

# Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Moss Side Community,

It has been a very focussed week in school as many classes have undertaken end-of-year assessments which will form part of the information shared in school reports. It has been pleasing to see the hard work and determination on show again over the last five days.

## Summer Uniform

As the weather (hopefully) improves, it is always worth a reminder that caps are often a useful item for pupils to have in school at this time of year. Applying sun cream *before* coming to school is also very helpful, just to be on the safe side, as pupils often spend plenty of time outside at this time of year. Unfortunately, we all know how quickly the British climate can change, so a light waterproof should always be brought to school.

For PE days, pupils and parents are reminded that navy blue shadow shorts (available from supermarkets and our uniform shop) are our standard uniform. There has been an increase in grey and black shorts over the last few weeks so we would encourage families to return to normal by the time the new half term starts.

We have a large quantity of second hand uniform available for a small donation, which will be available after school on Tuesday in the hall. A huge thanks to Ms Daniel for sorting through our collection.

## SATs Monitoring

As part of our arrangements, we invite a governor in to observe the way in which SATs are undertaken by our pupils. This year Mr C Carrassale (Parent Governor) volunteered to do this. Clive has written a short report for the Governing Body, which Governors wish to share.

The report highlighted the test security, organisation and administration arrangements, before sharing an observation:

*It was obvious that an enormous amount of time and effort had been spent preparing the children for these tests. There was a very calm and relaxed atmosphere about the room, balanced with the conditions you would expect of an exam; with the only expectation set being "to do your best". It was fantastic to see that the children were able to feel as*

*comfortable as possible by having a lucky mascot and a photo on their desk – I witnessed several of them hugging their teddies and picking up their family photos throughout the test! The way the children conducted themselves during what is probably their first formal test is not only a credit to themselves and their parents, but to the staff at school who have so ably supported them over the last few months.*

We think that this says a lot about the mentality our pupils have towards learning and we were grateful as a staff to our Governing Body for the feedback.

## Bowling

On Tuesday, ten Year 6 pupils attended the Leyland Primary Bowling Competition at Fox Lane. They had an excellent day and finished a creditable second in their group. This was another event run by the fantastic School Games team in our local area, supported by the enthusiastic volunteers from the bowling club.

## Staffing

We are pleased that Miss Jones will return to school for some days next week. Year 3 will continue to be taught by Mrs McKenna for the current time, as they are mid-unit in most areas of the curriculum.

## Clogging

Year 6 are taking part in a two-day clogging workshop next week, led by Mrs Heaton. On Thursday, Year 6 parents are invited into school for a performance to start at 3:00pm.

## Clubs

Please note there will be no Chess club on Thursday 25th May.

## Half term

A reminder that school closes at 3.15pm Friday 26th May. We reopen Tuesday 6th June.

Stars of the Week	
Rec	Bobbi for having a great attitude towards her reading.
Rec/ Y1	All of Reception/Year 1 for working so hard on our class assembly!
Y1/2	Amy Jo for great maths work this week.
Y2	Lilly for giving her all in our SATs this week and really a star of the week for everyone in Y2 for their efforts in their SATs. Well done everyone.
Y3	Emosi for a positive attitude to tests this week and trying his very best in all of them.
Y4	Isla for always listening carefully, working well with others and giving her best.
Y5	Jamie P for excellent work in his maths all week.
Y6	Andile for superb English work this week and an excellent attitude.
W House	RED
Silver Leaf	Harry B and Charlie K Y6 - Respect for Others - for stepping in when they thought a classmate was not being treated with respect.  Harriet W Y1 - Respect for Others - for handing out stickers to the rest of the children when she wasn't even asked to do it.  Brandon L Y6 - Respect for Others - for showing concern and consideration for the Year 2 children when asking Mrs Simpkins how they had gone on in their tests.

## Key events next week

**Monday** Netball Y5+6, Guitar

**Tuesday** Second-hand uniform shop, Fit4Life Y3+4

**Wednesday** Cricket Y5+6

**Thursday** Swimming Y3+Y4, Clogging Y6

**Friday** Y4 Assembly, Y4 Brass

**Dinner #2**

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright