



Dear Moss Side Community,

The sun has arrived! It is always a lovely time of year when our pupils can enjoy our fantastic school field on a more regular basis. Despite the increased heat, we are still working extremely hard and I have seen some great examples of writing, artwork and impressive dancing this week.

SATs

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will complete the national testing for the end of primary education in English and maths. Many pupils, alongside the staff team, have worked extremely hard to give themselves a good platform to achieve.

Most importantly, we know that this is but a small measure of the progress that they have made over the last seven years - SATs does not measure growth in confidence, resilience, artistic ability or sporting merit to name but a few. What they do offer, however, is an opportunity to experience national examinations under strict test conditions for the first time. All of our pupils know that they only have one task - to try their best (it is the one thing that they can control).

If they come into school with the right mindset next week, I am confident that all our Year 6 students will achieve what they deserve.

Assessments

Year 6 are not the only year group who will be undertaking end-of-year assessments over the next few weeks.

- EYFS pupils will be assessed against the [Early Learning Goals](#).
- Year 1 pupils will undertake the phonic screening test in June.
- Year 4 pupils are working towards completing the Multiplication Check next month.
- All classes will have internal assessments undertaken by teachers, using a range of tests, informal assessments and reviews of class work.

Our end-of-year reports will provide you with the results of this work. In the meantime, parents can best support pupils by hearing them read regularly (no matter their age) and

completing any other homework set by teachers.

Educational Visits

There are a range of activities taking place away from school over the next few weeks. These include field trips for EYFS - Year 5, as well as some other visits arranged by staff. As always, we budget to subsidise heavily the cost of most activities at Moss Side as we wish to ensure that opportunities are available for all, no matter the economic background. This year, we will continue to have a fixed cost for full day visits of £12 (should there be two visits within a short period we may look to reduce this slightly for both). In most instances, the average bus costs £9-£10 per pupil so this still means there is significant amounts to cover for the activities involved in most visits.

Your child's class teacher will inform you of upcoming visits and important information through a letter prior to the visit.

Trips are payable via ParentPay so please ensure you have activated your account.

Speak Out, Stay Safe

Our regular support for this NSPCC initiative returns over the next two weeks. You will see a letter via Dojo with more information.



Parent Governor

We have two nominations for the vacant post. Each family will receive today, two voting slips (one per person with parental responsibility - please disregard one voting slip should this not apply in your family). Please return the completed ballot slip, inside the sealed envelope provided by school, no later than 12.00 noon on Monday 20th May.

Toast for KS2

Due to the variable movements and timings around school next week because of SATS, there will be no toast at morning break from Monday to Thursday.

The amount payable for next term's toast (available now on ParentPay) has been reduced by £1.00 to compensate.

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	Nandi for her fantastic dancing in PE and always being a kind friend to everyone in our class.
Rec/ Y1	Keziah for working hard in class and making her work look brilliant and neat.
Y1/2	Vinny D for great writing this week.
Y2	Ada for keeping trying and persevering during Maths as we've been doing some trickier things.
Y3	Bradley for always being so polite and smiley, and for having a good attitude to our assessments this week.
Y4	Theo for his efforts in athletics this week especially the triple jump!
Y5	Jake for a mature approach to friendships on the playground this week.
Y6	Kye for impressing us so much with his cricket.
W House	Yellow
Silver Leaf	Grace M Y4 - Respect for Others - for offering to take a member of staff's empty plate back to the kitchen without being asked.

Key events next week

Monday SATS, Guitar Club (Y4-6), Netball Club Y5/6

Tuesday SATS

Wednesday SATS, Cricket Club Y5/6, Governors Meeting (Finance)

Thursday SATS, Swimming Y4, Cheerleading Y1 (SR)

Friday 'Speak Out, Stay Safe', Brass, Multi Games Y3/4 (SR)

Dinner Week #2

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright