

# MORNINGTON

## News



AUTUMN 2 - 2024

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS JOYCE

What a wonderful end to the Autumn term we have had! We hope you have enjoyed all the festive activities held over the past couple of weeks. Our children continue to be the most wonderful ambassadors for our school, embodying the values that are important to us. They have worked incredibly hard this term, and their progress and development have been lovely to see.

Our festive celebrations have truly been delightful, getting us all into the Christmas spirit and showcasing what amazing stars our children are. We are so proud of all the children who performed in their Christmas Nativities and choir concert with such confidence and presence. A huge thank you to you all for your support and encouragement, which has made these events even more special.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked hard this term to support every child in our school. Their commitment shines through in all they do, and we are fortunate to have such a dedicated team here at MPS.

Lastly, thank you to all the parents and carers who continually contribute to the success of your children and the wider school community. On behalf of the entire staff at Mornington, I wish you all a magical Christmas break filled with joy, fun, and some well-deserved relaxation!

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th January, ready for the exciting opportunities that 2025 will bring.

## VISIT FROM SANTA

Yesterday, our school was filled with festive cheer as we welcomed a very special visitor - Santa Claus himself! The children's faces lit up with excitement as he visited each class, from FS2 to Year 6, spreading Christmas magic and he even left every child a gift.

It was a truly magical moment that brought the spirit of the season to life at Mornington.



## BOOK FAIR

In November, we had the pleasure of welcoming author Megan Rix, who led workshops for each school phase and shared some of her fantastic books.

We also hosted a Book Fair and, with your support, raised £156.38 to help replenish our school library. Thank you all.

## ASDA CASHPOT

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our school through Asda's 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative.

You've raised an amazing £285.64, which will go towards purchasing playtime equipment for the children. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This week, we were treated to a delicious Christmas lunch, complete with plenty of crackers, party hats and festive music. The MPS Christmas Lunch has become a highlight of the school year for many children.

A huge thank you to Mrs Harris and her team in the kitchen for doing such a wonderful job!



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you so much to everybody that donated to Mission Christmas on our Christmas Jumper Day. Mission Christmas is a charity that works alongside Cash for Kids to ensure that children and young people in poverty receive gifts on Christmas morning.

With your generous support, we raised over £211 for this worthy cause. Your contributions make a significant difference to families in need. Thank you!



## FS2 & KS1 NATIVITIES

What a fantastic time we had with our two nativities! Our KS1 children absolutely wowed us with their brilliant performance of 'Everyone Loves a Baby', while Class Robin Hood delivered an amazing performance of 'Snuggle Up Stable'.

A huge well done to all the children for their enthusiasm, effort, and teamwork. Everyone in the audience was truly in awe and we are so proud of what they achieved.

A big thank you to all the staff and families who helped make this event so special.

The Eastwood & Kimberley Advertiser will be printing a special supplement featuring photos of the nativities on 20th December. Copies will be available in local retail outlets between 20th- 26th December.

## STAFF NEWS

We are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of two beautiful baby girls! Congratulations to Mrs Stevenson on the birth of her daughter, Harper, and to Ms Liever for welcoming baby Rosie. Both mums and their little girls are doing wonderfully well!



Rosie



Harper

We are also excited to share that Mrs Webb and her husband are expecting their first child in April. This is a wonderful time for them, and I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing them both the very best as they embark on this new adventure.

Today we will sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Wigg as she prepares for the arrival of her first baby. Miss Wigg has been part of the MPS team for nearly two years and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done for the children and staff at Mornington.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We are proud to announce that back in November, we raised an amazing £98.52 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A heartfelt thank you to the Year 6 students who helped to sell Poppies and to everyone who generously donated to this worthy cause.

## PANTO VISIT

Around 265 pupils and staff made their way to the Nottingham Playhouse to watch this year's pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk. We all had so much fun singing along, laughing at all the jokes, cheering and clapping - as well as the obligatory booing and hissing. The children's impeccable behaviour demonstrated once again that they all embrace the 'Mornington Way'.

## PUNCTUALITY

We have a number of children who are continually late attending school and when being collected from school. Please try to ensure that your child arrives at school for the start of the school day at 8:45am and is collected at 3:15pm when school finishes.

## WELL DONE CLASS ROBIN HOOD

Finally, the staff would like to congratulate our youngest children in school, Class Robin Hood, on completing their first term in school.

It has been a delight to see them thriving in their learning environment and becoming a part of our MPS family.



## AUTUMN STAR AWARDS

**FS2**

 Irena  
Abdullahzade

 Annaelle  
Hautot

**Y1/2**

 Lottie  
Bradshaw

 Brooke  
White

 Serayah  
Stewart

**Y3/4**

Aary Patel

 Harvey  
Sandhu

 Olivia  
Carroll-  
March

**Y5/6**

 Thea  
Nyoni

 Zeal  
Obasse

 Zachary  
Oldroyd

## EFFORT AND PROGRESS AWARDS

**FS2**

 Rakel  
Oludare

 Mason  
Silvester

**Y1/2**

 Ibrahim  
Islam

Leo Horne

 Rebel  
James

**Y3/4**

 Sophie  
Passmore

 Paria  
Esmaili

 Poppy  
Laing

**Y5/6**

 Emine  
Atasoy

 Iylah  
Wason

 Amelia  
Carroll-  
March

**Spanish**

 Ahrian  
Soor

**Music**

 Ivy  
McEvoy

 Chester  
Brown

**Sport**

 Ahmed  
Zidan

 Sophie  
Cameron

## DIARY DATES

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

### JANUARY

6th - First day of Spring term

13th - Class Lace begin swimming lessons

### FEBRUARY

14th - Break up for half term

24th - Children back in school

24th - Class Wollaton begin swimming lessons

### MARCH

4th - Parents' evening

5th - Parents' evening

17th - School disco

25th - Year 3/4 production

31st - Class Trent begin swimming lessons

31st - Year 6 residential

### APRIL

4th - Last day of Spring term

## DOJO WINNERS

 Miyah Ikotun  
Olivia Carroll-  
March  
Chester Brown  
Emelia Fisher

 Alexis Yardley  
Erica Wells  
Jiyapal Kaur  
Diya Vinod  
Florence Bales

 Dayton Dunbar  
Karam Kaur  
Isla Dyson  
Cohen Waldram  
Lacey Brown  
Brogan Wood

 Eunice Chu  
Nairika  
Abdullahzadeh  
Harvey Sandhu  
Oscar Fisher  
Ramirez Weir



## SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM

### FS2

What a super half term we have had in Class Robin Hood! We have focused on 'A Little bit of Winter', looking at woodland animals and the changes in our environment. The children have enjoyed our indoor tree in our role play area and playing outside in the fallen leaves! We went on our Autumn walk and enjoyed looking at what we could see, we spotted lots of different plants, trees and animals.

Our favourite story was 'owl babies', and the children loved using this as a focus for their writing, beautiful collages and sculptures. As well as this, we have also enjoyed learning how to record videos on ipads, learnt all about shapes in maths and practised our phonics. We have loved ending the term with Christmas stories, activities and crafts, and of course our nativity, where the children amazed us with their acting, singing and dancing on stage!



### YEAR 1/2



Our topic work this half term has focussed on The Great Fire of London and the children have been able to recall many facts and explain the key events. The Tudor houses were fantastic and to develop their art skills further, the children have been working on colour mixing and have produced a colour wash to create a London skyline during the fire. Another focus has been online safety. The children have been learning about information and images which we should and should not share online.



Our nativity was a memorable experience for so many. The children worked so hard to make this a success and we know that many of you have said how much you enjoyed it.

Next half term, our topic will be 'An Island Home' as we learn about the physical and human features of coastal regions. We hope you have a good Christmas holiday, and we will see you in the new year.

## SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM

### YEAR 3/4



This half term we started by exploring biomes and learning about different ecosystems, discussing how climate and location affect the types of plants and animals found in each area. Next, we looked at food chains and food webs, where the children enjoyed creating their own webs to show how all living things are connected and depend on each other for energy. We have also looked at both the positive and negative ways humans affect the environment encouraging the children to think critically about how they can help protect our planet. In a fun and practical project, the children designed their very own biscuits and calculated the costs involved in making them. This activity combined creativity with some essential maths skills, and they had a great time tasting their treats! We also discussed online bullying, emphasising the importance of kindness and respect in the digital world. Overall, it's been a fantastic and enriching half term!

What a great half term we have had! Our history lessons have taken us through significant events, including World War I, World War II, and the Falklands War. One of the highlights was our fantastic immersion day, where the children had the opportunity to experience what life was like during World War II. They engaged with various activities that brought history to life, making learning both fun and impactful.

In addition to our historical explorations, we ventured into the world of art with Picasso's powerful mural, Guernica, examining its themes and context. Our science unit has also been an exciting journey as we have delved into mechanisms, learning about gears, levers, and pulleys.

It's safe to say this has been a memorable term filled with learning and enjoyment! Our topic next term is all about 'Our Changing World'.

### YEAR 5/6



### THE CAVE



During the first half term this year, we enjoyed reading a different poem each week by a variety of poets. Our activities were centred around the themes from the poems, with some children even performing them for the class. As we moved into the second half of the term, our focus focussed on picture books.

In the Cave, creativity has flourished as the children made cakes, bird feeders, lanterns, and even their own Christmas decorations to decorate our space. Our music sessions have become the highlight of our week, filled with laughter and the joy of creating music together.

Additionally, our PE sessions have been quite engaging as the children have enjoyed activities involving balancing, throwing, and catching, alongside some fun with Go Noodle. Although our gardening sessions have been limited due to the weather, we have successfully planted some flowers and cress so far.