

Autumn Term Number 14
 Week ending
 13th December 2024



Dear Parents and Governors

Learn – Achieve – Enjoy

“High levels of pastoral support at the heart of the school community” (Ofsted, April 2024)

KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tues 17 th Dec	Class parties with special visitor in school. Please check with your class rep for further details 🎅
Tues 17 th Dec	Nursery last day
Weds 18 th Dec	Pantomime to Wimbledon Theatre – Sold out
Fri 20 th Dec	End of term – 1.30pm finish
Mon 6 th Jan	INSET DAY
Tues 7 th Jan	Term Begins
Mon 13 th Jan	Y6 Class trip to the British Museum

HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE:

It was lovely to welcome so many families into our school and St Lawrence’s as part of our annual Christmas celebrations. This week we have been busy with a carol concert, 4 nativities, a disco, Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinners! A huge thank you to Mr Hill for driving down to be our resident DJ. The children always enjoy the disco and it’s lots of fun! Next week we have a special visitor on Tuesday afternoon who will be visiting the class parties.



As is Morden tradition, we like to give away our Christmas trees each year (sadly not the decorations or the lights, just the tree!). If you would like your family to be considered for this, please do let the office know. We are open to expressions of interest from charities that you may also be involved with.




Provisionally, it looks like our Christmas fair raised just under £2000! Thank you to everyone who helped out and especially the PTA for making it such a wonderful success.

HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!

- SILVER: Ayeza**
- PLATINUM: Roman**
- SILVER 2: Freddie**
- PLATINUM 2: Borislav**



Congratulations to this HALF TERM'S HUMMINGBIRD WINNING TEAM....RUFIOUS! Rufous children and staff will be able to come in non-uniform on Friday 20th December!

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Learner of the week

Class	Name	Reason
Yellow	Hamad Ahmed	For his amazing writing this week. Well Done!
Red	Sunnie Micallef	For her amazing courage during the nativity show. well done, Sunnie!
Green	Jamir Noel	For an excellent clear voice and great acting in the Nativity.
Blue	Danilo Lytvyniuk	For engagement in lessons and clear explanations
Purple	Alexa Acheampong	For improving her sewing skills and designing a money container for DT
Silver	Mason Moriarty	For inspiring the class with your impressive space project video.
Gold	Reyhan Koshif	Great effort and pride in his maths work this week, dividing fractions by integers.



High 5 of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Yellow Class	Aisha Drame	Responsibility-For helping a friend to put on their shoes.
Red Class	Whole Class	Teamwork - for your amazing effort during the Nativity shows.
Green Class	Robyn Darmody	Challenge/ Resilience- To keep persevering in Nativity practice and eventually giving a brilliant performance.
Blue Class	Wahaj Waqas	Responsibility. For being the water bottle monitor at lunchtimes
Purple Class	Stanley Langford	Teamwork - showing great teamwork skills and being part of all the Winterfest shows.
Silver Class	Charlotte Stice	Responsibility - For modelling to the class how to put in 100% effort in all of your learning.
Gold Class	Cody-Joe O'Neil	Resilience - shown in maths all week in independent tasks

READING KINDLE WINNERS

Every child in Y1-Y6 who has 5 adult signatures Wednesday to Wednesday, has their name entered into a raffle. Three winners are selected in assembly to win our Kindles for a week. This week's winners are:

- **Y1 & Y2 – Lewis**
- **Y3 & Y4 – Mason B**
- **Y5 & Y6 – Huzaifa**

Well done everyone and keep reading! Mrs Danaher, Literacy Leader



MATHS TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS CHAMPIONS

Each week in assembly, we celebrate children on the TT Rockstars leaders' board. Children in Year 2-6 compete in this competition. **All children In Y2-6 are expected to complete a minimum of 30 minuter PER week and this is checked every Wednesday ready for our celebration assembly on Thursday.** This week's winners are:

Improved Speed	Name
1 st	Ivan
2 nd	Emmanuella
3 rd	Viola

Improved Accuracy	Name
1 st	Theo
2 nd	Imani
3 rd	Saoirse

Most Correct Answers:	Name
1 st	Aurora
2 nd	Vihaan
3 rd	Anayah

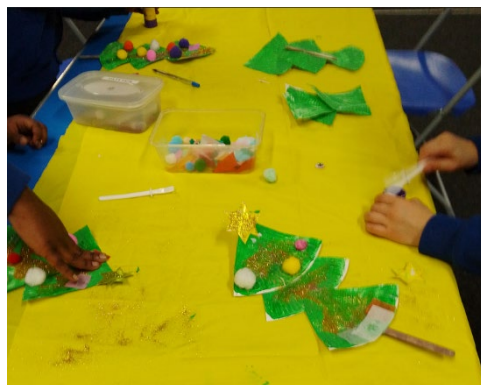


Well done everyone! **Mrs Green, Maths Learning Leader**

MORDEN MARVELS

This week at Morden Marvels we have enjoyed lots of Christmas activities and arts and as well as a Christmas film night with popcorn.

We have a few spaces available for the Spring Term – please contact Mrs Freeman for more details.



HUMMINGBIRD GARDEN

Our Hummingbird Garden is now closed for the winter. A big thank you to our Head Gardeners, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Dorrian, for all their hard work this year in running our lunchtime gardening club.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Thursday, children enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch served by the staff. Each child received a cracker and especially enjoyed the dessert of chocolate cake and ice cream.





MESSAGES TO THE OFFICE

We would like to remind parents that if there are ANY changes to your child's collection arrangements, these need to be communicated with the office as early as possible. Often there is only one admin staff member in the office after lunchtime. **After 3pm, any messages cannot be guaranteed to be with the class teacher before 3.10pm.**

SCOOTERS

Please do not let your child scooter at high speed outside the school gates or on the footpath. Our school is located near a busy main road, and the area is crowded with children and families during drop-off and pick-up times. Unfortunately, there have been instances of children falling off their scooters or colliding with others and parked cars, which poses a serious safety risk. Please help us ensure everyone's safety. Thank you for your cooperation!

COAT IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY

As the weather changes and temperatures drop, we want to remind everyone about the importance of keeping our children warm and dry. Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school each day.



NO COAT – NO PLAY

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones should not be used on school grounds. This especially includes taking photos and filming as it is a safeguarding concern. Please ensure your phone is kept out of sight while you are on the premises.

APPOINTMENTS

If your child has a medical appointment, or has any other commitment during school hours, please provide evidence of this **before** the event. Please do not inform us or send in the letter on the day of the event. We need time to update the register, notify staff, and adjust school meal plans accordingly.

All routine GP and Dental appointments will not be authorised and need to be made out of school hours.

Thank you for your understanding.

NO DOGS IN SCHOOL

No dogs, even carried ones, are allowed on school premises or near any entrances.

TISSUES

As the weather gets colder and runny noses make their way into school, we are in need of extra tissues. If you are able to donate a box for your child's class, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!



Date: Saturday 7 December
Time: 10:00-14:00
Venue: 5th Sutton (St Barnabas) Scout Hall, SM1 4JN

Date: Tuesday 10 December
Time: 15:00-18:00
Venue: 5th Sutton (St Barnabas) Scout Hall, SM1 4JN

Date: Thursday 12 December
Time: 15:00-18:00
Venue: The New Horizon Centre, Mitcham, CR4 1LT

FREE Taster Session

Comet Drama Taster

- Date: Friday 13th December
- Time: 3:15 - 4:15 PM
- Who: Open to Year 1-6

lucy@cometdrama.co.uk

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a new weekly drama club at Morden Primary, starting in the new year!

To give your child a chance to experience our classes before signing up for the term, we're offering a free taster session!

Book here

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"It's great for building confidence and the memories they are making are magic!" - Shara

"My progression playing the keyboard has been amazing." - Navi

"I had tears watching her perform. Amazing skills that will help her for the rest of her life!" - Anisa

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COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES SPORTS COACHING

We have been recognised as the Best Children's Sports Coaching Provider in Surrey by UK Enterprise Awards.



Sporting Opportunities at Morden Primary School

Community Advantages Sports Coaching have provided sports to Primary Schools for eighteen years now. Listed below are the sports activities we are providing for the academic year 2024/25. We hope your child will join us to participate in sport.

Gymnastics - £7:25 per week, equating to £79.75 for the term.

Wednesday at 5.15pm – 6.15pm/Years 1 - 6 – Ref: **MPGYM**

Children who attend Morden Primary are eligible for a 50% discount

Gymnastics will start on Wednesday 15th January 25 and will run through every week of the spring term, until Wednesday 2nd April 25. We will start again, after the Easter break, in April with dates to be confirmed. Gymnastics will be delivered in the school hall. Your child should wear Gymnastics appropriate clothing and be collected punctually at 6.15pm.

Should you wish for your child to participate in this club, payment to secure your child's place on the course should be made before the first session. Your child's position on the course can't be reserved beyond this date without full payment. We advise you to secure a place at your nearest convenient moment as allocations are limited and are only guaranteed on a first come first served basis.

To secure a position in this club, please complete the reply slip (below) and email it to us using the contact details (below). We will then contact you to confirm how to make a BACS transfer. Once payment has been received, a place for your child will be reserved. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require further information about the club.

I would like my child to participate in sports with Community Advantages at Morden Primary, club reference:..... CASC will do everything expected to safeguard the welfare of my child, but I understand CASC can't be held responsible for any accidental injuries, unless negligence can be proven. I provide my contact details in case of emergency:

Parents Name.....

Child/Children's Name & Class.....

D.O.B./Year Group.....

Address/Postcode.....

Contact Tel & Email Address.....

Any relevant medical history/other relevant information.....

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MP3 Present their twelfth fun-filled Family pantomime in support of LEAH Learn English At Home

Aladdin

Written by Emma Dewhurst Directed by Ellie Lyons

TICKETS £5

31 January - 2 February 2025
St John the Divine, High Path, SW19
Friday 31st - 7pm
Saturday 1st - 2pm & 7pm
Sunday 2nd - 2pm

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P. Blow, Headteacher