

Newsletter Week 7

Autumn 2018

Thank you to those of you who attended parent consultation evenings this week. I hope you found them helpful. Well done to Friends of Morley volunteers who tempted kids and adults with a delicious array of refreshments as they launched this year's fundraising effort which will focus on upgrading our library facilities. Thank you FOM!

From speaking to parents this week I know many of you feel your child would perhaps benefit from just a little extra support at times, especially from teaching assistants or participating in small group intervention, and we are trying to deliver as much as we can. Unfortunately the reality of our funding situation means that the extra support available is very limited and as a school we are facing some hard choices about how that limited funding is spent. This year we have already had to cut back on play therapy, KS1 friendship group support and some additional help with academic subjects. Unless our funding situation changes our projection for the next 3 years is that this financial pressure will continue increasing. Attached to this week's newsletter is some information on what parents like you are doing to support the campaign for schools like Morley to be adequately funded to meet the needs of all of our children. If you can support this please do.

On a more hopeful note we have some wonderful pictures of our recent community week—enjoy and have a lovely half term.

Nikki Brown

Year 6 experience 'Evacuation Day'

On Tuesday this week year 6 were transported back in time to the 1940's as part of their 'Evacuation Day'. The children were assigned new identities and learned about how life might have been for an evacuee. After a walk around the local area the children were separated into boys and girls, then taught by the rather strict Mrs Hunt and Mr Mahoney. After practicing their air-raid and gas attack drills they wrote a letter home to their parents in London explaining their trials and tribulations.



Community Week 8th-12th October

Last week we were joined by lots of different visitors who all play a role within our local community. We kicked off our week on Tuesday with a visit from Woodgreen Animal Shelter who shared the work of Wood Green, told us about the animals they rehome and explained how the children can contribute positively to the lives of pets living in their community. Year two later found out how to stay safe around dogs and our Early Years children explored what makes a happy home for small animals. Later that day, we were really lucky for every year group to get the chance to meet Gill and Turbo- a guide dog puppy in training!



On Wednesday, Year 3 and Year 6 were visited by Neil from 105 Radio fm and managed to get a 'shout out' on the radio later that day which was very exciting to hear! In the afternoon, Nick from Camsight visited year 5 and

shared his own personal experiences of visual impairment and spoke of how he now works for Camsight who support local people of all ages with low vision and blindness.

On Thursday, we collected all of our kind food donations in the hall ready for Jimmy's night shelter who shared their gratitude for the children's superb efforts in collecting so many thoughtful food items. Barry from Jimmy's told us more about the fantastic work happening at the night shelter and shared the impact our donations would have for many people less fortunate than us in our local community. Later in the afternoon, we had a wonderful time performing for our special guests from the local area in our Harvest Festival. They were greatly impressed and had a lovely time enjoying cake and tea served by some of our Year 6 children afterwards- who did a brilliant job serving and talking to our guests!



On Friday, we finished our week with a fundraising event for Guide Dogs including completing an agility assault course with our buddies and we managed to create a large picture in the shape of a Guide Dog made from all of the lovely donations we received! In total, we raised over £60 from our coin donations. Year 1 and Year 4 were visited by Reverend James Shakespeare who shared with the children some of the charitable work the local church have organised to help people within our

local area including hosting night shelters. We finished the week with a second visit from Turbo the Guide Dog who joined us in assembly to say thank you for our hard work and support.

Thank you for all of your donations and support, we had a great week and have learnt lots about all of the wonderful work happening in our local area!



Class of the Week

This week we have;
Worked together as a team
Supported and encouraged each other when we have found things difficult
Tried hard to explain our thinking in Maths
Produced some wonderful long term homework that has extended our learning
Thought carefully about art
Looked after our teacher
Rehearsed our play



This weeks class of the week is Amethyst class

Dates for
the Diary:

Half term is Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October

We will look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 29th October.

*This week we are celebrating the achievements of
the following children -*

*Niharika
Nathaniel
Alyssa
Sam
Cheryl
Rachel
Rosa
Shadi*

*Crimson class
Scarlet class
Burgundy class
Ruby class
Sapphire class
Indigo class
Violet class
Lilac class*

