

This is the time of year when we start focussing on preparing the children for transition to new classes and new teachers in September. Obviously for our Year 6 this means preparation for transition to secondary school and the exciting new adventures which lie ahead but we are also working hard on transition for all of our other classes too. Every year our Year 2 and Year 4 classes are rearranged into new classes ready for September. Whilst we appreciate that for a few children this may mean they are initially a bit more anxious about the changes but it is important that we do this for two main reasons. Firstly, we have very high mobility at Morley with a higher than average number of children leaving and joining us throughout the year. This can, over time, result in imbalances in the class make up which is unhelpful in creating optimal classes for teaching and learning. In addition, we like to give children opportunities to explore new friendships and get used to building relationships with a different group of peers throughout their time at Morley. Staff put a lot of work into creating balanced classes as well as ensuring all children are placed with at least one friend of their choice.

Resilience—i.e. the capacity to deal positively with change and challenge is an important skill and one which we actively try to foster in school. If your child is feeling anxious about changes coming up there are some great [tips for parents](#) on how to support at home too.

Nikki Brown

Farewells and Welcomes

Whilst many of our children are preparing for changes some of our staff are too. Amethyst Class teacher, **Ms Amy Rosier**, will be leaving us at the end of term as she will be moving to Dubai to teach in an international school. Ms Rosier has been with us for 3 years and has contributed lots to our school not just with her passion for teaching but also as design and technology co-ordinator. The extra curricular activities she has run including the recent Fly to the Line glider challenge have been borne out of her desire to give children additional opportunities to be creative.. We will miss her but wish her well for the exciting new challenges which lie ahead.

We are fortunate to have an amazing team of teachers at Morley and I am delighted to have been able to appoint another talented member to our team for next year. **Mr Josh Hanson** will be joining us as a class teacher from September. Mr Hanson, a graduate from the Faculty of Education is already in school getting to know Morley and some of the children. I am sure you will join me in extending a warm welcome.

I would also like to wish **Anna Robinson**, our Early Years TA, luck as she will be moving on to take up on a post as drama teacher in September. Anna is a qualified and experienced secondary drama teacher and we have been fortunate to benefit from having her as part of our Early Years team for the past two years. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all of the support she has given to our Reception aged children.

Teaching assistant and Spectrum Deputy manager **Ben Gibbs** will also be moving on in September as he will be heading off to Gloucestershire to train as a teacher! Ben has been a key part of the Morley staff team providing learning support, coaching football and helping manage Spectrum After School Club. I know he will be missed by so many children and staff but I am delighted he will be pursuing a career as a teacher. Good luck Ben!

CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week our class has been involved with investigating our topic for this term. After starting the week with a fantastic session den building outside they began to apply their knowledge of history to the activities in our classroom. We have looked at different creatures from a long time ago and have draw, sieved and chipped away at objects to see what we could discover. We have been putting ourselves into someone else from the past's shoes and we have been thinking about writing a diary for this person and we have written some absolutely fantastic diary entries. We have used adjectives and time connectives to make our writing to make it more engaging and have taken time to check through our work for capital letters and full stops. We have also thought about some big ideas this week and talked about what was fair and what is not fair and applied that to our values at Morley. You have been absolute super stars this week, Well done Crimson Class!

Well done to the following children who have impressed their teachers this week:

Crimson: Noah
Scarlet: Faith Maddie
Topaz: William Issy
Turquoise: Ben Emme
Sapphire: Ben
Burgundy: Theo Emily
Ruby: Elia Jishnu
Amethyst: Arabella
Indigo: Eloise
Jade: Flo
Violet: Nikki Alicia

3rd July Early years sports day
3rd July Key stage band concert
6pm
9th July Key stage 1 sports day
10th July Key stage 2 sports day at
Coleridge 9am-12pm
12th July Open Evening
14th July FOM Summer Fete
18th July Year 6 leavers performance
20th July last day of school for children

Dates for
the Diary: