



# Livingstone Newsletter

## 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Star of the Week:

Nursery: Connie

Reception: Nabila

Year 1: Jasmine

Year 2: Cole

Year 3: Phoebe C

Year 4: Lily

Year 5: Vinnie

Year 6: Grace

### Clubs:

No history club next week as Miss Keating is at a training course. No Y1/2 multi sports as Mr Flint is taking a team to a Tag Rugby competition. All other clubs are on next week.

### Year 3 Spanish Morning:

Year 3 will be going up to Mossley Hollins for a Spanish themed morning on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. They will participate in a range of Spanish themed activities to mark the start of their Spanish lessons in school. They will also be tasting some Spanish food. They will walk up and back so please make sure that they arrive at school on time ready to leave promptly and that they have a waterproof coat with a hood and sensible shoes. Thank you.

### Tag Rugby Competition:

Children selected for this competition have been given a letter today. Please make sure the permission slip is returned as soon as possible. If children can't attend, then please let us know.

### Hallowe'en Disco:

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, we are holding our Hallowe'en disco. Due to the numbers that attended last year we are having to do it differently. Nursery and Reception will be having their disco during the school day. A donation of £1 each towards party food would be appreciated. If children in these classes wish to come to school in a Hallowe'en costume on this day then they are welcome to. There will be a prize for the best fancy dress.

Year 1 and Year 2's disco will be from 5-6pm. There will be snacks for sale and games and competitions as well as prizes for the best costume. Children in Year 1 and Year 2 must be accompanied by an adult. Admission for children AND adults is £1. Please bring other money for hotdogs and snacks. Year 1 and 2 then go home and it is the turn of Key Stage 2 children.

Years 3-6's Disco is from 6.30-7.30pm. There will be snacks for sale and games and competitions as well as prizes for the best costume. Children in these years can be left at school but must be picked up at the end of the disco. Admission is £1. Please bring other money for hotdogs and snacks. All proceeds go to the Friends of Livingstone.

### Instagram:

We will soon be starting to use our school's Instagram page as a way to update/remind parents, carers & family members about events and activities happening in school. We know that many family members such as aunts, uncles, grandparents etc, can't access School Spider but do use Instagram and this can be a nice way for them to keep updated with what is going on at school. We will also be using the platform to promote the school to prospective parents. The account won't be monitored daily in the same way that the school email is, so we ask parents not to use this channel to communicate with us about their child/ren. Our Instagram account name is @livingstoneprimarymossley and you can follow using this link: <https://instagram.com/livingstoneprimarymossley?igshid=NzZhOTFIyZmZQ==>

As always, safeguarding is our main priority so we have developed a new social media policy which all Instagram posts will adhere to. This policy can be viewed on the school website. Parents/carers will need to complete the permission slip on School Spider to let us know whether you **DO** or **DO NOT** give permission for your child's image to be used in social media posts. In most cases we won't need to use children's names, they will be referred to by group (e.g. Y6, Nursery, Debate Team etc.) but if we do need to use names (e.g. in the case of an individual achievement) this will be first name only. You'll be able to find the permission slip in "surveys and forms". If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office who will be more than happy to discuss this with you.

#### Prompt start to the day:

Closing the doors promptly at 8.55am has made a real difference to being able to make a positive start to the day and a settled and quick start to learning. Thank you to everyone.

#### Parent Governor Role:

There is an opening on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor. Please get in contact with me if you'd like to discuss in more detail.

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning:

We raised an amazing £598.98. Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

#### High School Applications for Year 6:

The closing date for this is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Please do not leave it to the last minute in case you have a problem with the online process. If you need any advice, please come and have a chat.

#### Names:

Please could all items of uniform be labelled with children's names. We are getting a lot of lost or misplaced items and it's really hard to reunite them with the owners if there isn't a name (or if the name hasn't been changed from a second-hand piece!). Please make sure all items are named and this hasn't washed out. Thank you.

#### PE Kit:

Please remember that all children from Reception to Year 6 need to have a PE kit in school. This should consist of shorts or leggings, t-shirt and pumps. It's also useful to add in a spare pair of socks especially when girls are wearing tights with their uniform.

#### Flu Vaccinations

Emails have been sent out with a link for you to consent or opt out of the Flu nasal vaccination for your child from Reception to Year 6. If you did not receive this email or are unable to fill in the online consent, paper copies are available from the school office. The form needs to be completed for every child (specifying whether you would like them to have a vaccination or not) and will close on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

#### Kooth Webinar for parents and carers:

Kooth is a free mental health and wellbeing platform that is commissioned by the NHS and is available to all families in Tameside. They offer free online counselling, mental health services and wellbeing support to children age 10+. To find out more please book a free place on the on-line webinar specifically for parents and carers:

##### **Monday 6th Nov 1-2pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parentandcarer-webinarhow-kooth-promotes-and-supports-staying-safe-online-tickets-718577975067?aff=oddtcreator>

##### **Monday 6th Nov 6-7pm**

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#### Duathlon Monthly events:

Active Tameside are running monthly Family Friendly Duathlons at Tameside Cycle Circuit in Ashton Under Lyne. These events are aimed at children aged 6 + up to adults meaning it would be great for families to come down and have a go. A **Duathlon** is an athletic event that consists of a running leg, followed by a cycling leg and then another running leg in a format similar to triathlons. We set maximum distances for you to do but you can come and have a go and run and cycle to what you're comfortable with.

Our next event is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 12pm (£5 Entry Fee). For any more information please contact Mike Jones on [Mike.Jones@activetameside.com](mailto:Mike.Jones@activetameside.com) To take part in the event you must book. For the 15<sup>th</sup> October please see the link here: [https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/swim-bike-run-local-ashton-under-lyne\\_14970](https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/swim-bike-run-local-ashton-under-lyne_14970) Our future events are on: November 12<sup>th</sup> 2023, December 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2024; February 4<sup>th</sup> 2024; March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024; April 7<sup>th</sup> 2024; May 5<sup>th</sup> 2024; June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024; July 7<sup>th</sup> 2024; August 4<sup>th</sup> 2024

## Saddleworth 3Ds

Are looking for players in Year 5 for their girls' football team. Contact Ben on 07808078598.

## Football Fun Factory:

Upcoming Football Fun Camps in half term:

 Monday 23rd October - Tuesday 24th October 2023

 West Hill School, SK15 1LX

 Drop off from 8:45am and collection between 3:15pm and 3:30pm

 £18 per day or £32 for the full 2-day camp! We also offer a 50% sibling discount!

 Boys & Girls aged 5-12!

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/1066>

 Wednesday 25th October - Thursday 26th October 2023

 Saddleworth School, OL3 5NU

 Drop off from 8:45am and collection between 3:15pm and 3:30pm

 £18 per day or £32 for the full 2-day camp! We also offer a 50% sibling discount!

 Boys & Girls aged 5-12!

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/1062>

Regular weekly sessions where children can book on for a 3-week free trial on any of them to try out the sessions.

Football Fun & Development (5-12 year olds):

West Hill School - Football Fun & Development - Mondays 5.00pm-6.00pm

- <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/724>

Saddleworth High School - Football Fun & Development - Fridays 5.30pm-6.30pm

- <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/726>

Tots Football Fun (2-5 year olds):

West Hill High School - Tots Football Fun - Saturdays 08:45am-09:30am (2-5 years)

- <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/727>

West Hill High School - Tots Football Fun - Saturdays 09:30am-10:15am (2-5 years)

- <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/728>

## Tameside Music Service Choirs

Infant Choir:

Thursdays 4.30pm - 5.00 A fun session for children aged 4 -7 to start singing as part of an ensemble. Students will learn a variety of simple songs and chants chosen to improve both their singing and listening skills.

Junior Choir:

Thursdays 4.30pm - 5.15pm A wonderful opportunity for children aged 7-11 to start singing as part of a larger ensemble. Students will perform new arrangements of popular songs and start to sing in harmony, learning vital ensemble and listening skills along the way.

We rehearse every week during term time at Birch Lane Centre, Birch Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 5AU and perform in regular concerts around Greater Manchester. Any prospective members can just come along any Thursday in term time and register on the night.....no auditions. We have introduced a small membership charge of £10 per half term which gives access to all our ensembles. For more information please contact - Email: [musicservice@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:musicservice@tameside.gov.uk)

## Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Year 3 Spanish Day @ MHHS

Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>: Tag Rugby competition at MHHS for Y6

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Hallowe'en Disco EYFS in the school day; Y1&2 5-6pm; Y3-6 6.30 – 7.30pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: End of Half term 1

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October: half term holiday

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October: Start of half term 2  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Closing date for high school applications  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November: MCSP Maths challenge for Year 6  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Flu Vaccinations; MCSP Debate meeting  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November: Livingstone Open day / evening for new Nursery and Reception September 2024  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Parents' evening 3.30pm – 6pm  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Parents' Evening 4.30pm – 7pm  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fair 11-1.30pm  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS Nativity 9.30am; Year 1 & 2 nativity 2pm  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS nativity 9.30am; Year 1 & 2 nativity 2pm & 6pm  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS party am; Y1&2 and Y3&4 party pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Carol concert 9.10am; Y5&6 party pm; end of term 3.15pm  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024: Christmas holiday  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024: Inset Training Day for Staff  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024: Children return to school