

Spring Term Number 8

Week ending
3rd February 2023



Dear Parents and Governors

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

KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Mon 6 th – Fri 17 th March	Y3 Intensive swimming course
Thursday 9 th March	Y4 at Wimbledon Bookfest – Francesca Simon & Steve May
Friday 10 th March	Mufti Day for Easter Eggs
Wed 15 th /Thurs 16 th March	Proposed Teacher Strike Days
Friday 17 th March	9-10.30am Parent Workshop on Gangs and County Lines
Mon 20 th /Tues 21 st March	Gang/Weapon workshops for Y3-6
Thursday 23 rd March	National day of Reflection
Thursday 23 rd March	Reception trip to Polka theatre Jack v Giant
Monday 27 th March	Easter Bonnet parade + Easter raffle drawn
	PARENTS’ EVENING – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.10pm for Reception to Year 6
	Nursery open for FULL TIME pupils only
Wednesday 29 th March	Nursery last day for Spring term
Friday 31 st March	MUFTI day for Winning Hummingbird Team
Friday 31 st March	Term ends 1.30pm

HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE

Have you been concerned about the recent weapons activity in the local area?

On **Friday 17th March**, we are pleased to be able to offer a very important workshop that I would encourage all parents to attend.

Unfortunately, knife crime is something that is all too common in London. Victims and perpetrators are getting younger. Children in primary school are increasingly being groomed to participate in gang activity in some form. Because of the recent activity and arrests in the local area, we want to be proactive in ensuring that we educate our children to prevent them making the wrong decisions. This workshop is about supporting parents to identify and respond appropriately to support our children.

Please put this date in your diary to attend – tea/coffee/biscuits will be provided. The workshop is 9-10 with a Q&A opportunity at the end for 30 minutes.


SOS+ Programme

Booking and enquiries:
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For more information:
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Our gang and county lines parents’ session consists of **speakers with lived experience** within the criminal justice system to unpack and explore the **realities and consequences** of county lines, gang involvement, and serious youth violence.

Perspectives from previous perpetrators and runners/transporters, combined with relevant case studies, aid audiences in gaining an **authentic and credible understanding** of this complex and cross cutting issue.



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Parent Awareness Coffee Morning

Delivered by Rosanna

The session will help parents and carers to identify the **signs and triggers** that a child or young person might be involved in county lines and gain an understanding of **how to appropriately respond** to such indicators.

09:00 - 10:30

17/03/2023

HUMMINGBIRD WINNERS – Well done!

Hummingbird Winners for this week:

GOLD: Borislav

BRONZE 2: Kyran

Comet

852

Xantus

735

Firecrown

810

Zafiro

701

Rufous

767

READING KINDLE WINNERS

As you will know from the letter that you recently received, every child in Y1-Y6 who has 5 adult signatures Wednesday to Wednesday, had their name entered into a raffle. Three winners were selected in assembly to win our Kindles for a week. We are delighted to announce the first winners of our reading raffle are:

- Y1&2 – Timothy
- Y3&4 - Frankie-Leigh
- Y5&6 - Yusra



Well done! We are looking forward to seeing who wins next week. **Miss Diamant, Acting Literacy Leader**

CAR IDLING AT FRONT OF SCHOOL

Please can we encourage parents to ensure that they are not idling their cars in front of the gates before/after school. This will help us try to improve air pollution around our school – which is already made difficult as we are at a busy junction. Thank you for considering the lungs of our children (and adults!) by not idling your car.

[Idling Action](#)

[Tackling idling in Merton | Merton Council](#)

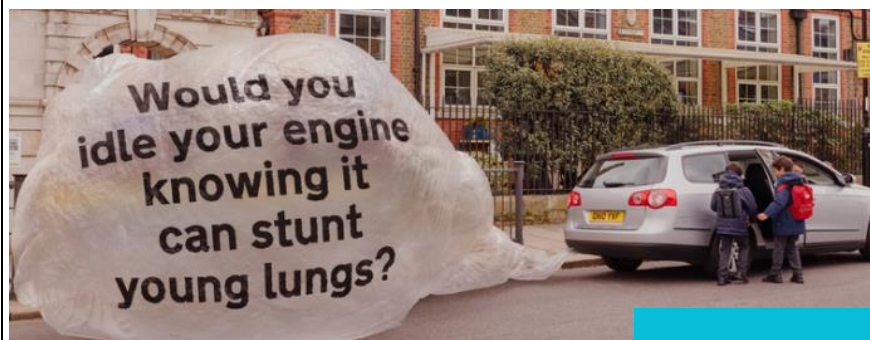


Did you know?

Idling wastes fuel and money as well as exposing you and the people around you to toxic fumes.

Children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable to the effects of air pollution.

Idling your engine unnecessarily is an offence and you could be fined.



DID YOU KNOW?



STOPPING AND RESTARTING YOUR ENGINE CREATES LESS POLLUTION THAN IDLING FOR ONE MINUTE



CHILDREN ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO THE EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION



IF YOU ARE PARKED ON A YELLOW LINE WITH YOUR ENGINE RUNNING YOU CAN STILL RECEIVE A FINE FROM A TRAFFIC WARDEN



IDLING IS AN OFFENSE AND YOU MAY BE FINED BY AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Air Pollution and Idling

Air pollution is a major risk to health and contributes to 4,100 deaths in London each year. More than half of London's pollution comes from road traffic.

Idling -leaving your engine running while your vehicle is stationary-creates pollution which quickly builds up around and inside your vehicle.

Both short and long-term exposure to air pollution **damages our lungs, hearts and brains**. Putting a stop to idling is a simple way we can all help to clean up the air we breathe.

