

Autumn Term Number 3

Week ending
23rd September 2022



Dear Parents and Governors

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

KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 29th September	Y4 at Wimbledon Bookfest am/Y5 at Wimbledon Bookfest pm
Friday 30th September	McMillan Coffee Morning – 9am in the studio
Wednesday 5th October	Tours of school for prospective parents – please book through the school office
Friday 7th October	Y3/4 Camp at school – further information to be sent soon!
Monday 10th October	1.30-7pm Parents Evening <i>Note change of start time.</i> SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1pm <i>Note change of closing time.</i>
Wednesday 12th October	Y2 at Polka Theatre
Wednesday 19th October	Tours of school for prospective parents – please book through the school office
Friday 21st October	WINNING Hummingbird Team may come in MUFTI – Team TBC
24th – 28th October	HALF TERM

HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE

This week, our Head Boy had his first official duty in his role – his report is within this week’s Messenger. I would like to thank Mrs Williams who stepped in to take Bill at the last minute during my absence. I hear that they represented not only our school brilliantly, but also our cluster of Morden Schools. Well done Bill and Mrs Williams.

PUNCTUALITY

Recently we have been allocated a new EWO (Education Welfare Officer). She comes in each fortnight and monitors the attendance and punctuality registers for the children at Morden. If your child is late, you must sign the late book. Staff will ask children who arrive late at the classroom door why they are late – this is common practice across Merton. Please note that lessons start 5 minutes after the gates open and these are usually Literacy or Maths so it is essential that your child arrives on time. Lateness not only is upsetting for your child, but also disrupts the learning of the children who have arrived on time.

**HEAD BOY’S REPORT OF VISIT TO THE COUNCIL TO
SIGN THE BOOK OF CONDOLOSCENCES FOR HER
MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH**

When we arrived, Mrs Williams and I sat down for a little while and waited until a man named Seth appeared. Seth is in charge of school publicity for Merton. Seth took us to where the Book of Condolence was and then some of the other Morden schools appeared. I was the second person to write inside of it and left a message for King Charles III to read on behalf of the school. Mrs Blow wrote an article on behalf of the 10 schools in the Morden cluster which will be sent to Buckingham Palace. Mrs Blow was supposed to come with me but she tested for covid that morning.

Before everyone finished their messages, I met Mrs Torreiro's sister. Eventually, they finished signing their words of respect towards King Charles and Queen Elizabeth and we had a group photo. Several pictures were taken and I had a photo by myself next to a few drawn images from the pupils in my class. Some of them are even going to be posted on the



Morden Messenger. Cool right? After that we had a couple of last photos of some kind messages from citizens of Morden and a lot of flowers. My favourite were the white flowers. Finally, we made our way back to school safely. Fun Fact: We saw a lady called Councillor Sally Kenny, (I think her name was) and she is actually one of the people who used to work side by side with Mrs Blow, Mr Carrington, Mrs Barbour and Mrs Smith. This is my account of what happened on my trip. **Reported by Bill, Head Boy**



THE MORDEN SCHOOLS' CLUSTER

On behalf of the Morden cluster of schools, we would like to express our deepest condolences to the Royal Family on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

On 11.10.19, just prior to the world closing with covid, Abbotsbury and Morden Primary were honoured to meet Her Majesty the Queen as she officially unveiled a commemorative plaque at Haig Housing Estate. The Queen has been a patron of Haig Housing since 1952. One of the housing blocks was named the Queen Elizabeth Terrace in her honour. Haig Housing is the country's oldest and largest military housing charity. The development provided 68 new homes for military veterans and their families – many who go to schools in our cluster.





Harry, from Abbotsbury, was very excited to invite Her Majesty into his home. Naomi, from Morden, was delighted to personally hand the Queen her official visit flowers.



After waiting in the rain for a while, the children were delighted that the Queen spent time talking to them and asking questions to show her interest in them.

The visit marked the Queen's first royal duty since her return from Balmoral that summer. The children wrote letters and drew pictures which were sent to Buckingham Palace and we were delighted when we received a reply.

It is a day that will remain in the children's and staff's memories for the rest of their lives. Thank you, Your Majesty, for your dedication, service and resilience. We are honoured to have met such an amazing and kind person.






LONDON WARMER HOMES GRANT

Energy bills are expected to rise by 80% this October. Families who own their own homes or rent privately, are on a means tested benefit or low incomes, and have children receiving the Pupil Premium may be eligible for a Warmer Homes grant. The Mayor of London Warmer Homes Programme offers grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 for heating, insulation and ventilation improvements for low-income Londoners who own their homes or rent privately and live in an EPC D-G rated property.

Warmer Homes is supported by Merton Council as part of its commitment to reduce the cost of living, make homes warmer, greener and cheaper to run and our borough a fairer place for all.

To find out if you're eligible, visit www.london.gov.uk/warmerhomes.

TESCO TOKEN COLLECTION

TESCO
Community Grants



Do you shop at Tesco's?

Use your token to vote for Morden Primary School in the boxes in store.

VOTING will commence in store from the 1st week of October and continue until mid-January 2023

1st Prize - £1500

2nd Prize - £1000

3rd Prize - £500

We want to use this money to purchase tents and outdoor equipment to offer Morden Primary children outdoor experiences.

Tokens to vote can be found at:

- Cheam Express: SM3 8HY Express (in a petrol station)
- North Cheam Exp: 668 London Rd SM3 9BY Express (in a petrol station)
- Sutton-Cheam Extra: 55 Oldfields Road SM1 2NB Extra (Oldfields Road)
- Brighton Rd Sutton Exp: 14-17 Regent Parade SM2 5BQ Express
- Wallington Express: 72-82 Woodcote Rd SM6 0LY Express
- Sutton Angel Hill Exp: 77 Angel Hill SM1 3EH Express
- Sutton Lower Road Exp: 10 Lower Rd SM1 4QW Express

Thank you!

HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!

Hummingbird Winners for this week:

COMET

265

FIRECROWN

224

RUFOUS

271

XANTUS

215

ZAFIRO

291

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations this week's Learners of the Week

w/e 23rd September WEEK 3

CLASS	LEARNER OF THE WEEK		HIGH 5 – VALUE WINNER	
	NAME	REASON	NAME	REASON
Yellow	Marnie	For completing all of her home learning tasks so well!	Sam	Respect – for being patient when waiting his turn.
Red	Mason	For working really hard during Maths to add 1 more.	Oriley	Responsibility – for always having good learning behaviour.
Green	Sagun	For her hard work in all subjects this week. Well Done.	Ustym	Challenge-in maths tasks this week, well done.
Blue	Boe	For her beautiful stone-age house made in home learning.	Frankie-Leigh	Challenge – for challenging herself in maths.
Purple	Ibrahim	For being able to identify the main themes of a story in Reading	Cody	Challenge – for overcoming his worries and being able to join in swimming lessons! What a SUPERSTAR!!!
Silver	Naomi	For making a great effort to answer lots of questions in class and learn with an enthusiastic attitude.	Jaazba	Responsibility – For making a great improvement with your listening and concentration in class.
Gold	Jessica	For working very hard in our history lesson about mummification.	Bill	Teamwork – in maths, supporting classmates 😊

HIGH SCHOOL TOURS

A reminder that high schools host open evenings for prospective Year 7 children throughout September and October. Please make sure that you look on websites for dates as some require booking. Please look out for a recording Mrs Blow did with advice on how the high school admissions system works.



In Partnership with:

 merton
 School Sport Partnership

Merton Borough District Football Trials

Following on from the success of last season's Merton Borough football initiative, Sean McInnes Sports Coaching, working in partnership with Merton School Sport Partnership is looking to recruit children for the 2022/23 squads. This Borough teams are formed from a group of the strongest players attending schools within the Merton borough.

Players for the 2022/23 season should be in year 5 or 6. Merton Borough Football Trial Wednesday 5th October Kingsway Sports Ground, KT3 6JB 6-7.30pm

We believe this is a great opportunity for all children. For those who do not make the squads this time, there will be further opportunities. For those who do they will become part of the exciting initiative and have the opportunity to represent their borough. We aim to make the experience, positive, inclusive and fun for all.

If you would like further information, please feel free to contact us directly. Kind regards,
 Sean McInnes Sean McInnes Sports Coaching info@seanmcinnesssportscoaching.com

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. For every purchase you make, the school will receive a commission percentage. **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

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

School Nursing will be in school on Wednesday 18th October to give the Nasal Flu vaccination for all children in Reception - Year 6. Please use the QR code below (or attached in an email sent from the office) to register your consent.

All consent information is highly confidential, you CANNOT contact the school office. Consent can only be given via the link that will go directly to the NHS.

Flu Immunisation Consent Form 2022

Would you like your child to have the nasal flu immunisation at school?

Please scan the QR code below using your smartphone camera to direct you to the consent form website

Please do not fill out another form if you have already

Merton Schools



This form should take no longer than 2 minutes to complete

If you have any queries, please contact the Sutton and Merton Immunisation Team 0203 903 3373 / 3371

Hrch.immunisationteamsuttonmailbox@nhs.net

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Sutton and Merton School Age Immunisation Team

THE VOICE KIDS

The Voice Kids will be returning to our screens on ITV in 2023 and we're looking for super talented singers and duos aged 7-14* who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage. Parents are welcome to email me directly to chat further or they can submit an application form via this link;

[itv.com/beontv/articles/thevoicekids](https://www.itv.com/beontv/articles/thevoicekids). Please note that we cannot consider any child for participation unless we receive an application form from a parent or duly authorised legal guardian – please do not include any details of any child in any response you send.

Applications must be submitted by a parent/legal guardian and auditions are taking place in October and November 2022. I have also attached our flyer if you're happy to share on your social media.

If you have any questions or wish to find out more, please feel free to get in touch with me directly on

hester.teasdale@liftedentertainment.com and 0161 952 1338

**THE VOICE KIDS 2023
APPLY NOW!**

The Voice Kids is back and we're looking for super talented **SOLO SINGERS & DUOS** who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage!

If you know any 7-14 year olds who want their voices to be heard, we want to hear from you!

For more information about how to enter go to [itv.com/beontv/thevoicekids](https://www.itv.com/beontv/thevoicekids) or [stv.tv/voicekids](https://www.stv.tv/voicekids)

Applications close on **Friday 11th November 2022**

We reserve the right to extend the closing date at our discretion

Other eligibility criteria and terms and conditions also apply (see entry form for full details).
Personal data provided by you will be collected and processed in accordance with the privacy notices set out in the entry form.

Mrs P. Blow, Headteacher

