

# Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

We are certainly tiring at the end of term but still working hard! This morning we were treated to a brilliant dress rehearsal of the Year 6 production, which Year 6 have worked really hard to put together. I think you will love it if you are due to watch next week.

## School Day Times

From September, Infant classes will start 5 minutes earlier. This is to reduce the gap between Infant and Junior start times. A reminder of the school day is as follows (NB. New EYFS pupils will use the timings once they start **full-time**):

Rec and Rec/Y1: 8:55-3:15

Y1/2 and Y2: 8:50-3:10

Y3, 4, 5, 6: 8:50-3:15

Please remember that playground gates for Junior pupils do not open until 8:45. Pupils in Juniors should therefore aim to be at school 8:45-8:50 each day.

If you have any feedback on this, please feel free to email [bursar@mosside.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@mosside.lancs.sch.uk) with the subject title 'School Day Times'.

## SATs

As you know, we believe that there is far more to primary school life than SATs. However, we always hope that our pupils get a reflection of their efforts in English and maths at the end of Year 6. We are delighted with the work of the whole class and pleased to say that, in the main, their attitude has been rewarded with outstanding results.

## Sports Day

I am aware that it is the time of year when we run sports days in school and, for some newer parents, there are sometimes queries about why we do not run this event with a watching crowd. Every year we review this, as we do with all aspects of school life, but continue to believe that the manner in which we run this part of school life works best for the majority of our pupils.

In terms of encouraging families to engage with school life, you will know that we offer lots of opportunities. Even during COVID, we tried our best to maintain this even when other

schools made, understandably, the decision to stop this part of school life completely. It is simply that we do not think spectators enhance this part of school life for our pupils, in the way that an audience for a performance does.

I am sure that some parents may feel that this decision is to discourage competition, which it is certainly not! You will know from our excellent sporting successes in inter-school tournaments this year that we definitely wish pupils who feel confident to compete to do so in such an environment. Our current (and ex) pupils will tell you all how competitive I am, and our PE coordinators are even more so! All pupils have the opportunity to put themselves forward to represent school across a wide range of events as they progress through school—a significant aspect of our School Games Gold Award—with parents encouraged to support these events wherever possible.

But we also understand, from talking to pupils and parents, that for some children the idea of a sports day with a huge crowd is a daunting prospect. This will not encourage them to compete (as they do in PE lessons) but to shy away from such activities. If a pupil found times tables challenging, it would not be appropriate to have a crowd watching them sit a maths test and the same applies to many pupils in regards to sport. Our aim is to encourage pupils to compete, be active and see sport as a healthy part of their lifestyle long-term and we work hard to do so throughout the year.

As always, please feel free to pop in for a chat if you have any concerns about this.

## Sampling Afternoon

Pupils will attend their new classes this afternoon, ahead of next year.

## Dinners

Mrs Cranmer shared an email earlier this week re. dinners. Please ensure you have read this, especially pupils Y2-Y5.

### Y4 Brass Performance

Year 4 did us proud on Tuesday. Thank you so much to all those who supported; the hall was packed and nearly every family was represented, which I know pupils appreciated.

A letter was also sent out regarding tuition next year. Please return this asap if your child is interested.

### Rugby

Leyland Warriors are a rugby club based in Moss Side in Leyland and this Saturday have a family fun day. Details on Dojo.

### Uniform Pop-Up Shop

This will run in Leyland during selected weeks of the school holiday. Again, details via Dojo.

### Communication

A reminder again that Dojo messages (which are not monitored) and emails are not suitable communication with school in most instances. Please pop in and see us or pick up the phone if you can't.

There have been some parents who have received return calls in recent weeks but not responded. Please make sure the school number (01772 432048) is saved in your phone so that you know who it is.

### **Key events next week**

**Monday** Y6 Performance (1:45)

**Tuesday** Y6 Performance (6:00)

**Wednesday**



**Thursday** Swimming Y3+Y4, Y6 Festival (6:00)

**Friday** Y6 Leavers' Assembly (9:10), End of term (3:15)

**Dinner Week #1**

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	Cyrus for always showing respect to others, school and himself.
Rec/ Y1	Isla K for brilliant enthusiasm and super work about mermaids this week.
Y1/2	Tyler R for great tennis skills in P.E.
Y2	Tommy H for an increasingly mature attitude to his work in school over this year.
Y3	Grace for keeping me organised in a lovely polite way. What a helpful girl!
Y4	Olivia for being a polite and helpful member of our class towards teachers and pupils. Elliot for answering questions so well and displaying amazing knowledge on our trip to Bolton Museum.
Y5	King for superb bowling in rounders.
Y6	Jude for his outstanding performance in bringing his character alive.
WH	Blue
Silver Leaf	We have a lot of wonderful 'silver leafers' for demonstrating the Moss Side Way, 'Respect for Others':  Danielle P Y4 - for giving a friend £1 to spend at the museum when she had forgotten her money.  Archie H Y1/2 - for offering to help a classmate when her coat got tangled. (visitor nominated).  Charlotte Rec - for being kind to others, offering her coat to a friend so she didn't have to wear a school coat and then her cap to cheer up a sad friend.  Will S Y2 - for helping a classmate pick up cups he had dropped.  Shannon Y5 - for making a classmate feel better when they were upset.  Blake D Y5 - for helping a classmate pick up their things when they dropped them getting off the bus.  Bobby K, Alfie and Thomas S - for completing a 6 mile sponsored walk.  Ethan S Y2 - for being more concerned about his friend when they both hurt themselves.