Idling Action London

We are asking you to **please switch off your engine if parked for 30 seconds or longer**.

Idling Action is working with 31 London boroughs and City of London Corporation to tackle idling by engaging drivers and working with schools, businesses, hospitals and public sector fleets.

Myth

I need to keep the engine running to keep the heater on.

If I'm parked on a yellow line, keeping my engine running means I won't get a fine.

Stopping and starting will wear out the engine?

Idling does not contribute very much to air pollution in the grand scheme of things.

Truth

If you switch the engine off when you park and keep the ignition on, the heater should stay warm for up to 30 minutes.

Traffic wardens can fine you if you are parked somewhere you shouldn't be, whether your engine is running or not.

This is no longer a problem with modern engines and by not idling you will use less fuel and reduce your fuel costs.

Research has shown that switching off engines when parked can reduce localised pollution levels.



Y5/6 NETBALL TEAM

On Friday the 24th of March, 9 students from year 5 and 6 competed in the MSSP Netball Championships. The pupils played extremely well as a team and should be proud of their efforts.

Go Team, Morden! **Miss Fursland, PE Learning Leader**



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations this week's Learners of the Week

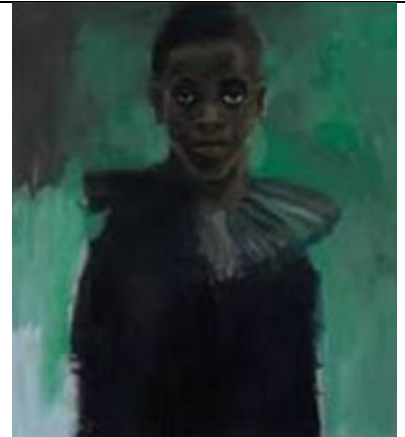
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CLASS	LEARNER OF THE WEEK		HIGH 5 – VALUE WINNER	
	NAME	REASON	NAME	REASON
Yellow	Akira	For fantastic independent writing!	Ellie	Teamwork – for reminding her friend that they could do it when a task was challenging.
Red	Timothy	For his great improvement in his sentence writing during Literacy.	Othman	Teamwork – for supporting his friends in Red class.
Green	Ethan	For his consistent hard work this week in all subjects.	Ares	Resilience-well done Ares, keep up the positive attitude.
Blue	Roman	For answering questions and completing work. He has showed good memory, background knowledge and technique across all the lessons.	Cleo	Challenge – For completing work that has been set before her. She has stayed focused to answer challenge questions and tasks. A real role model!
Purple	<u>Kyran</u>	For showing empathy towards the main character in Whole Class Reading.	<u>Reyhan</u>	Teamwork – for always supporting his classmates, especially during our school trip.
Silver	Ronnie	Rapping, reading and composing really well in our music lesson.	Yusra	Responsibility – For showing super concentration and a love of learning in all subjects this week.
Gold	Ajith	For working so hard in Literacy all week and really thinking about his writing targets.	<u>Ahan</u>	Responsibility - For creating a Hindu God family tree for Gold Class to support our RE topic

YEAR 4 GALLERY TRIP

Last week, Purple Class visited the Tate Britain in Pimlico to see the work of Lynette Yiadom-Boakye. She is a British painter and writer and is best known for her portraits of imaginary people. The children really enjoyed discussing and drawing some of her amazing paintings.

Mrs Barbour, Year 4 Purple Class Teacher



GREEN CLASS TRIP

On Wednesday 22nd February Green Class headed up to Bond Street to 'The Wallace Collection'. We became Museum explorers and we were introduced to the rich setting of the Wallace Collection, and to the idea of creating a collection. It was a brilliant opportunity for the children to discover a range of artworks from world-famous collections with opportunities for them to handle artefacts including the famous armour collection. It was definitely an awe and wonder experience. **Mrs Hume, Green Class teacher**



ANOTHER GREEN TRIP 😊

In Green Class we have been learning about habitats and microhabitats. On Monday morning Green Class took the 157 bus to the Sutton Ecology Centre. We went on a minibeast hunt in the local area which involved pond dipping to look at the microhabitats of many minibeasts. We found lots of different minibeasts including newts, caterpillars, beetles and worms and lots of frogs' spawn. It was an extremely fun morning of exploring. **Mrs Hume, Green Class teacher**





Multi Sport & Activities Camp Ages 5 – 12



- **Holiday camp & Food Programme sponsored by Merton Council.**
- **Free places for children receiving free school meals.**
- **Open to all children with all abilities.**

Time/Date

Mon 3rd April – Thursday 6th
April
10am – 3pm

Venue:

Morden Primary School, London Rd,
SM4 5PX

Activities

- Football
- Dodgeball
- Basketball
- Handball
- Arts & Crafts

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Look out for further information about Mr Smith's Multi-Sport Activities camp being held in the Easter holidays.

HAF codes will be accepted at this club. More details will follow soon.

Mothers Day Raffle Tickets on Sale

We have some fantastic prizes for this years raffle, including a luxury hamper, candles, beauty gifts and lots more.

Tickets are £1 a strip. Please send in your form to the school office to order your tickets.

Draw will take place on Thursday 16th March.

EASYFUNDRAISING – Please do sign up – it’s easy. We only have 66 supporters at present.

We’ve registered Morden Primary School - Surrey with #easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it’s completely FREE and doesn’t take long.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mordenprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-gs-f1

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Mindful March 2023

MONDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today
dayofhappiness.net

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

TUESDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

WEDNESDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

THURSDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

FRIDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

SATURDAY

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

SUNDAY

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Mrs P. Blow, Headteacher

