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Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Moss Side Community,

The end of a very busy term is approaching. There will be a shortened version of the Friday letter as a 'mid-week' version next week. It will also be very important to keep an eye on Dojo over the summer as, experience has taught, school guidelines might change again over the next few weeks. In principle, we are aiming for a return to 'normal' with relation to timings and interactions in school but we will confirm all arrangements prior to our school return on Thursday 2nd September.

Response to Abuse

As a school, we discussed the racist abuse aimed at some of the England football team after the match on Sunday. We are proud of the disgust and disbelief that our pupils displayed. You may have noticed that we decided to 'tweet' our response to this, seeking to re-balance the negative, hurtful approach from some and make clear that there are so many more people who are positive, considerate and kind. The 'tweets' are displayed on school windows and some classes took it upon themselves to carry the work on the next morning, driven by the pupils.

Bubble Arrangements

Although the country is moving to step 4 next week, we will keep our current bubble arrangements for the final three days of term. We are planning to come together, as a school, on the field at some point but will keep our bubbles distanced to stop close contact between them.

Transition

On Thursday, children met their new class teacher. It was not quite our usual transition but, again, we thought outside the box to make something happen!

Garden Party

Next Friday, 23 July, the Mayor is hosting a joint Garden Party (in aid of the Mayor's Charities) and Yellow Fete for St Catherine's Hospice in the Peace Garden to the rear of the Civic Centre in Leyland. There will be a variety of stalls including a cake stall, raffle, plant stall, knitted items and of course the yellow stall from St Catherine's. At around 1 pm, the Mayor will read a story to the children. There will also be some large garden games for the children to play with.

The Mayor will personalise your child's story book and present it to them. If you are unable to come along, we will post the books out the following week.

The poster for the event is on the Mayor's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SRBCMAYOR/>

Reports

By 5.30pm tonight you should have received your child's report. The details about the report were sent out on Wednesday via Dojo; Year 1-6 have received their report in the same way, but EYFS pupils will receive a hard copy as this is a different type of report.

Clubs Next Week

All clubs have now finished for the year.

Year 6

Thank you to all those who attended our outside performances this week. The children loved rehearsing and performing, making it a real highlight of the school year. A big thank you to all those staff involved, especially for giving up so much of their own time to prepare and run the shows.

Parents and pupils should keep an eye on Dojo for details about the festival and assembly, planned for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Presents for Staff

A few parents have enquired whether presents can be sent into school for staff - this is perfectly fine and a lovely

Jamie's **FINAL** Fact of the Week

My final fact...

**There are more viruses than there are stars in the universe!
More than 10 nonillion (that's a quadrillion quadrillion)
individual viruses exist on Earth.**

**Plus, there have been at least a dozen major pandemics in
history.**

**And yet...we humans are still here!
STAY POSITIVE.... Jamie**

thought. I will take the opportunity to reiterate again that staff do not work for the reward of gifts as the reward is seeing your children make progress. No family should feel under any pressure to do this and, I know from personal experience, that words of thanks are free but mean so much (if anyone feels they are deserved of course)!

Fact of the Week

This week is Jamie's final fact of the week. Jamie has done a brilliant job, sending me his personally researched fact every Thursday night in preparation for the letter. I also know from feedback that it is a lot of people's favourite part of the letter (I was not offended). This week's fact is particularly poignant.

Deputy Head Girl

We were delighted to receive the news this week that a former pupil, Grace Adams, has been made deputy head girl and a sports captain at Wellfield High School. It is always pleasing when former Moss Siders go on to such roles but was equally unsurprising given the qualities Grace showed whilst she was a pupil at primary school.

Stars of the Week	
	
R	Alice Jennings for some very good listening skills and excellent behaviour on the carpet.
Y1	Bobby Key for trying really hard and growing in confidence every day!
Y1/2	Zavier Barker for excellent writing this week.
Y2	Ethan Blake for some beautiful cursive handwriting this week.
Y3	Coby Bates for some lovely writing this week and for settling to work quickly and quietly.
Y4	Alesha Baron for her excellent artwork completed at home during our recent lockdown.
Y5	James Guise-Savigar for making a real effort with his handwriting and developing a fluent, joined style. Ollie Brown for his enthusiastic attitude to all class discussions and keeping us entertained with his brilliant sense of humour.
Y6	All of year 6 for working hard to put together a fantastic Leavers' Performance.
W House	RED
Silver Leaf	Amelia Wood—'Respect for Ourselves' for having an amazing resilient attitude to everything and 'Respect for Others' for being so patient and kind.

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright