

Spring Term Number 8

Week ending  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Dear Parents and Governors

**Learn – Achieve – Enjoy**  
**“Exceptional Pastoral Care” (Ofsted, September 2018)**

**KEY DATES**

**HALF TERM Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS GO ON SALE**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION – FUNDRAISING FOR UNICEF BY WEARING YELLOW AND BLUE ONLY.**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Mother’s Day raffle drawn**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Cake Sale Coffee Morning Ukraine fundraiser**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Mother’s day**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter bonnet parade and Easter raffle drawn**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – SCHOOL CLOSSES 1PM Parents’ Evening**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term for Nursery**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – WINNING HUMMINBIRD TEAM WILL HAVE MUFTI**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Term Ends at 1.30pm for Reception to Year 6**

**EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – INSET DAY – Closed to children**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – FIRST DAY BACK OF SUMMER TERM**



**HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE**

This week saw the return of another “normal pre-covid” activity...the disco! Disco day was met with much excitement across the school as many children had either never been to one, or had missed them for the past two years! The atmosphere in the hall was electric and I am sure there were a lot of tired children going home after the levels of energy and excitement inside. A special thank you to Mr Hill who was our awesome resident DJ! Look out for photos on the website!

One thing that the disco tuckshop highlighted for staff was the lack of experience children are getting with real money. In a world where they observe parents easily tapping cards or buying online, it’s easy to forget that these real-life experiences are important for children. Please do try to give your children these experiences with real money outside of school and we will continue to work hard on this inside school too.

**WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER**

We would like to give a special Morden Welcome to our newest member of staff – Mr Manny Smith. Mr Smith joins us as a TLA in year 6 and our new Sports TLA. Many of the children know Manny through his coaching of tennis through MSSP. We are very excited to have him join our team.

**GP AND DENTIST APPOINTMENTS**

We would like to remind parents that they should make all GP and Dentist appointments for children outside of school hours. If you do have a medical appointment within school hours, you must email the school office in advance with a copy of the letter. Please do not phone on the day.

**PHONING HOME DURING THE DAY**

The office staff will not be able to phone home for parents to bring in mufti clothes/water bottles if children forget. Please do ensure you use the website and weekly Morden Messengers to see what events are coming up.

**PARENT GOVERNOR**

We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Board for one parent governor. If you are interested in this voluntary role, please email [info@morden.merton.sch.uk](mailto:info@morden.merton.sch.uk) as applications close Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm midday. Applications were sent out via Parentpay.

**WELLBEING**

Under the Information tab on our website, we have a section on wellbeing and resources that are available for parents to support their children’s mental health and wellbeing. [Wellbeing – Morden Primary School](#)

## NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION 23 MARCH 2022



Join us on 23 March, the second anniversary of the first UK lockdown, for a National Day of Reflection to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future.

In addition, this year we would like to hold our Ukrainian families close in our thoughts. The Sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine. After discussion with our school council, this year Morden will acknowledge the National Day of Reflection's daffodil alongside the sunflower. Children will tie yellow and blue ribbons and balloons around school to show our support. We will plant daffodils and sunflowers

around the school- last year's daffodils are in bloom now! In exchange for wearing blue and yellow clothes, we ask that a small donation is made via Parentpay. All donations will be sent to UNICEF – a charity that is currently supporting Ukrainian refugee children.

# Join us for a

National Day of  
Reflection  
23 March

**The Morden PTA will also be holding a cake sale on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March to raise money for Ukrainian refugee families. Look out for further information.**

### EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

Next week is all about defeating the broccoli! Remember to send photos in of you defeating the vegetable of the week if you want to feature in the Morden Messenger!

Also, don't forget to get your child to return their home sticker chart for entry into a competition when they have tried all 5 vegetables in the campaign.



### UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

After the Easter holidays, we will begin to expect all children to adhere fully to our uniform policy. In particular, we will be focusing on shoes that are worn. We require and expect all children to wear black suitable shoes. Ankle boots should not be worn as uniform. Trainers should only be worn on PE days.

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations this week's Learners of the Week

w/e 11<sup>th</sup> March Week 9

CLASS	LEARNER OF THE WEEK		HIGH 5 – VALUE WINNER	
	NAME	REASON	NAME	REASON
<b>Yellow</b>	Maisie	For creating an amazing robot for her home learning task.	Naomi	Respect – for always using her manners!
<b>Red</b>	Alfie	For writing an amazing story at home. Well done, Alfie.	Borislav	Respect – for always remembering his manners.
<b>Green</b>	Frankie-Leigh	For putting in 100% effort in all her learning this week. Well done.	Adel	<u>Responsibility</u> - you have been a superstar this week. Well done.
<b>Blue</b>	<u>Taliah</u>	For the progress she is making in writing.	Davina	Teamwork – for always offering to help out!
<b>Purple</b>	<u>Siana</u>	For writing a thoughtful 'Mindfulness' story in Literacy.	Yusra	RESPECT – for having more respect towards her learning.
<b>Silver</b>	<u>Ahan</u>	For growing in confidence and participating lots of times during all lessons.	Bill	Teamwork – For being a helpful learning partner.
<b>Gold</b>	Hamza	For being an excellent learning buddy to the children he sits with in Gold Class – Hamza is always ready to help!	Sebastian	RESPECT – for lovely manners 😊

# ACTION FOR HAPPINESS – MINDFUL MARCH

Translated into other languages: [Mindful March](#) | [Action for Happiness](#)

Mindful March 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness	2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world	3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive	4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words	5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them	6 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels	
7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day	8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food	9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others	10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face	11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today
14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do	15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly	16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity	17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant	18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	19 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are	20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today <a href="http://dayofhappiness.net">dayofhappiness.net</a>
21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else	22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult	23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them	24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today	27 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today
28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible	29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice	30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling	31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life			

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

**Happier · Kinder · Together**

## HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!

Winners this week...

**BRONZE: Majid**  
**SILVER: Ryan F.**  
**GOLD: Sophia**



*Hummingbird Team Point Chart: Spring 2 2022*



whole school	Rufous	Comet	Zafiro	Xanthus	Firecrown
week 7 w/c 21st Feb	64	45	52	67	58
week 8 w/c 28th Feb	131	84	99	103	114
week 9 w/c 7th Mar	77	62	65	90	72
week 10 w/c 14th Mar					
week 11 w/c 21st Mar					
week 12 w/c 28th Mar					
<b>Total</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>244</b>

### EASYFUNDRAISING FOR MORDEN PRIMARY

**Please remember to log onto this website prior to any online purchasing** as the school gets a small commission of what you purchase **AT NO COST TO YOU**. **Please tell your families and friends as well.** 1. Go to <https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mordenprimary> and join for free. 2. Over 3,000 online shops are included



£29.35

Raised last month



£1569.39

Raised in total



0

New supporters last month



64

Total supporters

## WHAT'S ON DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Morden Leisure Centre  
Easter Swimming Lesson  
Short Courses

4th - 8th April 2022

GET SOME  
HALF TERM  
HAPPY

DISCOVER A  
WORLD OF FUN  
THIS HALF TERM

13.00-13.30 Non Swimmers

13.30- 14.00 Foundation Top Up

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Find out more about holiday activities at  
[better.org.uk/half-term](https://better.org.uk/half-term)



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**Mrs P. Blow, Headteacher**

