

# Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

It has felt incredibly busy at school this week and it has been wonderful to walk around the building at the end of the day to find our pupils learning about netball, guitars, green screen technology or painting to name just a few.

## Y3 Parents' Evenings

We will have further details next week regarding the re-arranged date for Year 3. Please keep an eye on your Dojo.

## Young Voices Assembly

The choir performed a selection of their songs this morning to the rest of school and a magnificent audience. We are really proud of all of their efforts and hope to have an even bigger choir next year!

## 'Back to the App' Theatre production

Altru Theatre performed a very informative production titled BACK TO THE APP for Y4, 5 & 6 on Thursday. Thank you to those parents who also attended.

Keeping children safe online, both from potential criminal dangers as well as considering what they are capable of doing for the benefit of their own health and wellbeing is a daily task for all parents and schools. Access to technology for today's children is both an immense benefit and a potential pitfall, without the proper support. I would encourage all families to discuss technology and check carefully all devices and platforms that their children access. Often, we find that pupils' biggest worries come from things that they have seen, heard or done online, often involving issues with peers (whether they know them or are virtual acquaintances).

## Strikes

Thank you to those parents who were understanding and supportive during this week's strikes. The next dates are set for 15th and 16th March. Again, any information about class closures etc will be communicated as soon as possible.

## High School Places

Year 6 pupils should now be aware of the high school that they are due to attend in September. If there are any issues that we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Torbett or myself.

There will be further information about transition later in the Summer term.

## Clubs

As you can see from the newsletter, there are a significant amount of clubs available to pupils (particularly Juniors). Pupils have been again reminded about two significant rules at Moss Side:

**Safety** - If a pupil is unable to attend for a legitimate reason, parents must inform school in some manner. This is because any pupils missing from clubs must be contacted in line with our attendance procedures. It is a huge administrative task to chase up any non-attenders.

**Commitment** - As part of our values of respect, we think that teaching children the value of commitment is important. Therefore, there is an expectation to attend clubs every week once signed up (apart from for genuine reasons as mentioned above). This is because there is an expectation on staff to commit and this should be reciprocated by those attending. Pupils have been reminded that non-attendance means that they are likely to be placed at the bottom of the list for future clubs as it is unfair to take the places of other pupils.

We are really fortunate to have such a wide range of opportunities at Moss Side and I would urge all pupils to take them. Our goal is to give pupils the chance to experience activities that they may wish to continue outside school and into their later years.

### Moss Side Playgroup

Moss Side playgroup who provide the before and after school care (drop off and pick up), need to give parents advance warning that they will be closed on Thursday May 4th as the centre is required for the elections.

Stars of the Week	
Rec	Lillian for always trying her best in everything she does.
Rec/ Y1	Sofia for her hard work and great progress with her phonics.
Y1/2	Claire for writing a lovely Hairy Maclary story.
Y2	George for a brilliant piece of report writing about Chembakoli.
Y3	Avianna for some action-packed stone age writing.
Y4	Hanna for an excellent piece of writing about Gulliver and the storm.
Y5	Coby for always saying a big 'Thank you!' to the bus driver who takes us swimming.
Y6	Jack for always displaying a conscientious attitude towards his learning and always supporting others in class too.
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### **Key events next week**

**Monday** Green Screen Y5-6, Guitar, Netball Y5-6,  
Recorders Y3-4

**Tuesday** Fit 4 Life Y1-2 & Y6 Leaders

**Wednesday** Judo Education, Art Y3-4, Football Y5-6,  
Tennis Y3-4

**Thursday** Fit 4 Life Y5-6, Swimming Y5, Coding Y3-4

**Friday** Mrs Simpkins' Assembly

**School Dinner Week: #2**

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright