



# January Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

I hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break, and have been able to hit the pause button at some point over the festive period.

The Autumn term marked the final term of Michael's headship and I know how much love he felt from all those connected with the school. The school he has crafted and the team he has appointed will continue to care for those in the Molescroft community, cemented in the ethos the school stands for.

This is a new year and a new start, but certainly the same wonderful school we all know and love. Many of you will have spotted the beautiful mural created outside

the Year 4 door which will serve as a reminder of what we all cherish here at Molescroft Primary School and I can assure you that the same care will be given to all in our community.

As the Spring term begins, I look forward to meeting you all properly, so do say 'Hello' in a morning as you drop off or collect - even in the rain!

Over the next few weeks I am looking forward to getting to know your wonderful children better and finding my new rhythm back at Molescroft. Here's to a great January! -

Mrs. B Nicholls  
Headteacher



### CLUBS

Find out how to make more of Molescroft here!



### DOG BLOG

What has Kevin been up to this Christmas?



### COFFEE?

Pop in for a coffee with the Mental Health Support Team  
Click to see date and time!



### Charity Fundraising

In November and December the children and their families raised an astonishing £8,320.69! [Click here](#) to read more!



### Dates for the Diary

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### School Closure Advice

We will always do what we can to keep our site open - even with a flood! But see our [closure guidance](#) to know what to expect.



# Charity Fundraising

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## Charity Fundraising

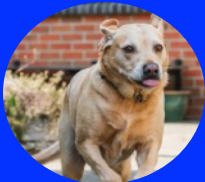
Raising money for the community by the community.

I am no stranger to the generosity of the Molescroft community but yet each year I am utterly blown away by the amount of money the children and their families are able to raise.

The total raised was an incredible £8,320.69 and with the Woodmansey fundraising pot of £1,154.36 adding to the combined total means that local groups in our community will receive a share of £9,475.05.

The groups who are benefitting from this year's fundraising total joined Mr. Loncaster on the last day of term to hear all about the children's successes and are no doubt very proud of the children's work and care for others.

**'Life's persistent and most urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' Martin Luther King Jr.**



Kevin, our therapy dog, has had a great Christmas break and is looking forward to being back with the children to tell them all about his adventures!





# School Guidance - Snow

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**The school will only close without prior notice as a last resort. The Head Teacher or his representative will remain on site until the last child is collected.**

**What the school does to assist in the event of icy weather conditions.**

It is not practical to grit the entire site, but as part of the gritting policy, safe routes round the site and across the South Playground have been identified and will be gritted before giving access to the site, thereby minimising the risks to children parents and visitors. The car park will also be gritted.

Children are not allowed to make slides on the playgrounds. Playgrounds are gritted if practical before 8:30am and when not, by morning break. At playtimes a decision as to whether children are to be allowed outside will be made by the senior teacher on duty in conjunction with a member of the Senior Management Team.

Children may not throw snowballs on the playgrounds. However if the field is covered by thick snow pupils may be allowed to play on the field in the snow, make snowman and throw snowballs. Those not wishing to throw snow (or indeed be hit by snowballs) should stay on the playgrounds. The school believes that playing in and throwing snow is part of a child's life experiences.

In extreme cases the Headteacher may decide that there is no option but to close the school if there is presented a severe health and safety risk.

The Chair of Governors will be informed and parents via text message. A severe Health and Safety Risk would be presented if insufficient staff could reach the school or indeed the health and safety of staff meant that they should leave early.

Due to the location of the school it is expected that the school will be able to remain open. Closing a school at short notice including closing mid way through a day poses considerable difficulties for parents and will only be taken as a very last resort.

A complete heating failure in the winter and/or a loss of the water supply would however result in the school having to close. Good communication is essential. Parents receive a copy of specific instructions during the autumn and winter months via the monthly newsletters and the website. Children have the processes explained to them in the classroom.

It is expected that parents adhere to these instructions and pass all relevant information to friends and relatives who may also come to school to bring and fetch children. Parents/Carers are asked to be responsible and plan more time for their journey, suitable footwear for having to walk further, wrapping up to keep warm etc....Parents should not expect to be able to park close to the school at these times.

Parents and visitors are expected to use the gritted paths rather than walk across the snow and ice.

**Snow Policy and Procedures - information for teaching and support staff**

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

It is expected that all staff will make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school. It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of school time.

In the event of severe weather, a decision to close the school for pupils will be made by 7am. The Head Teacher will make arrangements for PARENTS TO BE INFORMED BY TEXT IF THE SCHOOL IS TO CLOSE. Updates will be sent via our usual communication routes, or by visiting [www.molescroftprimary.net](http://www.molescroftprimary.net)

In the event of the normal timetable being suspended, a programme of activities will be organised for pupils who arrive at school. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be delegated to supervise these activities. Rather than a full closure it is more likely that the school will remain open on a reduced capacity. In such an event, parents/carers will be asked if it is possible to make alternative arrangements for pupils. Where this is not possible the school will remain open for those who need to come to school or for those who cannot go home in the case of an unexpected early closure. As the number pupils remaining decreases, they will be moved to other classes or the hall.



# Clubs: Make more of Molescroft

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Clubs in bold indicate a club running now. Clubs in italics are provided through the Extended Schools Initiative, are NOT staffed by Molescroft, have a booking form AND usually incur a small fee. **All after school clubs require children to pre-register.**

**Week Commencing - 07.01.25**

Day	Time	Runs	Club	Location	Age Groups	Leader	Notes
Monday	12:00 - 12:35	Apr - Oct	Football	Field	Y5 & Y6	Mrs. Anthony & Mrs. Willey	Change in own rooms at playtime
	12:00 - 12:35	Feb - Apr	Coding Club	Yellow Rm	Y5 & Y6	Mr Morton	By invitation
	<b>12:00 - 12:35</b>		<b>Urban Routines</b>	<b>Studio</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Miss Kaufmann</b>	
	<b>12:35 - 13:10</b>		<b>Urban Routines</b>	<b>Studio</b>	<b>Y4 boys</b>	<b>Miss Kaufmann</b>	
	<b>12:35 - 13:10</b>		<b>Fun on the Muga</b>	<b>Muga</b>	<b>Foundation</b>	<b>FY Lunchtime Team</b>	
	15:30 - 18:30	Mar - Jul	Theatre Club	Hall	Y4 - Y6	Mrs. Clark / Mrs. Nicholls	
Tuesday	15:30 - 16:30	Nov - Apr	Book Cafe	Hall	Y3 - Y6	Mr Rowsell / Miss Kaufmann	
	12:00 - 12:35		Urban Routines	Studio	Y5	Miss Kaufmann	
	12:00 - 12:35	Apr - Oct	Basketball	Muga	Y6	Mr Rowsell	
	12:35 - 13:10		Urban Boys	Studio	Y5/6	Miss Kaufmann	
	12:35 - 13:10		Fun on the Muga	Muga	Foundation	FY Lunchtime Team	
	15:30 - 16:30		Gymnastics	Hall	Y1 - Y2	Meridian Gym	
Wednesday	16:30 - 17:30		Gymnastics	Hall	Y3 - Y6	Meridian Gym	
	12:00 - 12:35		Handball	Muga	Y3 - Y6	Tigers Trust	
	12:00 - 12:35		Crofty's Crafts	Y3 Room	Y3	Mrs Hearfield	
	12:00 - 12:35		Urban Routines & Urban Boys	Studio	Y3	Miss Kaufmann	
	12:35 - 13:10		Handball	Muga	Y1 - Y2	Tigers Trust	Change in own rooms
	12:35 - 13:10	Jan - July	Foundation Dance	Studio	FY	Mrs Slater	
	15:30 - 16:30	Apr - Jul	Cricket	Field	Y3 - Y6	Tigers Trust	Change in own rooms
	15:30 - 16:30	Apr - Oct	Tag Rugby	Field	Y3 - Y6	Tigers Trust	Change in own rooms
	15:30 - 16:30	Jan - Apr	Badminton	Hall	Y3 - Y6	Tigers Trust	
	15:30 - 16:20	Apr - Jul	Football	Field	FY - Y2	Tigers Trust	
	15:30 - 16:20		Multi-skills	Muga	Y1 - Y2	Tigers Trust	
	15:30 - 16:30	Nov - Apr	Table Tennis	Atrium	Y6	Tigers Trust	
	Thursday	15:30 - 16:30	Jan - Feb	Sports Leaders	Y4 Room	Y4 - Y5	Tigers Trust
15:30 - 16:30		Feb - Apr	STEM	Y6 Room	Y6 (Schedule)	Mrs Cameron	By application
15:30 - 16:30		Apr - Jul	STEM	Y2 Room	Y5 (Schedule)	Mrs Crofts	By application
12:00 - 12:35		TBC	Crofty's Crafts	Y3 Room	Y2	Mrs Whincup	
12:35 - 13:10			Faith Club	Foundation	Y2 - Y6	Miss Spencer, Mrs. McClarron and Mrs. Penn	Embraces all religions
12:00 - 12:35			Collectables/Stamps/Postcards	Y3 Room	Y3 - Y5	Mr May	
12:00 - 12:35			Match Attax	Y3 Room	Y3 - Y5	Mrs McClarron	
12:00 - 12:35			Urban Routines	Studio	Y2	Miss Kaufmann	
12:35 - 13:10			Urban Routines	Studio	Y6	Miss Kaufmann	
12:35 - 13:10			Fun on the Muga	Muga	Foundation	FY Lunchtime Team	
12:30 - 13:10			Art and Soul	Y6 Room	Y3 - Y5	Mrs Ripley	
15:30 - 16:30		Apr - Oct	Boys & Girls Football	Field	Y3 - Y4	Miss Dixon & Miss Kaufmann	Change in own rooms
15:30 - 17:00			Enthusiastic Artists	Y6 Room	Y6	Mrs Ripley	
15:30 - 16:15			Street Dance	Hall	Y1 - Y2	Mrs Rimmer	Change in own rooms
16:15 - 17:00			Tennis	Hall	Y1 - Y3	Advantage Coaching	Attend in kit
17:00 - 17:45		Tennis	Hall	Y4 - Y6	Advantage Coaching	Attend in kit	
Friday	12:00 - 12:35	Apr - Oct	Netball	Muga	Y4 - Y6	Miss Kaufmann	Change in own rooms
	12:00 - 12:35	Jan - Apr	Cheerleading	North P/G	Y3 - Y6	Miss Kaufmann	
	12:35 - 13:10		Choir	Y6 Room	Y3 - Y6	Mrs Cameron & Mrs Leggatt	
	12:35 - 13:10		Fun on the Muga	Muga	Foundation	FY Lunchtime Team	
	12:35 - 13:10		Y1 Dance	Studio	Y1	Miss Dixon	
	14:15 - 15:00		Orchestra	Hall	Y3 - Y6	Mrs Leggatt	Mandatory for those eligible
	15:30 - 16:30		Street Dance	Hall	Y3 - Y6	Mrs Rimmer	Change in own rooms



# Dates for the Diary

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Please be aware however that the further ahead into the future dates are, there is a chance that events may have to move due to unforeseen circumstances.

## JANUARY

Tu 7th	Pupils return to school
Mo 13th	Mid Year Reports published for English & Maths
Fr 24th	<b>Official Launch of International Festival</b>
Mo 27th	Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly at 14:45
We 29th	Chinese New Year - Year of the Snake
Thu 30th	Mental Health Support Team Coffee Afternoon, 2.30pm - all welcome

## FEBRUARY

Th 6th	New Zealand Day Lunch
Th 13th	<b>5:30pm - 8:00pm International Evening and Catering Experiences</b>
Fr 14th -	International Lunch
Fr 14th -	3:30pm School Closes for Half Term
Mo 24th -	School Reopens
Mo 24th -	Governors' Spring Visit Week
Fr 28th	Theatre Club Announcement in assembly / newsletter

## MARCH

Mo 3rd	Easter Egg Raffle Tickets go on sale
Mo 3rd	STEM Week
Tu 4th	2:45pm Preliminary Theatre Club Meeting
Tu 4th	Professor Brainstorm Booked
Th 6th	Hour of Code
Th 6th	World Book Day No Dressing up
Mo 10th	3:30pm Theatre Club Audition night
Mo 10th	COMMONWEALTH DAY & Dinner featured country Cyprus
Mo 10th	FOMS AGM at the Molescroft Inn 8pm
Fr 21st	FOMS Live Band Night
Fr 21st	Comic Relief
Mo 24th	Teacher Appraisal Week
Tu 25th	Greek Independence Day Lunch
Fr 28th	Theatre Club Live Audition in Assembly
Su 30th	Mothers Day
Mo 31st	10am Create Easter Garden in Assembly
Mo 31st	3:30pm Consultation Evening. ATC in FY/Y2

## APRIL

Tu 1st	3:30pm Consultation Evening. ATC in FY/Y2
Th 3rd	14:30 FOMS Easter Egg Draw
Th 3rd	12noon Easter Dinner at Crofty's Restaurant
Fr 4th	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER
Mo 21st	Easter Monday
Tu 22nd	School Reopens for Summer Term
Tu 22nd	Y4 Swimming Programme begins
We 23rd	12 noon St George's Day Dinner
Fr 25th	Italian Liberation Day Lunch
Fr 25th	Pumpkin Seed Distribution Day
Fr 25th	Possible 50th Anniversary Celebration afternoon and evening
Mo 28th	Theatre Club Begins

## STEM Week 2025

Do you have a career in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematical industry?

Mrs. Cameron would love to hear from you if you could volunteer some time to us in our STEM week.

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