



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

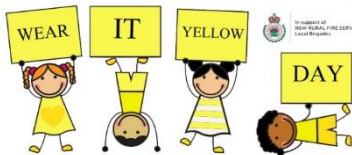
11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello Yellow – Hello Success!

Well done Year 6 – you smashed it and really pulled out all the stops for our Hello Yellow charity fund-raising day. The children were incredible - baking a yellow themed cake sale, making fantastic crafts and decorating the hall. It was wonderful. Thank you to all our parents who came along and supported them and bought lots of yummy cakes and of course to our **wonderful team led by Miss Tompkins** who went to enormous efforts to make this happen. It really was a great effort and just goes to show that **Together We Can**.

We are delighted to share with you that we raised over £350. All the money raised will go to the Young Minds UK charity (a fantastic charity that supports children's mental health and wellbeing).



Friends of Moorland (PTA)

Would you like to be involved in a brand-new PTA where parents, staff and children work together to organise events and activities - whether that's for the benefit of the community or the school? If you are interested in helping out and volunteering, please email the school - parentsinfo@moorlandprimaryschool.co.uk or speak to our Year 6 teacher Miss Tompkins.



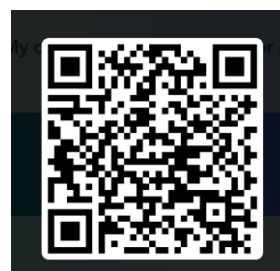
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Parent and Teacher Meetings

Thank you for coming to our parent teacher meetings this week – we had a great turnout and it's always special to share with parents how well their child is doing. We asked parents to complete our **Parent Survey by clicking on the QR code** below. So far, we have had 35 completed surveys – but we want many more. It's not too late to tell us how we are doing; what is going well and if there is anything we can develop further. We will share the full survey results soon. As parents arrived at their meeting, we asked them to complete a new **Photo permission form**; if we don't appear to have yours, a copy will be sent to you in your child's book bag, so please look out for a pink coloured form and return it completed to the school office. Many thanks.

Here is Parent Survey QR Code

Please scan the code to complete our short survey
Together we can make our school even better...



Wednesday Coffee Mornings

We were delighted to welcome the **Principal of Milton Keynes Academy** to our Wednesday Coffee morning this week. Mr Farquhar talked enthusiastically about the Academy, its progress and the many positive changes that have been made. **He extended an invitation to all our parents to visit Milton Keynes Academy during an Open Month in October** – this will be of particular interest to our current Year 6 children who are making the important choices about next year's secondary school; but it may also interest our current Year 5 and even Year 4 children and parents as they will be able to see the progress over the next year or two. Please contact the Academy: email: info@miltonkeynesacademy.co.uk phone: 01908 341700 to arrange a visit.



Advance notice of our **Coffee Morning on Wednesday 23rd October is about Oral health care** and making sure your child's teeth are well looked after. A family support worker from Hedgerows and Moorland Family Centres will be joining us with lots of information and advice to share. This is an ideal opportunity for our Nursery and Reception parents to come along to our coffee morning.



Stay and Play for our Nursery parents – Wed 13th November

We would like to invite our nursery parents to join us for Stay and Play session on Wednesday 13th November at 9.30am – 11.00am. More dates to follow.



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Open evening for Prospective Reception Parents and their children – Tuesday 19th November – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

We are having a Stay and Play event for all parents whose children are due to start in our Reception class in **September 2025**. This is a chance to meet the staff, look round the Reception class and outdoor play area and find out what Moorland Primary School can offer your child. Please come along even if your child attends our nursery.



Interested in a Nursery Place in 2025 and 2026?

Are you looking for a nursery place for your child from the age of 3 years+ at Moorland Primary School & Nursery? Our nursery is currently full but we are having lots of interest from families of younger children. If we were to increase our places or expand our age range then this would involve recruiting additional staff. This takes time– so advance planning is really important.

If you have a young child who will be needing a nursery place in 2025 or 2026, then please come and talk to us, visit our nursery and see what we have to offer you and your child. If you know other families with younger pre-school children who live in Beanhill area, then tell them about us and encourage them to arrange a **visit**. **Click on the link** below to see our Early Years outdoor play area in action and the wonderful facilities our Reception Class and Nursery could offer your child.



MPS Early Years
Environment Video.m



Starting School for the First Time in September 2025

Children who are in nursery and were born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 must apply for a school place now, ready for September 2025.

