

Morden Mount News!!

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Welcome to our newsletter!!

Dear Parents and Carers,
The autumn term is passing by so quickly; it's hard to believe that it is the middle of November.

Your children have settled in well over the last half-term; they are working very hard and behaving well.

Thank you for such a huge turnout at our recent parents' evening; I know the teachers were really pleased with how many parents attended.

We also had our first series of open mornings across each key stage; again many of you came to your child's meeting and gave positive feedback; as a result this is something we are planning to do at the start of every term.

The whole school priority this academic year is reading for enjoyment; as a

staff we are thinking about how we can promote reading for enjoyment at school and would like to involve you with how we can do this at home as well. We intend to have regular stay and read sessions and would love as many of you to come along as possible.

Last half-term there were many class-trips; they're a fantastic way of bringing their curriculum to life. Please read some of the children's accounts.

Parent attendance at the Friday morning sharing assemblies has been fantastic; your children love it when you come to see them. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,
Miss Chapman
Head of School

If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

Roald Dahl



"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

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For your child to achieve their best:

- * Please ensure they come to school on time.
- * Please make sure they get enough sleep and are ready to learn.
- * Please send them to school in their uniform.
- * Please read with your child at home every night.
- * Please make sure they do their homework.

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Latest news and important notices

Parents' App

If you haven't already done so; please download our Parent App. It is **FREE** to download from the app store.

Search and download **School Jotter** and type in our school name. You will then have access to latest news, events and notices at your fingertips.

Parents' Guided Reading Workshops

In recent weeks, we have held very successful guided reading workshops with parents coming into the classroom and experiencing a guided reading lesson with their child's teacher.

"It was really interesting to see the children being so confident and eager to answer questions after finding ways to understand the text. The teaching allowed for this to happen" (Year 4 parent)

"The workshop was extremely helpful because it gave me ideas on the types of questions that I can ask when I read with my daughter at home" (Year 5 Parent)

Year 5 Virtual Reality Space Workshop

On Thursday the 4th of October, Year 5 children attended a workshop where they wore virtual reality goggles and experienced what it would be like to be an astronaut in space. They visited 4 planets and learned lots of interesting facts about space.



From a model of the solar system to black holes the museum had it all! Did you know that there is a black hole at the centre of our galaxy? The area was explored by us; we adventured like astronauts roaming the moon. Can you imagine all the fun to be had?

As we advanced, we encountered some of the most interesting creatures known to mankind. We were in the I - MAX cinema; it was 3D so as a result we needed 3D glasses. Did you know that the screen in cinema is one of the biggest in Europe? We enjoyed the film although there were some parts that frightened us!

Year 6 pupil

"It felt so real, I really thought I was in outer space travelling to Mercury, Venus, Mars and Saturn. I could even see my own feet in the space shuttle when I looked down"

Year 6 pupil

Year 6 Science Museum

A few weeks ago, we attended an excursion to the significant Science Museum.

At the start of the day, we went to the space section where our teacher let us rove around and search for things there were unparalleled.



Even More News!!

Year 4 News

At the beginning of September, year 4 ventured down to Deptford Creek to take part in a low tide walk.

After preparing ourselves with long waders, a waterproof coat and a walking stick, we made the exciting descent towards the creek's edge. It was very slippery but luckily most of us managed to stay on our feet! While in the creek, we learned about the different types of animals that lived there and even tried a spot of fishing!

Back at the discovery centre, we found out more about the historical artefacts that had been pulled out of the creek. We tried to predict what they were and what they may have been used for. Year 4 enjoyed having such a fun and adventurous day out.



Year 2 News

On Monday 8th October Year 2 went to the Royal Festival Hall to watch the London Philharmonic Orchestra. They played music to accompany the story, The Highway Rat, which we have been enjoying in our literacy lessons. The children learnt two songs in class and were able to sing along with 3000 other children in Key Stage 1.

The concert was right by the London Eye. Year 2 saw lots of famous buildings including the Houses of Parliament!



Times Tables Champions

We encourage children to learn their times tables and it is hoped that by the time children are in Year 4, they know all of their times tables up to 12x. This is achievable with practice every night for at least twenty minutes. We would also encourage children who have access to a computer to use:

TT Rockstars

www.ttrockstars.com

Times Tables Balloons

www.theschoolhub.ie/sample.php

All children in KS2 should have their own username and password for TT Rockstars and if they have mislaid it, their teacher will provide them with one.



At the moment,
Zaki (Year 6) is our
overall
TT Rockstars Champion
with a current speed of
0.57 seconds.
Well Done!!

Morden Mount Sport

We offer a full programme of before, after and lunch time clubs in order to offer your child access to a variety of sports and allowing them to keep active throughout the school year. The sports on offer will change each term and we would encourage all children to attend a club. We provide professional coaches who will ensure that each club is enjoyable for your child. Check with the office for more details.

Our year 6 Sports Leaders are doing a fantastic job managing lunch time play and acting as real role models for younger children. They are taking their extra responsibilities seriously and are showing great leadership qualities. We will soon be selecting our Boy and Girl Sports Leader captains and they will have some extra responsibilities such as attending school council meetings and having a say in the way sport is run in the school.

Morden Mount Sport

Inter Schools Competitions

Our Inter Schools competitions are about to commence and children will be busy preparing for these with their coaches. This term, we have a number of different competitions to look forward to:

Tag Rugby, Dodgeball, Cross Country, Sportshall Athletics, Football and Netball matches.

Check the Sports Blog on the school website for reports of these events.

Dates for your Diary

| Date | Item | Time |
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| 15 November | School photograph day | |
| 16 November | 5GW class assembly - online safety | 9.10am |
| 16 November | Children in Need day! | |
| 20 November | Reception 2019 open day | 10-10.45am |
| 21 November | Chain Reaction theatre company anti-bullying performance | |
| 23 November | Year 4 Sikhism assembly | 9.10am |
| 28 November | Year 5/6 inter-borough Athletics event | |
| 28 November | Reception 2019 open evening | 5.30-6.15pm |
| 29 November | Year 3/4 inter-borough Dodgeball competition | |
| 30 November | 5NC class assembly | 9.10am |
| 30 November | FoMM Christmas fair/cake sale | 3.30pm |
| 4 December | NSPCC assembly and workshops to KS1/KS2 | |
| 7 December | 6KO class assembly | 9.10am |
| 7 December | Year 2 Fire safety workshop | |
| 7 December | Year 4 to Greenwich Library | |
| 13 December | Scholastic book fair starts today | |
| 13 December | FS Nativity to Nursery/Reception parents | |
| 21 December | END OF TERM | |
| 8 January 2019 | CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL | |

Morden Mount raises over £660 for MacMillan!!

On Friday 28th September, we held a variety of activities in order to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Trust. These included face painting, holding an afternoon tea and holding a cake sale.

Thanks to the fabulous efforts of children, staff and parents we raised over £660, which is a fantastic amount!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for getting involved and digging deep into your pockets!