

# Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parent,

There has been a great buzz around school this week as enrichment clubs begin. This is a key part of our school life and I would encourage as many pupils as possible to take part. Future musicians, coders and sportspeople must start somewhere!

## House Captains and Council Elections

Elections took place earlier in the term for this year's House and Sports Captains, who will lead their houses in charity and sporting events.

The elected captains are:

### House Captains

Blue Zander Bruce & Claudia Dudek  
Red Liam Coulton & Isabella Owens-Crook  
Green Roni Page & Phoebe Schofield  
Yellow Archie Stevenson & Evangeline Tierney

### Sports Captains

Mario Forie  
Abbie Keane  
Leah-Mae Carter  
Finn Kirkham

School and Eco Council elections also took place from Year 2 upwards. The School Council will drive changes in school, starting with a review of 'Healthy Lunchboxes', while the Eco Council will explore ways that school and our community can be more environmentally friendly.

The elected councillors are:

### General School Council

Y6 Benjamin Carpenter & Bethany Cutler  
Y5 Reece Graham & Ashley Acquaviva  
Y4 Harry Torbett & Lowri Whittaker  
Y3 Loui-Joe Squires & Eva Billsborough  
Y2 Thomas Cafferty & Amber Clews-Ashworth

### Eco School Council

Y6 Alex Doyle & Evan Crosby  
Y5 Jamie Meehan & Ella Taylor  
Y4 Levi Johnson & Ellie-Mae Hillman  
Y3 Tate Kirkham & Alana Halliwell  
Y2 Boden Grimshaw & Ava Key

## Talented Writers

Last year, Mr Gilyead's class entered the Young Writers Competition. I was delighted to receive certificates for all of the pupils who have had their work published in 'My Amazing Diary 2019-Adventures from Lancashire'. Well done!

## Message from House Captains

Next week on 26<sup>th</sup> September we are holding a Macmillan cake sale. Some cakes are 20p and some are 50p. Please can you help us raise money by bringing in cakes and money on Thursday morning. The junior sale will be first and the infant sale after. Juice will be free. Please don't put nuts in the cakes as many people are allergic. All money will be given to Macmillan cancer support. Thank you.

## Leyland Library 'Fun Palace'

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 10-4, Leyland Library will be hosting an event with a range of activities available throughout the day (all free!) provided by our local community. Activities will include Arts and Crafts, a Lego challenge, a Smoothie bike, printmaking, ukuleles and more.

## **Key events next week**

**Monday** Fit 4 Life Y5 + Y6, Dance Club Y2+3, Girls' CV Football Y5+6

**Tuesday** Brass, Guitar Club KS2

**Wednesday** Fit 4 Life Y4 + Y3, Band Y6

**Thursday** Macmillan Bake Sale, Swimming, Netball Club Y5+6

**Friday** Football Club Y5+6

## 'SCART' reading challenge

The end date for this year's challenge is 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. For ant pupils who joined during the summer holidays, make sure to pop in to Leyland Library to finish and collect your stickers and prize.

## Art Project

Mrs Simpkins is in the process of developing ideas for a masterpiece. In order for the pupils to be able to develop this further, she has made a request for as many clean, round plastic bottle/ container lids as possible.

All will be revealed...

### Girls' Football

Our girls performed admirably in the first week of their central venue tournament this week. They will look to repeat their efforts next Monday.

### Scooters

Pupils have been reminded again that it is not safe to ride scooters through the school grounds. Please ensure that your child walks their scooter or bike to and from the school gates.

### Parent Readers

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers to hear pupils read. If you are interested, please see the Front Desk staff. Mrs Dunwell, in particular, is looking for additional volunteers to hear pupils read from 2.45-3.15pm.

### Parental Questionnaire

This year's parental questionnaire has been sent home today. Please take the time to fill this in, as we value the feedback, both in areas of development and of strength. We study the responses carefully, with the following being just some of the changes made after last year's returns:

*Find cashless ways to pay for school dinners and/or trips* - We invested in ParentPay, allowing parents to pay online, rather than needing to find change for school dinners every Monday!

*Further enrichment opportunities for pupils* - Although we run a fairly saturated range of before and after school clubs, we started a new art club last year and hope to run a rugby team this year.

*Lack of before and after school provision* - We engaged with Moss Side playgroup, allowing us to signpost parents to a wraparound club, as well as continuing to advertise a variety of childminders.

### Data Forms

Please can any parents yet to return their data collection forms for this year please do so. This information is really important so that we can contact the right people in an emergency.

### Positive Behaviour Policy

The updated policy is available to view via the website.

### Attendance

Please remember that pupils are expected to attend school 100% of the time unless there is due cause. The Government does not consider holidays within term time to be a sufficient cause, and I would encourage parents to think carefully before considering doing so. May, in particular, is considered to be an unacceptable time for holiday absence, due to the examination procedures that occur in most classes.

Last year, the local authority issued fines to two families due to unauthorised term time leave.

We have increased the May half term holiday to ten days, in order to provide families with more flexibility (and potentially cheaper options). I would urge all parents to consider this prior to making any holiday arrangements.

### Aldi

We are collecting the Aldi 'Get Set, Eat Fresh' stickers should any families earn them with their weekly shop.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Wright (Headteacher)

Stars of the Week	
Mrs Swift	Bobby Key for working very hard on his colouring and pencil control.
Mrs Dunwell	Ava Nicholl for an excellent start to school.
Mr Gilyead	Sienna Sear for always concentrating and trying her best.
Mrs Simpkins	Charlotte Tierney for some great story writing.
Mrs Dunne	Amelia Hamilton for some super descriptive writing.
Mr Kellett	Ollie Brown for showing some good skills in computing.
Miss Thomas	Leilah Doyle for always listening carefully and getting straight to work.
Mrs Torbett	Kya Mallon for some excellent comprehension work.
Winning House: Yellow	
Silver Leaf: Kaydon Sarti for holding the door open for visitors without being asked. He created a great first impression of our school.	