were dominant in defence as they had been in all three games and James, our goalkeeper, made some spectacular saves. Shakeem nearly scored and then set up Aryos for a very well taken goal. Morden Mount's determination and team work saw them win this match.

Final Score: James Wolfe: 0 Morden Mount: 1

Overall, it was a very much improved performance from the team and in my opinion Collins was Player of the tournament. His attitude match his confidence on the ball and he played superbly throughout, ably assisted by team captain, Armend.



Well done boys!!

**Mr Walsh
P E Co-ordinator**

Circle of Parents

Circle of Parents held an awards ceremony just before Christmas 2019 for the parents who completed Positive Parenting and Keeping Children Safe course.

From the 5th of February 2020 we will be running a 'Raising Boys' course, which will take place in Morden Mount Nursery community room Wednesdays at 9am, then repeated and 12.45pm. This is a 6 week course that will explore the differences between genders, how boy's brains work, and parenting techniques boys would respond to.

We are also running Sewing workshops on Wednesdays at 9am in the Morden Mount Nursery, where you will learn basic sewing skills; how to use a sewing machine; how to mend children's' clothing, or up-cycle an old garment into a new one!

**Agnes Jones
Facilitator**

2019 - 2020 Calendar of Events for Parents

The list below gives the planned dates of key events for this academic year

SPRING TERM 2020		
Thursday 13 th February	09:00 – 09:30	Year 4 Music performance to parents (Main Hall)
Thursday 13 th February	15:30 – 16:30	Valentine's day Uniform, craft and gift sale! (Main Hall)
Thursday 13 th February	CANCELLED CLUB	Due to the uniform, craft and gift sale, there are NO Gymnastics/afterschool booster clubs. Clubs will resume after half term.
Friday 14 th February	09:00 – 09:30	Year 2 Music performance to parents (Main Hall)
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February	HALF TERM	Sports camp with Sports at school – letters were sent home on Thursday!! Information available from the school office.
Wednesday 26 th February	10:00 – 10:30	Reception/Nursery open morning
Friday 28 th February	09:00	Class assembly 5GW
Friday 6 th March	09:00	Class assembly Nursery pm
Thursday 12 th March	09:00 – 13:00	International Women's' Day Science, Engineering and Maths seminar in Marylebone Year 6
Friday 13 th March	14:00	Class assembly Nursery am
Wednesday 18 th March	09:00 – 15:00	Year 6 to the Victoria & Albert Museum
Friday 20 th March	09:00	Class assembly 1JB
Friday 27 th March	09:00	Class assembly Yr3 (Passover – Jewish)
Friday 27 th March	09:30 – 10:30	Governors committee meeting
Thursday 2 nd April	15:30 – 18:00	FoMMa school disco!
Friday 3 rd April	09:00	Class assembly Yr2 (Easter - Christian)
Friday 3rd April	14:30	Last day of Spring term; non-uniform day for pupils. Early closure 14:30
Monday 6 th April – Friday 17 th April	08:00 – 18:00	Bree's Little Stars afterschool club open (tbc)
SUMMER TERM 2020		
Monday 20 th April	09:00	School Closed - INSET Day
Tuesday 21 st April	09:00 – 15:00	Reception height and weight check
Wednesday 22 nd April	09:00 – 15:00	Year 4 to the Museum of London
Wednesday 22 nd April	10:00 – 10:30	Reception/Nursery open morning
Thursday 30 th April	10:00 – 10:30	Illustrator Thomas Doherty working with Year 2
Friday 1 st May	09:00	Class assembly Yr 5 (Buddhism)
Friday 1 st May	14:00	Afternoon Tea with meet the heads
Tuesday 5 th May	18:15 – 19:30	Governors committee meeting
Thursday 7 th May	09:00	GLA Election day – school closed for polling
Friday 8 th May	09:00	May Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th – 14 th May	All week	Yr6 KS2 SATs
Friday 15 th May	09:00	Class assembly Yr 3 (Islam)
Friday 22 nd May	09:00	Class assembly Reception classes
Monday 25 th May – Friday 30 th May	09:00	SCHOOL CLOSED - Half term

SUMMER TERM 2020 (cont).		
Monday 1 st June – Friday 5 th June	09:00 – 15:00	Year 6 cycle training week
Wednesday 3 rd June	10:00 – 10:30	Reception/Nursery open morning
Friday 5 th June	09:00	Class assembly 4DP
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	09:00 – 15:00	Year 4 Multiplication check week 1
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	09:00 – 15:00	KS1 Phonics screening check week
Friday 12 th June	09:00	Class assembly 3DE
Friday 12 th June	09:00	Governors committee meeting
Monday 15 th June – Friday 19 th June	09:00 – 15:00	Year 4 Multiplication check week 2
Thursday 18 th June	09:00 – 15:00	Year 3 trip to The Horniman Museum
Friday 19 th June	09:00	Class assembly 4CC
Monday 22 nd June – Friday 26 th June	09:00 – 15:00	Year 6 cycle training week
Monday 22 nd June – Friday 26 th June	09:00 – 15:00	Year 4 Multiplication check week 3
Friday 26 th June	09:00	Class assembly 5DD
Friday 26 th June – Wednesday 1 st July	15:30 – 16:00	Scholastic book fair
Tuesday 30 th June	14:30	KS2 music performance
Friday 3 rd July	09:00	Class assembly Yr1 assembly
Monday 6 th July		Reports sent home
Thursday 9 th July	10:00	KS1 music performance
Thursday 16 th July	18:00	Y6 Leavers Play (evening performance)
Tuesday 21st July	14:30	Last day of Summer term; non-uniform day for pupils. Early closure 14:30

Attendance and punctuality in school

Children should be in class by 8.55am (8.45am for Nursery), when the morning register is taken. The gates and classroom doors will close at 9am, so you have a few minutes to get your child in class before the register is closed. If your child arrives to school after 9am, please ensure that they enter school via the school office for their attendance mark to be updated. As part of the school's security measures, we politely ask that you do not walk your child through the school building to their classrooms – children know where their classrooms are and are confident in making their own way there! Of course, available members of staff are happy to escort children to their classrooms, if necessary.



Did you know...

Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing 2 weeks of school!

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost

10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost

15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost

30 minutes late each day – 19 days lost

Mr Harris
Executive Head Teacher

On line dinner money and enrichment club payments

Morden Mount School will use School Gateway, the UK's best parent engagement software, to make sure our parents are as closely involved with their children's school lives as possible.

All school related dinner bookings/payments and enrichment clubs will go through School Gateway – so to stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for **free**. Just search *School Gateway* in your App store and download. Simple!

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload

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

Your login details will be automatically generated using the mobile phone number AND email contact information we already have, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to:

info@mordenmount.greenwich.sch.uk

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site 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.

Miss Chapman
Head of School

Health and safety

If you bring your child to school in the morning, you should bring them to class via the external classroom doors/playground entrance. Parents are asked not to walk their children through the schools to their classrooms (unless you are attending an event in class) – the children can make their way to their classrooms on their own; if they are late they should be brought to the school office to be marked in.

Please do not bring bicycles or scooters (of any kind) on to the school premises, as we have received complaints from parents about them being used at speed and nearly colliding with their children. You are requested to leave them outside of the school gates.

We also ask you to refrain from using your mobile phone whilst on the school grounds, the exception being that you are allowed to take photographs of your child at the end of their assembly/performance.

Please keep an eye on your child when they are in the playground before/after school – especially when they are on the climbing frames/play equipment! Although our support staff are 1st aid trained, we have limited staff on the school grounds at the start/end of the day.

Parents who drive their children to school are asked to be mindful of their speed and parking position in the roads outside the school. Because the school is in a built up area, there is little room for manoeuvre; badly positioned cars means that it is difficult to see the roads clearly whilst crossing and causes delays for those wishing to pull out and drive away quickly. This causes a lot of frustration and heated arguments between motorists!

Mr Price
Premises Manager



Christmas fair

On the afternoon of 7 December we organised the Morden Mount Christmas fair, while children had the opportunity to visit Santa during the day. There were lots of activities for young and old such as Bauble Bowling, Christmas tree ring toss, a tombola and Christmas crafts. The children-only Secret Santa shop, where kids could buy presents for friends and family, proved very popular. A hamper full of products donated by staff was raffled off and raised lots of money. As always, the bake sale was a big success thanks to the generous donations from parents. In total the day raised over £1000 so thanks very much everyone for their help and donations!



Christmas tree and Panto

Friends of Morden Mount proudly announce that the Christmas tree and Christmas Panto have been paid for with the money that has been raised during the events that we have organised in the past year. We have been going from strength to strength and there is a lot more to come from us! Watch this space!



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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

From left to right: Dianna Smith (Secretary) has a girl in year 3 and a boy in year 1; Salma Sufian (Vice-Chair) has a boy in year 6 and a boy in year 3; Liz Pinel (Treasurer) has two girls - one in year 2 and one at home; Kobus Fritz (Communications Manager) has three children, a boy in year 6, a girl in year 2 and a little boy at home; Hannah Conway (Arts Co-ordinator) has twin girls in Reception; Rudolf van Koningsveld (Chair) has a girl in year 3, a boy in year 1 and a girl at home.



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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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!**

Miss Chapman
Head of School

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>.