

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

It was wonderful to be able to allow our pupils to show their talents in a variety of ways this week, as live assemblies and sports competitions both made a long awaited return.

Parent's Evening

If you requested an appointment, by the end of today your child will either have brought home a slip or you will have received a message via Dojo. As always, we have tried our best to meet demand as best we can. Should you have not made a request but would like to still attend, please send a message through to your child's class teacher via their reading record book and they can arrange. If there is a particular reason why parents have not made a request as they are unable to attend next week then please try to meet with your child's class teacher, or phone at an alternative point but this is likely to need to be after half term, due to time constraints next week. As always, please remember that it is **one appointment per child**.

Parent Governor Election

Please remember that the deadline for the nominations is Monday 18th October at noon.

Harvest Assemblies

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Infant assemblies this week - it was a true joy to see our pupils performing again and giving parents the chance to see them.

The following review has been written by our Y6 Media Team:

This week, the infants performed their Harvest Assembly. Starting with a poem from Mrs Swift's class and ending with 'If You're Grateful', everyone had a smile on their face for the whole performance. For it being the reception children's first time in front of the whole school, it was outstanding. Miss Jones' class sang a lovely song about harvest fruits, and considering that Mr Gilyead is currently off sick, his class did incredibly well with their poem. To end this brilliant performance Mrs Simpkins' class did a wonderful poem about preparing for the harvest. Well done infants! The juniors really enjoyed watching this performance and we hope you did too.

Junior harvest is scheduled for **Thursday 21st October and Friday 22nd October** at 9.15. The [Form](#) for requests is still

open but **closes today at 5.30pm**.

Harvest Appeal

As always, we like to support a current theme for our appeal. This year we are hoping to collect items for the Tippy Toes Baby Bank who will use these items to support a range of families. This idea came from seeing the news reports about refugees from Afghanistan who, although not exclusively, will hopefully be some of the families to gain from our collection.

Until next Friday morning, we would like donations of toiletries and hygiene products, (including larger sized nappies), to support babies, children and their wider families.

Rugby Competition

The first Moss Side rugby team (certainly in a very, very long time) competed on Tuesday night. This was a moment of celebration, not only because the team did extremely well to finish 3rd, but also because they are the first school representatives in a sporting competition since December 2019. They did the whole school proud and lived up to the expectation.

A big thank you to Mrs McKenna and Mrs Miller who stepped in at the last moment to take the team; I have already explained to Eddie Jones that they are not available for his backroom team as they are too important here at school.

Operation Encompass

We continue to be part of Operation Encompass, alongside the rest of Lancashire's schools:

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which

ensures that a young person's school is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been an incident of Domestic Abuse or any incident to which the young person has been exposed in which they are considered to be vulnerable to harm, and which might then have an impact on them in school the following day.

Each school is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all incidents of Domestic Abuse/ vulnerability can be harmful to children and young people.

Updated Policies

As always, important policies are uploaded to our website once they have been updated. Along with many others, we have renewed our individual curriculum and positive behaviour policies in the last few weeks.

Online Safety

It remains an important aspect of our role to develop pupil understanding in this area and to support parents. There is a carefully crafted online safety curriculum which runs through computing and PSHE, as well as the opportune moments taken in class and assemblies to deal with current issues.

Dojo is also often a source of information for parents and I would encourage parents to look at the resources (often posted by Karen) about current apps/trends. The overarching encouragement to parents is to continue to monitor their child's use of online media, assessing the suitability of content and checking that messaging tools etc are used appropriately. Particularly mobile phones have meant that children are often drawn into unnecessary conflict with their peers through Whatsapp or similar, as well as creating immense fatigue as they are often used late at night when sleep should be the priority.

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	Tyler Rippton for being a superstar at putting his own coat on.
Rec/ Y1	Thandiwe Maphiwa Ndlovu for always being so helpful, kind and considerate.
Y1/2	Ethan Shingleston for some fabulous maths work with part wholes.
Y2	Avianna Karia for being our current handwriting role model and always presenting her work beautifully.
Y3	Isla Prior-Smith for always working hard and fantastic behaviour!
Y4	Ava Key for excellent PE tactics and team work during the last few weeks.
Y5	Christie-Lee Allard for always showing super listening skills and getting straight to work on a task.
Y6	Dylan Bretherton for an amazing attitude to English work this week.
House	Green
Silver Leaf	<p>Respect for Others - Rayan Zeynali for always going out of his way to ask members of staff how they are and how their day is going - it really brightens their day!</p> <p>Respect for Others - Rory Torbett, Thomas and Alfie Sherlock for going out of their way to include and be friendly to the only child from another class attending 'Fit For Life'.</p>

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright