



Message from the Principal

As we spent part of last week battling the incredibly intense heatwave, it did strike me how the current cohort of children attending school have had to face a great deal of challenge in their time in education. Along with the regular disruption caused by the pandemic, school life has certainly been different and strange at times over the past couple of years. Facing up to these difficulties, adapting, adjusting and taking on the challenge has become a part of school life for the young people who make Morley Newlands such a special place. It's a testament to the children and adults at the school as to how well they have managed through any potential obstacles put before them.

It's sadly the time of year when we say goodbye to some colleagues as they make the next step in their career. In Year 1, Miss Upfold is leaving after a year with us; in Year 2 Miss Smith is heading to teach in Dubai and Mrs Gillen is also leaving us; Miss Demaine as well as Mr Hall are both heading off for new adventures having been in Year 4 this year; and in Year 5 Mr Brown will be departing, and Miss Parry will be saying goodbye after six years at MNA. Miss Bullers, who has been a Teaching Assistant with us in Early Years and Year 1, is also saying farewell. I would like to thank each one of our leavers for their dedication, hard work and moral purpose in their work with our young people - we wish them well for the future!

We have much to be proud of this year – our first full academic year back in the classroom since 2018/19. Every year group has enjoyed a series of trips and visits to lighten-up their curriculum and to broaden their horizons beyond the school. Colleagues work very hard to create opportunities for the children to have great experiences and I think the offer we have put in place this year has been exceptional. Trips to the seaside, museums, castles, the wildlife park, PGL and the theatre have given pupils some great days out. Visits from the likes of den builders, Commando Joes, the circus and a live DJ have brightened up our days here at Morley Newlands. In addition, the many after school clubs and sports competitions has meant that we have been able to unearth talents and interests amongst the children. A huge thank you to all the adults that worked so diligently to make these experiences happen.

I would also like to finish by paying tribute to our families for being so supportive throughout the year. Knowing that the school community is committed to the progress and development of the children at Morley Newlands means that the *main thing remains the main thing*: guiding our young people towards a bright future.

I hope you have a restful summer and look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Mr Fitzpatrick, Principal.

We are sad to let you know that Ann Herbertson passed away last week. Known as 'Herbie' to her friends and colleagues, Ann worked at MNA for several years until very recently as a cleaner and lunchtime supervisor. She was a wonderfully fun character around school who always had a smile and a joke for everyone. We send our well wishes and condolences to her loved ones.

Key information and important dates for next year

New teaching staff:

- Miss Binns - Year 1
- Miss Clayton - Year 3
- Mrs Evans - Year 4 Lead
- Miss Gumbley - Year 4
- Miss Jones - Year 6

New Teaching Assistants:

- Miss Rickerby - Year 1
- Miss Noddle - Year 3
- Mrs Solis - Year 3
- Mrs Nair - Year 5
- Miss Harrison - Year 6

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Burnill will begin her new position as Assistant Principal from September. As we continue to develop our science specialism, Mrs Burnill will be working to grow science as a subject so that the children get a first class offer at MNA.

2022-2023...Here are the key term dates that you will need to know along with CPD Days:

Holiday	MNA closes	MNA opens
Summer break	Tuesday 26 July 2022	Wednesday 7 September 2022
Autumn half-term	Friday 21 October 2022	Monday 31 October 2022
Christmas break	Friday 16 December 2022	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Spring half-term	Friday 10 February 2023	Monday 20 February 2023
Easter break	Friday 31 March 2023	Monday 17 April 2023
Summer half-term	Friday 26 May 2023	Monday 5 June 2023
Summer break	Tuesday 25 July 2023	

The school day timings

Start:

- Early Years: 8:35am to 8:45am
- Year 1 to 6: 8:35am to 8:45am

Finish:

- Early Years: 3:00pm
- Year 1 to 6: 3:10pm

INSET Days - school will be closed on the following days:

Friday 21 October 2022
Wednesday 15 March 2023
Tuesday 4 July 2023