

Spring Term Number 5
Week ending
9th February 2024



Dear Parents and Governors

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

KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 19th Feburay	Spring 2 Term begins
Mon 26 th February	Y4 at Science Museum
Thurs 29 th February	Year 5 Sports Leadership training
Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th March	Book Week
Wed 6 th March	Book Week Dress up day
Mon 11th March	Y5 performing at the Royal Albert Hall 7-10pm
Thurs 14 th March	Y6 at Science Museum
Thurs 21st March	School closes at 1pm due to Parents PM
Thursday 21st March	PARENTS PM 1.30-7.30pm
Mon 25 th March	Easter Bonnet parade 9am (Parents welcome weather permitting)
Mon 25 th March	Y5 at Wimbledon Bookfest (after Easter Bonnet parade)
Mon 25 th March	Last day of Nursery
Tues 26 th March	PTA Easter themed Film Night
Wed 27 th March	WINNING HUMMINGBIRD TEAM MUFTI
Wed 27 th March	End of Spring term- school finishes at 1.30pm
Thurs 28 th March	INSET DAY FOR STAFF
28th March – 12th April	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your support this half term. We are now half way through this school year! I hope you have a lovely half term with your families and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 19th February. Next half term we have Book Week, our Year 5 perform at the Royal Albert Hall, we have various science museum trips and our Easter bonnet parade and raffle to look forward to!

CURRENT YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5 FAMILIES

We are pleased to announce that we have booked a residential visit to Sayers Croft from 11th - 15th November 2024. **This will be for current years 4 and 5. From November 2024 onwards, we will be going back to alternate years for our school journey.** Please note that the trip to Sayers Croft in November will therefore be the only opportunity for children in Purple and Silver Classes to go on a residential visit.

Sayers Croft is a beautiful, purpose-built outdoor educational site which borders the Surrey Hills. During their stay, children get the chance to experience a range of outdoor activities, including: a reflective night walk; fire building in a Saxon roundhouse; abseiling; and there's also a zip line! It is a great opportunity to apply skills learnt across the curriculum in real life contexts in the wonderful outdoors.

Look out for the letter going home with children in Purple and Silver Classes this week. Please speak to the office if you would like to find out more about the bursary scheme supporting children to experience this residential. We have applied successfully for this over the last two years. **Mrs Torreiro, Phase 3 Leader**

STAFF NEWS

Mr Smith has made the decision to step down as a Teaching and Learning Assistant in Year 6. However, we are very excited to share that he will be remaining with us at Morden solely as a Sports Coach and PE teacher through his sporting company – Multisports4all. As many of you know, Mr

Smith runs a very successful HAF club during the holidays and has been offering a range of sports clubs. We are very excited that he will be remaining with us and sharing his passion of sport with the Morden children. [Extra-Curricular Activities - Morden Primary School](#)

We have also successfully recruited a Teaching and Learning Assistant (TLA) to support in Y6 across the week. Miss Reynolds joins the Morden team after half term.



MULTISPORTS4ALL

After School Basketball Club

Years 1-3

★★★★★

Activities

- Matches
- Dribbling Drills
- Shooting Practice
- Passing Drills

£30.00

Every Wednesday from:
21st Feb - 20th March
(5 weeks)
Morden Primary
3:15pm - 4:00pm

Sign up on:
www.multisports4all.co.uk

Enquiries: Msports4all@outlook.com



MULTISPORTS4ALL

After School Basketball Club

Years 4-6

★★★★★

Activities

- Matches
- Dribbling Drills
- Shooting Practice
- Passing Drills

£30.00

Every Thursday from:
22nd Feb - 21st March
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BOYS & GIRLS INCLUSIVE TENNIS CLUB KS1 & KS2

MULTISPORTS4ALL

We will be running an all year round Tennis programme for children in both KS1 & KS2 at Morden Primary School.

Our aim is to grow a variety of different sports within the school for the kids to take part in.

Book now for a term full of fun-packed tennis games for your kids to enjoy!

TERM COST £30.00

TUES 20TH FEB - TUES 19TH MARCH
3:15PM - 4:15PM
(5 WEEKS)

MORDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
LONDON RD,
SM4 5PX

Registration Link
www.multisports4all.co.uk

For more Information, please contact
Msports4all@outlook.com

HOLIDAY VOUCHERS

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, please look out for the Tesco vouchers which have been sent to the allocated email address.

ONLINE PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS

Jointly run by Off The Record and Croydon Drop In

Join us online for the following workshops. Sign up via Eventbrite by scanning the QR code below. Cameras and microphones can be turned off.



Helping your Child's Behaviour (Primary age)

Wed 21st February 5-6 pm

Helping your Child with Anxiety and Worries

Wed 28th February 5-6 pm

Looking After Yourself for Parents

Wed 6th March 5-6 pm

Introduction to Autism

Wed 13th March 5-6 pm

Introduction to ADHD

Wed 20th March 5-6 pm



Off The Record also run workshops for parents for support with **Self Harm** and **Emotionally Based School Avoidance** scan the QR code to the left to find out dates, times and how to sign up.



TALK TO US

OFF THE RECORD



**Are you OK
Croydon?**



**You Talk,
We Listen**
Croydon Drop In

HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!

Hummingbird Winners for this week:

BRONZE: Jay-Sean

PLATINUM: Joel

SILVER 2: Nickoy, Zara

HUMMINGBIRD 2: Matthew

BRONZE 3: Aurora

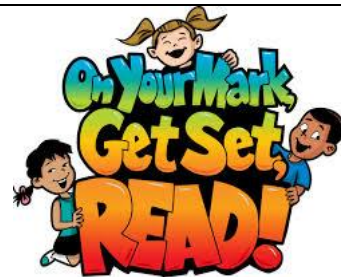
SILVER 3: Nomana



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 – Jay-Sean**
- **Y3 & Y4 – Alec**
- **Y5 & Y6 – Ryan**



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

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations this week's Learners of the Week

w/e 9th February, Week 5

CLASS	LEARNER OF THE WEEK		HIGH 5 – VALUE WINNER	
	NAME	REASON	NAME	REASON
Yellow	Jack	For his super handwriting in phonics this week. Well done.	Poppy	Resilience-in all her learning this week. Well done.
Red	Jamir	For amazing questions and sentence writing in Literacy. Well done.	Patrick	Respect – always respectful towards his friends and adults. Well done, Patrick.
Green	Johannes	For his fantastic poster about turtles.	Othman	Teamwork – for be a brilliant learning buddy.
Blue	Oreece	For his amazing design of photograph frame in our DT lesson.	Ustym	Resilience-Demonstrated in all his learning this week. Fantastic job!
Purple	Riyana	For creating an amazing painting from a flower design.	Juwain	Challenge – for challenging himself to use correct spellings in his writing.
Silver	Adrian	For a fascinating and creative science project.	Rhiley	Responsibility - for putting his hand up to answers questions in every lesson.
Gold	Yusra	For a fantastic home learning project on Ancient Greece!	Naomi	Challenge, Resilience & Responsibility all shown in her writing of a Greek myth.

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
1st	Eshan
2nd	Alexa
3rd	Borislav

Improved Accuracy	Name
1st	Imani
2nd	Amelia
3rd	Valentina

Most Correct Answers:	Name
1st	Alessio
2nd	Gabriell
3rd	Justin



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

My VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, wherever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say - and believe - "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week - to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour, and act on their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off' conversations about our mental health - sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling - it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying - I don't always need answers (or lectures).
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me - I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age - my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

For primary children: bit.ly/3PpCG18

For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wK

CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK

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WEEK
8-11 FEB 2024

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DAY

WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT'S YOUR ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK TO IF YOU WERE FEELING WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?

CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK

Are you a Merton resident?

Would you like help with any of the following?

- ✓ Your child's development
- ✓ Behaviour and emotions
- ✓ Relationships
- ✓ Money
- ✓ Training or work
- ✓ Benefits
- ✓ Finding childcare
- ✓ And more



Una Walsh from Merton Family and Information Support Hub – FISH will be at the following coffee mornings in the studio to answer all of your questions.

Friday 26th Jan, Friday 23rd Feb & Friday 22nd March

No need to book, just turn up 8.50-10am in the studio, have a cuppa and biscuit and see what Una can help you with.

If you are not able to attend, but have some questions, please see the Merton Council flyer below for more information.



MERTON COUNCIL

Family Information and Support Hubs (FISH)

We can help you with any aspect of family life, including:

- ✓ Your child's development
- ✓ Behaviour and emotions
- ✓ Relationships
- ✓ Money
- ✓ Training or work
- ✓ Benefits
- ✓ Finding childcare
- ✓ And more



Our Early Help Co-ordinators will offer advice and guidance to help you to find and access the supportive information and services that you need. Book a free session now:

Sessions take place Monday to Friday with a mixture of face to face and telephone appointments available. Please visit the website or scan the QR code to book:

www.eventbrite.com/cc/family-information-support-hub-1705749



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EASYFUNDRAISING – LINK ON THIS BEFORE ANY ONLINE PURCHASES – it doesn't cost you anything and the school gets a donation. It's our easiest form of fundraising!



Donations:		Supporters:	
£12.28	£2,113.99	0	81
Raised this month	Raised in total	New Supporters this month	Total Supporters

CAUSE PAGE QR CODE
Morden Primary School - Surrey



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Mrs P. Blow, Headteacher

