



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



Our PACA coffee morning was a huge success

Thank you to the parents and carers who came along to our Coffee Morning attended by PACA MK, a support group for families with SEND. We hope you found it interesting and useful. It was so lovely to hear all the positive feedback and ideas to improve our provision. Thanks to the staff at Hedgerows and Moorlands Family Centres who joined us too. **Together we can** meet the needs of all our children.



Moorland Attendance HERO – Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time



We are pleased to see last week's illnesses working their way out of the school with the improvement in attendance this week with many classes moving from **Red** to **Amber**.

We are just three weeks away from being half way through the school year! If your child has been unwell, there is still time to see an increase in your child's percentage attendance. Up until yesterday, **90 children had 100% attendance since the start of the spring term**. That is amazing, especially with the recent bout of illnesses. Keep it up, you are doing really well.











Attendance really does make a difference to your child and to the School. If your child's not in school, they are not learning and they are missing out on all the wonderful things we do. Langland Primary School's recent OFSTED report shows what can be achieved as their attendance levels have skyrocketed, and your child's can do the same.

At this time of year, when the weather is cold and wet, we think about booking a holiday. **Please don't book holidays in school term. Your child's education is more important. They will miss out on so much.** Please remember, if holidays are taken in term time, your child's absence will be unauthorised and the absence could be referred to MKCC. Why not look for holiday companies who provide ideas for out of term holidays? School staff can't take holidays in term time. We are all affected by the challenge of finding reasonably priced holidays in the school holidays. So, we understand your frustration. **But your child's education is life-changing.**



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Thank you to all of those families that come to school whatever the weather! We knew there would be a dip in attendance today due to it being a windy, rainy Friday. It is such a shame that the weather affects how many children come to school in the winter isn't it! Any suggestions or feedback on this would be very gratefully received.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 20 th January 2025	
 Ladybirds ~ 92.2%	 Owls ~ 89.0%
 Hedgehogs ~ 90.4%	 Squirrels ~ 90.0%
 Foxes ~ 86.9%	 Badgers ~ 92.4% 
 Falcons ~ 90.3%	 Skylarks ~ 86.9%
 Whole School ~ 89.6%	



Challenge and Empower Workshop by Hazard Alley

Year 6 children are looking forward to the visit to the School by Hazard Alley staff on 30th January. They will be leading a workshop to help children to develop strategies of empowerment and confidence-building, part of our Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum and Safeguarding Curriculum. We can't wait to share their experiences with you in next week's newsletter.



Internet Safety Workshop for Parents – Tuesday 11th February

We are running an internet safety workshop for parents on Tuesday 11th February at 9.00am. This will be a really useful opportunity to find out how to keep you and your family safe from the pitfalls and risks of the internet. We look forward to seeing you. Tea and coffee will be available.

Activities at the Family Centre

Take a look at the posters below to find out what's happening in the Moorlands Family Centre. Full details are available on their website:
www.moorlandsfamilycentre@milton-keynes.gov.uk.



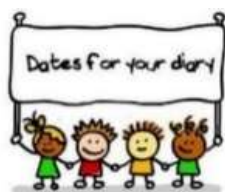
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School dinners

A reminder of the deadlines for ordering school dinners. You can of course get ahead and order school dinners for the rest of the Spring Term. If your child brings packed lunches, why not take a look at the menu. Remember that **school dinners are free for all children from Reception up to Year 2 and for older children in receipt of Pupil Premium**. But if you are not in receipt of Pupil Premium, perhaps you could ask your child if they would like a school dinner occasionally.

Here are the deadlines for ordering school dinners for February. **If you miss these deadlines, your child must bring a packed lunch from home. Meals are prepared to order and there is no guarantee that there will be anything spare if you forget your child's packed lunch.** The office will phone you if your child has no lunch which is an inconvenience for you.

Deadline to place order	For meals the week beginning:
Tues 28 th Jan	Monday 3 rd Feb
Tues 4 th Feb	Monday 10 th Feb
Tues 18 th Feb	Monday 24 th Feb
Tues 25 th Feb	Monday 3 rd March



Date	Event
Thurs 30 th Jan school hours	Year 6: Empower and Challenge Workshop – a fully funded workshop presented by Hazard Alley. This is taking place in School.
Tues 11 th Feb 9.00am	Internet Safety Morning for Parents
Thurs 13 th Feb 3.00pm	School Council Valentine's Table Top sale – bring some pennies to treat a loved one
Fri 14 th Feb 3.00pm	Term Ends
Half Term Holidays	
Mon 24 th Feb 8.30am	Children return to school
Thurs 24 th Feb School hours	Al Sylvester Visiting Year 5 and 6
Wed 5 th March	Nursery parents Stay and Play
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day – Details of theme for dressing up to follow
Tues 18 th March	Reception families Story Café
Mon 28 th April	Class Photos and Year 6 Individual photos

Best Wishes

Mrs. Angela Garner
Headteacher



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FREE

STREET DANCE LESSONS
EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING 15TH JAN
@ 4.30PM-5.30PM
FOR AGES 8-14

CLASSES HELD AT
MOORLANDS FAMILY CENTRE
BEANHILL
MK6 4LP
BOOKING ESSENTIAL
PLEASE CONTACT

DO IT! DANCE FOUNDATION

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Become a Brownie

Brownies
 7 to 12 years

With guiding girls have fun, adventure and the space to discover their potential!

1st Beanhill Brownies meets every Monday from 18.00 - 19.30

Sign Up Today!

Girlguiding



Moorlands Family Centre – 2025
0 – 5 Calendar

See reverse for the wider family calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>8:45 - 9:30 Pop in & Play (Drop In) Let the little ones learn and explore in the lovely family room</p> <p>9:00 - 9:30 Sensory room A calm and soothing space to explore light and textures for you and your little ones.</p> <p>9:30 - 11:00 Baby Disco Grab your glennies and join the Moorlands team to start the week with a good, happy dance and sing</p> <p>11:00 - 12:30 Big Cook, Little Cook (CLMK) Healthy Lunch Boxes 6th January – 10th February Bring your under 5's to this fun cooking session. Learn cooking tips and tricks and creative ideas to feed your young ones.</p>	<p>8:45 - 9:30 Pop in & Play (Drop In) Let the little ones learn and explore in the lovely family room</p> <p>Messy Play 9:30 – 10:45 A fun sensory session to promote imagination, language, and development</p> <p>10:00 - 11:30 Parent and Toddler Group @ MK Christian centre Oldbrook</p> <p>1:00 - 2:30 Language & Play (CLMK) 4th February – 18th March</p>	<p>8:45 - 9:30 Pop in & Play (Drop In) Let the little ones learn and explore in the lovely family room</p> <p>9:30 - 11:00 Baby Group (Bumps to Babies) Come and join our relaxed, nurturing baby sensory session. A chance to meet other parents in the area and share experiences</p> <p>12:30 - 2:30 Nurture Programme 10 week parenting Programme 22nd January – 2nd March</p>	<p>8:45 - 9:30 Pop in & Play (Drop In) Let the little ones learn and explore in the lovely family room</p> <p>9:30 - 11:00 Soft Play, Songs & Rhymes Encourages children to explore and play independently and build confidence</p> <p>9:00 - 9:30 Sensory room A calm and soothing space to explore light and textures for you and your little ones</p>	<p>9:00 - 12:30 Sensory Room A calm and soothing space to explore light and textures for you and your little ones</p> <p>9:30 - 10:30 Music and Movement @ Coffee Hall Community Centre A fun music and movement session for the under-fives.</p> <p>2:00 - 2:45 Socotots Fun football session for children walking to age five</p>
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