

MORNINGTON

News



SPRING 2 - 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy Spring Term at Mornington, we have so much to celebrate and be thankful for. From our sporting achievements, Y6 residential and performances to our hard work and our Ready, Respectful and Responsible attitude in school. I have been so proud of all our children and their personal achievements both in school and at home.

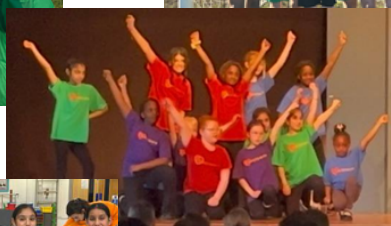


We all enjoyed the colourful display of Easter bonnets and hats that were paraded in school on Thursday. Mrs Donoghue and Mrs Harris had a hard task choosing the winners as all the entries were wonderfully creative. Congratulations to Lottie, Annaelle, Cohen and Leo.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well for the Easter break. We will look forward to seeing the children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

SPORTING SUCCESS!

This half term has been a great kick start for the sport at Mornington! Both our boys' and girls' football teams showcased their skills in competitive matches. Year 4 and 5 also participated in Chance to Dance, showcasing their choreography, teamwork and amazing dancing skills. Additionally, wheelchair basketball has been a hit for all years this half term. We had a group of year 5/6s represent the school in an EMET wheelchair basketball competition too! We look forward to more sporting events in the summer term!

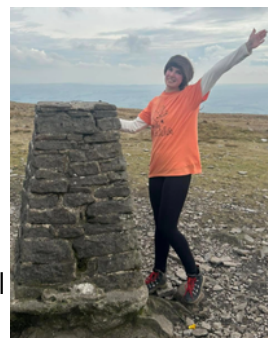


ASSESSMENT DATES

- 12th – 15th May – Year 6 SATs
- 2nd – 13th June – Year 4 multiplication check.
- 9th – 13th June – Year 1 phonics screener.

THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

In March, Miss Sensicall, along with her friends and family, tackled the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge – a demanding 25-mile round trip featuring the intense climbs of Pen-y-Ghent (694 metres), Whernside (736 metres), and Ingleborough (723 metres). Their impressive effort took 11 hours and 40 minutes and was in support of a cause close to her heart. We are all proud of you, Miss Sensicall!



YEAR 3/4 – 'ROCKING ROMANS'

A huge congratulations to the children in Year 3/4 on their fantastic performance of 'Rocking Romans'! They sang brilliantly and captivated the audience with their enthusiasm and talent. It was fantastic to see them showcase their hard work, as each child committed to learning their lines and performing with such confidence. Well done, Year 3/4 – you have made us all incredibly proud!



Y6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT

This week, the Year 6s enjoyed a fantastic residential at Caythorpe PGL centre. The trip provided an opportunity for the children to tackle new challenges such as: a zipwire, vertical challenge and even some canoeing! It was truly



wonderful to see the children working together as a team and helping each other to overcome their fears. Throughout the week they fully embraced every activity, pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and made lifelong memories. Well done, Year 6, we are so impressed with you! A huge thank you to Miss Sensicall, Miss Taylor and Mrs Wigg who gave their time away from their families to make this trip possible.



TTRS

There have been two recent Times Table Rock Stars 'Battle of the Bands' tournaments across KS2:

YEAR 3/4

Congratulations to Class Wollaton who scored a huge 23,267 points

Top 3 players:

- 1st place: Samrah - Wollaton
- 2nd place: Harry - Newstead
- 3rd place: Layla SS - Newstead

YEAR 5/6

Congratulations to Class Boots who scored a massive 38,845 points

Top 3 players:

- 1st place: Pranav - Raleigh
- 2nd place: Vivaan - Boots
- 3rd place: Logan - Raleigh



SPRING STAR AWARDS

FS2

Ivy
McEvoy

Alisa Naz

Y1/2

Aditi
Abburi

Harrison
March

Elsie-
Leigh
Hodgkiss

Y3/4

Eli Ikotun

Sophie
Cameron

Caitlin
Jackson

Y5/6

Jiyapal
Kaur

Ahrain
Soor

Hailey Siu

EFFORT AND PROGRESS AWARDS

FS2

Leon
Fujiwara

Harley
Boot

Y1/2

Afia
Botchway

Miya
Digwa

Mael
Garcia

Y3/4

Olivia
Mallam

Peighton
Holland

Jayan
Rathaur

Y5/6

Mae
Bancroft

Miyah
Ikotun

Euan
Godley

Spanish

Nihal
Shokar

Music

Skye
Beavis

Esther
Oludare

Sport

Sereyah
Stewart

Genesis
Opara

DIARY DATES

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

APRIL

4th - Last day of Spring term

21st - Bank Holiday

22nd - Children back in school

MAY

5th - Bank Holiday

12th - 15th - Year 6 SATs begin

19th - Drumming Showcase

23rd - Break up for half term

JUNE

2nd - Children back in school

3rd - Class photos

10th - Sports Day (weather permitting)