Although the deadline for applications is **15th January**, don't delay – apply on line by the end of November, then you can relax and forget about it. **Come along to our Stay and Play session on Tuesday 19th November at 3.30pm – 4.30pm to find out more.**

In England, every parent must apply for a place for their child even if it's linked to the child's current nursery. Maximise your chance of getting your preferred school place by doing the following:

<p style="text-align: center;">Apply on Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Closing date is 15th January 2025 (starting school for the first time) • Any applications received after this date will be processed after the National Offer day • A late application means you are less likely to get any of your preferences • Notification of places offered will be made on 16th April 2025 (unless your application is late). 	<p style="text-align: center;">Apply On-line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can only apply on-line at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions before 15th January 2025 • You will be able to view, update, submit and check the status of your application through the Citizen Portal • Notification of the place will be quicker and your application will be secure • You will be able to log in on 16th April to view the School that has been allocated
<p style="text-align: center;">Choose Wisely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the School's allocation and oversubscription criteria. This is how all the applications will be ranked. • Don't assume that you will be allocated a place at your catchment school, if you don't state it as one of your preferences • Don't assume your child will get priority just because they attend a nursery class attached to your preferred school. • Consider how easy it is for you to get your child to and from school on time. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Use all four preferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You could disadvantage yourself if you do not use your opportunity to express a preference for four schools • Each preference is considered in its own right, so give yourself four separate chances, the schools do not know the order of your preferences. • If more than one school is able to offer your child a place, the order of preference is important, so ensure you list the schools in the order you want them to be considered.





Year 6 – Starting Secondary School in September 2025











It's great that most parents have now applied for your child's secondary school place. A few parents have yet to decide, and you will have received a leaflet from MKCC via the school earlier this week. (There may be a delay in us getting updates from the Council about any outstanding applications, so if you know you have applied and have received an email from Milton Keynes Council confirming your application has been **submitted**, then please ignore our reminder).

If you need help making your application, you could go to the drop-in sessions at Milton Keynes City Council Civic Building on the following dates between 11.30am – 3.30pm – Wed 16th Oct, Wed 23rd Oct and Wed 30th October



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

Unfortunately, our attendance dipped again this week with the season of winter bugs upon us. Please read the letter sent to you about keeping your child healthy and in school. We hope that everyone begins to feel better over the weekend, ready for our next exciting week of learning. Well done Hedgehogs, Ladybirds and Foxes for keeping their attendance up. We hope that next week all the attendance figures will soar back into green.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 7 th October 2024	
 Ladybirds ~ 96.8%	 Owls ~ 92.1%
 Hedgehogs ~ 95.0%	 Squirrels ~ 87.5%
 Foxes ~ 98.1% 	 Badgers ~ 86.2%
 Falcons ~ 91.7%	 Skylarks ~ 85.9%
 Whole School ~ 91.1%	



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School dinners

Here is a reminder of the deadlines for ordering school dinners for the next few weeks: You can of course order school dinners for the whole term, but if you miss these deadlines, your child will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

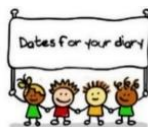
Deadline to place order	For meals the week beginning:
Tues 22 nd Oct	Monday 4 th Nov
Tues 29 th Oct	Monday 11 th Nov
Tues 5 th Nov	Monday 18 th Nov

After School Clubs

Information about our after-school clubs for next half term will be going out on Parent Pay next week. Keep an eye out for any messages and make sure you don't miss out. We have to achieve minimum numbers on each club to make them viable as some of them (particularly sport) are run by a third party and cost us lots of money. If they are not taken up then we will have to cancel them so please book on.

The Colder Weather is here so wrap up warm

The weather is getting colder now, so please remember that your child needs to wear a warm coat to school as time is spent outdoors every day. At the end of the school day, we have to reunite of coats, so make sure your child's coat, hats, scarves and gloves have all been named. Thank you.



Date	Event
Wed 16 th Oct	Wellbeing Coffee Morning
Thurs 17 th Oct	M&M theatre show – Snow White (free for all year groups)
Wed 23 rd Oct	Wellbeing Coffee morning – advice and information about your child's dental health care
Friday 25 th Oct	Last day of term
Thurs 31 st Oct	Deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for their child's secondary school place
Tues 5 th Nov	Children return to school
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th Nov	Anti-Bullying week
Tues 12 th Nov	Individual pupil photos
Wed 13 th Nov 9.30am – 11.00am	Nursery Parents Stay and Play
Tues 19 th Nov 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Stay and Play for prospective Reception Parents and their children – come along and meet the Reception class team



Best Wishes

Mrs. Angela Garner - Headteacher

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