

The “Whole Child” approach is embedded into our school offer at Morley Victoria and is something unique to our school that we are very proud of. In essence, it is the life of the school and designed to equip our young people with the social and emotional skills and experiences to cope in life.

## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

We have Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in each class from Year 3 onwards. The ambassadors, along with Mrs Wood, have been working very hard. They have lots of wonderful ideas about how to make a real difference. They have reviewed and updated our Child Friendly Policy, reviewed the whole school anti bullying statement, shared these with their class and presented in them in assemblies - these are all now up in classrooms.



## Mini Vic

Mini Vic continues to be a popular resource for both staff, children, visitors and families.

This resource is having a significant impact on the children that access it.



## Pol-Ed

Pol-Ed sessions are a new addition to our PSHE curriculum – it is a resource written by West Yorkshire Police. There are a range of lessons covering the subjects of relationships, keeping safe and understanding the law.

## MV Virtues

Each half term we use assemblies to promote and celebrate one of our identified virtues. In Autumn 1, we celebrated honesty and in Autumn 2 courage. It is always lovely to see our children conduct themselves in such a lovely manner – these skills are essential for many areas of life including making and maintaining healthy relationships.

## RSE

In Autumn 2 the children have all learnt about Relationships and Growing up at an age-appropriate level as part of our spiral curriculum. We are so proud of the children’s mature attitude during their discussions in this area. To complement the work we have covered in this area, we have also delivered the NCPCC PANTS assemblies.

## “5 Ways to Wellbeing”

During our Hello Yellow Day, we did lots of work around the 5 ways to wellbeing – to connect, to give, to take notice, to keep learning and to be active. On that day we looked at all five and carried out activities to develop each.

## Mindmate

MindMate is an incredibly valuable resource in enriching our PSHE offer. In Autumn 1, our MindMate topic was 'Feeling Good and Being Me'. We thought about recognising our feelings, celebrating strengths and setting goals. In Autumn 2, our MindMate topic was 'Friends and Family'. We thought about the impact of our actions on others including unkind words and behaviours, skills to maintain positive relationships and what a healthy relationship looks like.

## Christmas Market Trip

A group of children in Year 5 visited the Leeds Christmas Market. They had a tour of the market and even managed to sample lots of the festive foods on offer.



## Our New PSHE Curriculum

This year we have purchased a new curriculum called 1 Decision – we are using this as our main resource and supplementing with other materials we already have in place. We are immensely proud of our PSHE offer and feel like 1 Decision further strengthens the subject. So far this year we have had weekly PSHE sessions focused on Mental Health and Wellbeing, Feelings and Emotions and Relationships and Growing Up.

## Inclusion Team

The inclusion team have been busy supporting children and families across the school. We have lots of children accessing group work and children working 1:1 with the pastoral team too. The children have also taken part in safeguarding assemblies where we have discussed who to go to with a problem and how we stay safe both in school and at home.

## Our School Pets

This year we have some new additions to the MV family – 2 guinea pigs that the children named Mario and Luigi and Miss Armitage brings her tortoise, Rocket, into school each day with her. The children love looking after the pets and getting to know them.



## Luke Mitchell Training

Luke Mitchell came to Morley Victoria in the Autumn term to deliver some training about positive regard and how to use this in school. This training was amazing and has helped us to develop our school systems around relationships and behaviour even further.

## Zones of Regulation

We have spent the last few months researching Zones of Regulation and have visited schools where they are successfully using it. We have had some staff training around using this in school and will be launching this to the children in January. There will be more about this in our annual behaviour and relationships evening in June.

## School Council

Our School Councils have been very proactive this term and have such great ideas to really make the difference in school. The representatives play an important role being the voice of their class. Their main focus this term has been to gather ideas and form an action plan.

## Cluster Council

Our Year 6 school council reps have had their first Cluster Council meeting has taken place at the town hall. The meeting involved voting in chairs and vice chairs. They are planning a visit to the recycling centre in Leeds and having a real focus on climate change.

## Rethink Food

Our Rethink Food offer continues this year. This gives Morley Victoria a chance to play our part in 'eating to save the planet'. There are some tasty items that arrive each week – please visit our stall and take a look at what is on offer. We would like to thank Mr Shabbir and Mrs Holmes for managing this project!



## Primary Choices

Our Cluster funded a group of year 6 children to go to Elland Road with other primary schools in Morley to take part in the Primary Choices Programme which is run by the Leeds United Foundation. They took part in workshops about anti-social behaviour, knife crime, online safety and peer pressure.

## Lego Club

Miss Rodgers has been running Lego club for KS2 children this term – the children have loved the challenges they have been set.

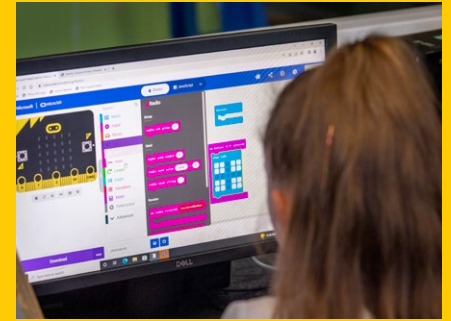


## Eco Warriors

Our Eco Committee have been busy with Miss Johnson organising and planning the work they would like to do this year. They are so passionate about this subject and really want to make a difference. They are keen to do a joint project with the Rethink food team.

## Digital Leaders

The Digital Leaders are the children who have a passion for computing, who help the grown-ups to ensure the computing lesson runs smoothly and that the computer room is left tidy and ready for the next class.



## Safeguarding Audit

This term we have had a thorough, in-depth audit of all our safeguarding procedures. This was a really worthwhile process and we are very proud of the report. Many areas were identified as exemplary practice and the children she spoke to were amazing. A huge thank you to everyone – this is a huge team effort because safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

## Youth Voice Summit

A group of children attended the Youth Voice Summit this term. They had a tour of the town hall and had a question-and-answer session with the Mayor of Morley and lots of councillors. They also had the opportunity to talk about what is important to them.

## Diversity Developers

Each class in school have Diversity Developers who meet with Mrs Smith and Mr Shabbir. They have some great ideas about how to make our school even more culturally diverse. We now have their newly designed induction booklet ready and printed to give to any new children that start at our school – we hope they find this useful. This term they have been busy planning an event for later in the year around culture, religion and diversity– more to follow about this. The group are also looking at ways of increasing their knowledge and understanding of the religious festivals of the children in their classes and year groups.

## Children in Need

This year the children loved getting dressed up/coming in comfy clothes and learning about the importance of children in need and how the money raised helps others. This year we managed to raise £208.



## Celebrating talents

In our celebration assemblies we always celebrate what the children have achieved both in and outside of school. We know many of our children are busy and we love to hear about what they have been up to. We have celebrated success in horse riding, diving, swimming, synchronised swimming, dance, gymnastics, Rainbows, Martial Arts and so many more activities.

## Rethink Food Warriors

We have a fantastic group of children who organise and run the Rethink Stall on Tuesdays. They do a great job of marketing, organising and selling the products each week.

## Remembrance Day

We recognised this in school in our classes or as part of a key stage assembly. We also had the opportunity to buy and wear a poppy in school. There were so many different types, which was lovely to see. Many of our children also took part in events over the Remembrance weekend – thank you for supporting them to attend.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

The children loved a sweet treat on the day of our own coffee morning. It was for such a good cause, and we managed to raise a fantastic £207 for Macmillan!



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## Rethink Visit to Sheffield

Rethink Food invited us to Sheffield as part of the Agents of Change programme to talk to food vendors and make pizzas – this was lovely and a very different trip!



## Harvest

Thank you for all the donations for Zarach before half term – they were very much appreciated. We will have made a real difference to lots of families who need support at this difficult time.

## VR Headsets

Year 6 have been fortunate to have a West Yorkshire Police VR Headset lesson about having more independence and making choices – this is something the children really enjoyed taking part in.

## Asda Heros Visit

We had a visit from Asda and we are in the planning stages of organising a community event linking the Rethink Warriors and the Eco Warriors.



## Thank you to National Flexible

We would like to thank National Flexible for their continued support with Greggs Breakfast and for all the Prizes they donated for the Christmas Fair. They even bought us a Christmas tree for the Portakabin Hall and a microwave too!



## Anti-Bullying week

Anti-Bullying Week was celebrated as always across school. Odd socks day kicked off our week where the theme was 'Choose Respect'. The week was a huge success and again raised lots of discussions with the children. Some of our Key Stage 2 children took part in an assembly about bullying with our PCSO – this was a very informative session.

## Raising Money

Many of our older children organise and run their very own charity sale for those charities they feel passionate about. We would like to thank all the children involved in making a difference to others, they should be very proud of themselves.

## Community Coffee Morning

This is one of the best events we do at Morley Victoria. All the children from Nursery to Year 6 perform for our community. It is lovely to see the skills progress as we progress through school.

## Hello Yellow

This year's Hello Yellow was bigger than ever before at Morley Victoria. We decided to have a full day away from our typical timetable and practice our "5 Ways to Wellbeing". We raised £102 for Mindmate which was amazing!



## Singing at UBU 67 Elland Road

Mr Dougal and a small group of children visited UBU 67 Elland Road to sing to the residents. This was very much enjoyed by all who took part.

## Physical Activity

Physical activity remains a priority at Morley Victoria. With PE lessons and active breaks, we are striving to move towards to being fitter and healthier – mentally and physically, in 2025!

## Girls Football

Miss McCullagh took the girls team to a day's football tournament this term. They had a fantastic time and she was very impressed with how they played.

## Infant Agility

Miss Allen and a group of Key Stage One children took part in an Infant Agility event where the group has chance to use and develop a range of skills.

## Barclays Girls' Football Partnerships Equal Access Award

We were pleased to receive this award in recognition of the work we do to ensure all children have equal access to sporting opportunities.



## Christmas cards to care homes

As part of our work with the community we have written Christmas cards to our local care homes which we know were well received by all.



## PE and Sports

A huge thank you to Miss Young who have organised many of the sports competitions this term. It is so lovely to have such a variety of activities on offer for all abilities. We have many more events planned this academic year too!

## Planet Ice Trip

This Christmas we took a group of children from across Key Stage 2 to see the Aladdin on ice at Planet Ice – this was a fantastic show and a great experience to share together seeing an amazing live performance.

## Creating and Active Schools Framework

This year we continue to work on our active school framework – this helps us to see where we are as a school and where we need to be, this will then feed into the school development plan for future years.

## Our PTA

Our PTA is back up and running this year with lots of members and a wide range of ideas! Already they have organised and ran a wreath making evening, Christmas jumper swap shop, an Advent raffle and they supported us with the Christmas Fair. A huge thank you to them for making a difference within our school community. There are more events planned in the new year!



## Ten Pin Bowling

Mrs Bode and Mr Precious recently took a small group of children bowling – this was a wonderful opportunity and the team were extremely competitive!





## Stay and Play Café and Cooking Group

Some of our support staff are running a Stay and Play Café (named by the children) on a Friday morning. The children get the opportunity to bake, play and socialise with other children from across school – this is loved by all who attend!

## CCQM

The CCQM ethos of building harmonious relationships for all, has been embedded throughout our school. We continue with our journey and this year are particularly looking at widening our diverse reading and curriculum offer even further.

## Greggs Breakfast Club

Our Greggs Breakfast Club goes from strength to strength – this is open to all families from 8.30am. It is lovely to see the school community socialising and ensuring they are fully fuelled and ready for the school day. A huge thank you to the staff who volunteer and make this happen each day.



## Leeds Rhinos Foundation

We are now working with Leeds Rhino's foundation – they are coming in to deliver PE sessions each term and are organising a range of after school events for us each half term too.



## The Leeds United Foundation

We continue to work with The Leeds United Foundation. We have plans to visit them and use them in school to support our children.

## Swimming

Our year 4 children have started their weekly swimming lessons; they are enjoying them so much and learning a crucial life skill too.



## Move and Learn

We have been lucky enough to continue working with the Well Schools Partnership and can further develop our project around moving and learning in the classroom. This has had a great impact on the teaching and learning across all areas of the curriculum. The children love to learn in this way! The school continues to be part of South Leeds Well-Schools Partnership which offers many opportunities for our children and as a school we shape the offer for the children of Morley too.

## Cheer Dance

Miss Northfeld and Miss Smith took a group of Year 2 and 3 children to a Cheer Dance event. This was fantastic and a great experience for all.

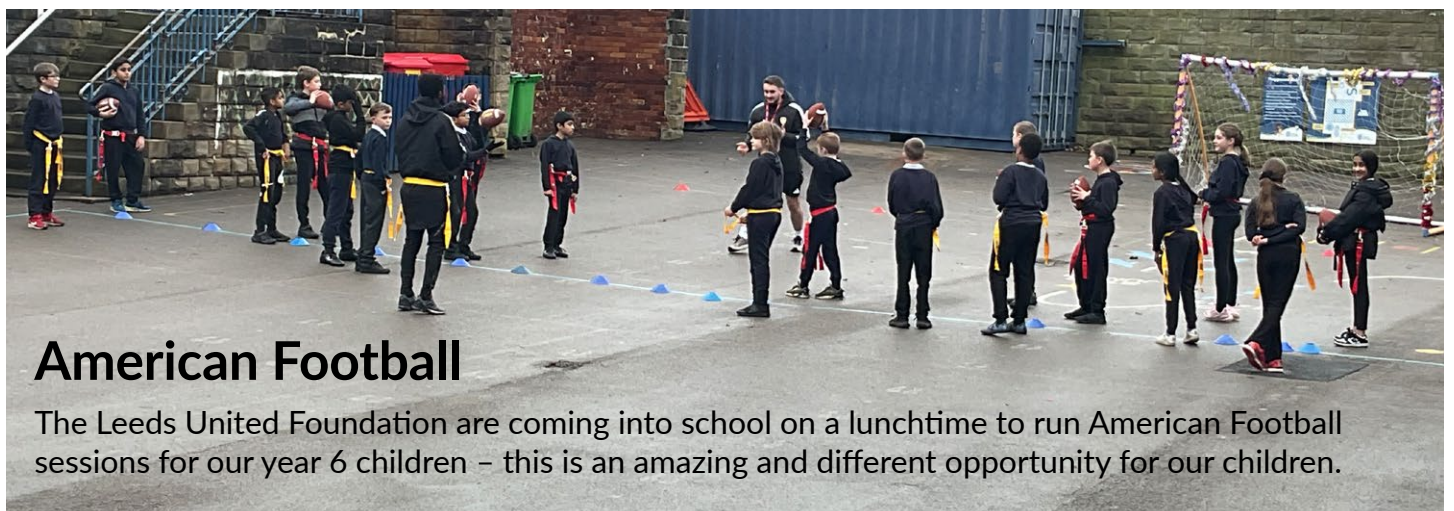
## Go Paddle

This was a first for MV – Mr Precious was impressed with the whole group and they loved having a go at kayaking.



## KS1 Circuits Event

Miss Smith and a group of Key Stage One children took part in a circuits event where the children worked on a range of skills.



## American Football

The Leeds United Foundation are coming into school on a lunchtime to run American Football sessions for our year 6 children – this is an amazing and different opportunity for our children.

## Dodgeball (KS2-6)

Dodgeball is a popular sport with the children of Morley Victoria. Our Year 3 and 4 team and our Year 5 and 6 team took part in separate events. They worked incredibly well as a team and they both won each tournament – what an achievement.

## Athletics

Miss Young went with the Athletics team to compete against our local schools this term. We did really well and got through to the next round!

## Taster Athletics

Mrs Bode took a team to a taster athletics event this term – this was a great event for the children to have a go at and build confidence.

## Sports Leaders

Our Sports Leaders have been identified and have been trained by Mr Stott. They will start in the new year working, organising and running games, with the younger children at lunchtime and really making a difference.

## Girls Cheerleading

A group of Year 3 and 4 children went cheerleading to Beeston Primary School. They worked in groups to perform lots of cheerleading skills!



## Timetable Club

We have been running a times table club both in school time and after school too – this gives the children the opportunity to practise those essential times table facts.



## Explorers Minecraft and 3D Printing

This continues to be a hugely popular club and one that is enjoyed by all who attend.

## MV Podcast

Mr Allen has introduced a new club in school – the MV Podcast, it has replaced the MV Post newspaper. The group have worked on a trailer and are working on their first episode. We can't wait to hear it!

## Christmas Club

Mrs Sidle has planned and run Christmas Club this year which has been popular. The children have loved being creative around the Christmas theme.



## Youth Group

Year 6 have had their first couple of youth groups which they have enjoyed – it is a good opportunity for them to relax and have fun after a hard-working week at school! They particularly enjoyed “secret santa”!

## Coding Club for Year 1 and 2

Miss Allen has also run a club to develop basic coding skills in year 1 and 2 – this again has been very popular.



## Signing Club

The term we have had a signing club for KS1 and KS2 children. The groups have learnt so much sign language that they can now use and have taken part in so many activities to practise their understanding.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

We have worked hard to plan our extra-curricular activities this term and to organise the clubs around the activities we know the children would like. We have a full year of clubs planned and probably more to add in too!

## Pokémon Club

Miss Rodgers also runs Pokémon club for KS2 children – this is enjoyed by all who attend and their knowledge of this area is amazing!



## Science Club

Mrs Scanlon loved running the science club this term. The children were so engaged and had lots of discussions around the experiments they carried out.



## Football

Football continues to be really popular at Morley Victoria. Our playgrounds are always very busy with different matches taking place. Girls football continues to grow in popularity which is lovely to see.



## Cross Country

Mrs Wood took a cross-country team to a cross country race at Middleton Park. It was extremely competitive and the course was very challenging. The team did a great job and some children made it into the Leeds finals! More about this in the new year.



## PE Partner

PE Partner continue to provide a range of after school clubs to children across school – these are enjoyed by all who attend.

## Team/House News

Assemblies are held each week to update everyone in team/house news. Certificates of achievement are also issued each week in some assemblies and classes. KS1 and KS2 have also had some team events this year working across year groups which is lovely to see.



## Ice Skating

Mrs Grayston and Miss Wood took a group of year 6 on the bus to the ice rink in Millenium Square. It had a real festive feel and the children represented the school very well and they enjoyed their experience.

## Dates for your Diary

We do hope you have a wonderful Christmas, a well-deserved rest for all, and you enjoy some precious time with your loved ones.

For more dates for your diary for Spring 2025 please see our termly letter and look at the calendar on our school website homepage.

Don't forget to check out our Twitter page and our school website which is packed full of information to guide and support you in so many areas.

We are back to school on **MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025.**



Just a reminder that we have a whole school 'X' account as well as the year group accounts – you can follow us at @morleyvictoria.

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