17th - District Sports

18th - 20th - Year 4 residential visit

DOJO WINNERS

Yaa Oppong
Thea Nyoni
Tamara Ayoub
Isabella Bridger
Eunice Chu

Zachary Oldroyd
Aaliyah Fasasi
Nusaybah Ahmed
Lottie Bradshaw
Zahnaya Davis

Ramirez Weir
Oliver Beavis
Jayan Rathaur
Samrah Imtiaz
Kiyaan Prasad

Layla-Rose Sutherland
Elizabeth McDonald
Chelsea Thompson-
Kirby
Jenson Waldram
Alyssa Ciambone

ORACY AT MORNINGTON



Our 'Oracy' journey in collaboration with Voice 21 continues. Voice 21 is a charity which supports schools to ensure children learn through talk and to talk. Our children are becoming familiar with 'discussion guidelines' and listening ladders,' and we have now introduced 'talk tactics,' where children can use sentence stems to engage and develop their ideas through talk. We have been proud this half term to showcase some of our skills 'in action' to other local schools and to a key representative from the Voice 21 charity. As always, our children were keen to do their very best!

SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM

The children have really enjoyed all of our learning based on the topic 'People Who Help Us'. We have been police officers, fire fighters, doctors, nurses and dentists in our role play area. The children have really brought their learning to life, applying their knowledge brilliantly in their games and play. A special thank you to PC Libby and Lacey's mum for taking the time to come into school to talk about the role of the police and dentists. The children also enjoyed learning about and celebrating Pancake Day, trying pancake toppings and discussing those they liked and those they didn't.

Next half term we are looking forward to our new topic 'Dig it, Plant it, Grow it'. We will have our first class trip when we will visit St Anne's Community Orchard. We will be planting lots of different seeds, caring for them and watching the plants grow.

FS2



YEAR 1/2



We have come to the end of a very busy half term and to the end of our unit of work, 'Tales of Nottingham.' The children have really enjoyed finding out about Robin Hood and medieval life. They have really engaged with the theme and have produced some lovely writing linked to this. We have had some wonderful recounts of 'Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow,' fantastic Wanted posters designed to capture Robin Hood and very creative instructions on how to be an outlaw and steal from the King! We are so proud of the children and all the effort they are putting into their work. Spelling and handwriting continue to be a focus as always.

In DT, we have been working on mechanisms and experimenting with a simple slider, lever and wheel. The children have then chosen a mechanism to incorporate into a Robin Hood based moving picture with amazing results! Next half term, our unit of work will be 'Wonderful Weather.' Look out for our curriculum flyer next half term!

SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM

YEAR 3/4



What a busy half-term it's been! We've had a great time diving into the fascinating world of the Romans and exploring their lasting influence on our lives today. In Design Technology, the children have successfully designed and sewn their own coin purses, picking up valuable stitching techniques along the way.

Our enrichment afternoons have been just as exciting. In outdoor PE, the children have developed their basketball skills, focusing on teamwork and coordination while enjoying the milder weather. During music sessions, they've been introduced to the recorder, discovering the fun of making music together.

Looking ahead to the next term, excitement is building for our new topic, 'Our Wondrous World'.

What a brilliant half term it has been! In History, we have explored the ancient Maya civilisation, marvelling at their astronomical skills and architectural wonders. Inspired by this, our Art lessons included the creation of vibrant Catrina dolls, linked to Día de los Muertos traditions.

In Science, we journeyed through Earth and Space, investigating day and night and created beautiful diagrams of our solar system with pastels. Meanwhile, in English, the children channelled their inner David Attenborough, writing and recording their own documentary transcripts.

Beyond the classroom, Year 6 pupils had an unforgettable time on their residential trip, while Year 5s enjoyed a deliciously fun chocolate-themed week, including a fantastic visit to Cadbury World!

YEAR 5/6



THE CAVE



The children have worked really hard this half-term, engaging with a variety of activities that have enhanced their learning. In our English sessions, we explored newspapers and comics to recognise different types of texts. Inspired by this, we used the Beano as a stimulus to write our own comic strips, which sparked their creativity and enthusiasm. As part of our art topic, the children made their own crowns, showcasing their artistic flair.

The children in The Cave enjoyed baking heart-shaped, jam-filled biscuits as a special treat for their mums for Mother's Day. In mathematics, the children have focussed on pictograms, and soon we will be transitioning to tally charts, reinforcing their data handling skills in a fun and accessible manner.