

MORNINGTON

News



AUTUMN 1 - 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MRS JOYCE

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter as the new Acting Headteacher of Mornington Primary School. It is a true honour to have been given the opportunity to lead and continue building on the successes our school has already achieved.

Having had the privilege of working at Mornington for over 25 years, I've really developed a deep affection for this school. I have witnessed firsthand the dedication of our incredible team and the joy our wonderful children bring to the school each day. With such committed staff and conscientious children, we are in a fantastic position to embark on this exciting new chapter together.

My top priority is to ensure that your child is happy, safe, and thriving. The wellbeing of both our children and staff is already at the heart of everything we do, and this is something I will continue to champion. We know that when children feel secure and supported, they are in the best place to learn. Equally, when our teachers feel valued and empowered, they are in the best place to teach. Strong academic outcomes will naturally follow.

I am looking forward to working closely with the whole community as we strive for even greater success for all our children. Together, we can help our children embody the 3Rs – being 'ready,' 'respectful,' and 'responsible'— so that they not only enjoy their time at school but also make excellent progress and develop the skills and attitudes needed for the next stage of their educational journey.

As Acting Headteacher, you can be assured that I will remain dedicated to providing the best possible education for your child while they are part of the MPS family. I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks and working with you to ensure a bright future for our children.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Joyce

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff this term. Miss Gabi Langmaid who has joined our Year 3/4 team and is teaching in Class Trent, and Mr. Goodburn who has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Year 5/6.

BABY NEWS!

We're excited to announce that both Mrs. Stevenson and Miss Leiver will be starting their maternity leave today! We wish them both and their families all the best during this wonderful time. We can't wait to share the news of the new arrivals with you all. Stay tuned for updates, and let's send them both lots of love!

PREPARED FOR SCHOOL!

Please ensure your child arrives at school each morning with everything they need for the day. This includes lunchboxes, coats, PE kits, and water bottles. We've noticed an increasing number of parents dropping off forgotten items during the school day, which can disrupt both the office staff and classroom learning. Your help in getting your child prepared for the day ahead is greatly appreciated!

BIKEABILITY FOR YEAR 6

Some of our year 6s participated in the government's national cycle training programme. The programme focused on teaching practical cycling skills and road safety, helping the children gain confidence and competence in cycling on today's roads. This experience has equipped them with valuable skills to enjoy cycling as a lifelong activity.

I'm pleased to announce that they all passed the course!

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

To ensure the safety of our children and staff with severe nut allergies, we do not allow **nuts or any products containing nuts** on school premises. This includes chocolates typically brought in to celebrate birthdays, such as Celebrations or Heroes, which may contain nuts.

WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO TRIP

Thank you to everyone who has paid their deposit for the upcoming theatre trip. This event is always a highlight for the children, and it's truly magical when they all join in singing along to the songs. We're excited to once again fill the theatre in Mornington Green! Please note that the full payment is due by Monday 18th November.

If your child is not attending the panto, they should come to school as usual.





MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported Mrs. Dolman-Milner and Macmillan earlier this term. From coming to school in bright clothes, to buying cakes at playtime, and joining us for our coffee and cake event - your generosity helped us raise an incredible £1,005 for the charity!

Your support makes a real difference. Thank you!

AUTUMN STAR AWARDS

FS2

Altamash
Ahsan

Brogan
Wood

Y1/2

Finley
Cooper

Jack
Scott

Aria
Wason

Y3/4

Genesis
Opara

Eunice
Chu

André
Douglas

Y5/6

Ibrahim
Din

Olivia
Noon

Sophia
Nelson

Spanish

Ava Saini

Music

Beatrice
Gill

Sophia
Knowles

Sport

Miya
Digwa

Renzo
Tatar

Dojo Points Winners

Sophia Knowles
George Gray
Yaa Oppong
Alex Toplis
Esther Oludare

Zachary Oldroyd
Joseph Evans
Caitlin Jackson
Harry Wain
Dalia Chouankam

Emelia Fisher
Isabella Bridger
Lottie Bradshaw
Elliot Oldroyd
Naomi Wells

Finley Cooper
Aria Wason
Kayden McLarty
Lacey Brown
Chelsea
Thompson-Kirby

DIARY DATES

These are always given in good faith, but may sometimes change to circumstances beyond our control.

NOVEMBER

4th - INSET day
5th - Back to school for the children
5th - Bonfire lunch
6th - 7v7 tournament
12th - FS2 autumn walk
15th - Children in Need - wear yellow
20th - FS2 phonics workshop 2.30pm
25th - Book Fair
27th - Winter disco

DECEMBER

5th - Flu immunisations
9th - Whole school panto trip
11th - KS1 Nativity 9:30am/2:00pm
13th - FS2 Nativity 2.30pm
17th - Christmas jumper and dinner
18th - KS2 Star assembly
19th - Christmas party
20th - Last day of term

JANUARY

6th - First day of spring term

SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM

The children have had a fantastic start to their learning journey at Mornington! They've made new friends and enjoyed new experiences. In Literacy, we explored 'Goldilocks' and even tried porridge! They loved the 'Funnybones' story, dancing to the song and creating cotton bud skeletons. In phonics, we're reading and spelling short words, while in maths, we've focused on patterns, sorting, and the numbers 1, 2, and 3. The drumming workshop and Halloween activities were highlights. Next term, we'll explore 'A Little Bit of Winter,' and go on a local woodland walk on Tuesday 12th November, all parents and carers are welcome to come along with us!



In Year 1/2, our history focus has been The Great Fire of London. The children have retold main events and thought very carefully about how the fire started and why it spread so quickly, destroying so much of London. Making Tudor houses in art was an exciting job – very messy too! The children experimented with the technique of weaving – a technique not as easy as it looks! – to create a roof for their Tudor house.

Year 3 and 4 have been very busy! We've explored the intriguing lives and invasions of the Vikings, sparking lots of questions and discussions. In Science, the focus has been on sound, where the children measured different sounds and conducted fun experiments. They've really enjoyed learning about sound waves! Our Design Technology sessions have been a hit too, with students designing and evaluating their own musical instruments. It's fantastic to see their creativity come to life!



What a fantastic start to the Autumn term we've had in Year 5/6! Our history topic, 'The Ship of Dreams,' has taken us on an exciting journey, investigating the Titanic. We've explored its timeline, life aboard for different classes, the reasons behind the sinking, and how it changed history. In English, we read Kaspar – the Prince of Cats by Michael Morpurgo, inspiring some amazing writing. Next half term, we'll delve into past and present wars—stay tuned for our curriculum flyer!