

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Moss Side Community,

Year 4 learnt how to fix bikes this week, as part of our active travel programme with South Ribble, while our girls and $\gamma 5/6$ footballers both competed in matches at St Mary's High School (on Tuesday and Thursday respectively).

As part of our careers work, we were delighted to welcome in Charlotte Iddon from Virtual School Team who delivered an assembly for Juniors, followed by workshops for Years 4-6.

Next week's Moss Side Way in Action target: Caring for others around

National Teaching Assistant Day

Today is an opportunity to say a big thank you to all of our teaching assistants (and the rest of our magnificent support staff) who are dedicated members of our team. We are very fortunate to have such a committed team of staff at Moss Side.

Library

If you cast your minds back to the summer term, you will be able to remember our delight that the much anticipated library had been installed and we were in the process of organising our new books. But then a combination of our roof and the great British weather had different ideas...

The heavy downpours of early summer managed to find multiple gaps in our forty plus year old roof and created a swimming pool in our brand new space. As well as being hugely demoralising for the pupils and staff who have worked hard to develop this space, it has also created significant damage. We estimate that we have lost around 1/6 of our books to water damage and three of our brand new library units will now need to be replaced. This means that we are actively seeking ways to pay for these replacements. Should you be aware of any **local businesses** who may be willing to donate towards this cause in any way, please let us know. We are also planning to focus any school fundraising towards repair costs for the library. Fortunately, the book donation scheme we ran in the summer term had not been placed on shelves yet so those are safe!

Clothing Collection

We have already made some progress in our library repair fund following last week's appeal. Thank you for your donations which raised £104 for school fund.

Careers

A reminder of the information on last week's newsletter:

We are really eager to do some work in our assemblies this term to inspire our Junior pupils to begin to consider what they would like to do when they are older. We are really eager that any ex-pupils or parents (current or ex!), who would like to share what they are now doing, come in and talk for 10-15 minutes during a Junior assembly. This could be a presentation, question and answer or even something (suitably) practical! We hope that, by sharing what Moss Siders and our wider community do, this will inspire the next generation. Assemblies are **Tuesday at 10.30** (although there is the option for this to be Wednesday at 10.30 if this works best). If you are interested, please **speak to Mr Wright or email bursar@mossside.lancs.sch.uk**.

EYFS Reading Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended these meetings. Whether you are a new parent or have been through the process before, it is a really important message to hear, especially given some of the adjustments made during the last few years.

Head Lice

We have had recent cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair regularly and consult a pharmacist if you need support in dealing with the issue. Pupils with long hair should continue to tie it back and reduce the chance of catching them.

Stars of the Week	
Rec	Louie R for spotting and collecting a range of interesting things on our welly walk.
Rec/ Y1	Ben for amazing cycling in 'Tots on Tyres' and always having lovely manners!
Y1/2	Georgía for great wríting this week.
Y2	Ada for a fantastic piece of story writing.
Y 3	Gabby and Martha for completing their 'Scootsafe' booklet independently.
Y4	Grace for her efforts and determination when fixing a puncture during Thursday's bike fix session.
Y5	Mía for always being conscientious and showing a high level of maturity.
Y6	Rosie T for always being a superb role model and a real asset to Year 6.
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Sílver Leaf	Jaiden B Y3 - Respect for Others - for tying another child's shoelace without being asked during active lunchtime.

Key events next week

Monday SR Active - Multi Games γ 2, Football Club γ 5 g g, Art γ 5 g g

Tuesday Choir Y4-6, Tag Rugby Y5 § 6

Wednesday Dodgeball Club Y3 & 4 (8:10)

Thursday Tots on Tyres EYFS, Bikeability Y6, Swimming Y5, SR Active - Active Wheels Y4-5

Friday

Dinner Week #3

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright