



# Livingstone Newsletter

## 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Star of the Week:

Nursery: Ava

Reception: Ziggy

Year 1: Darcey

Year 2: Zachary

Year 3: Benji Mc

Year 4: Toby

Year 5: Oliver

Year 6: Grace

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!

### Clubs:

All clubs are on next week.

Next week we have the following clubs on:

Tuesday: Boardgames, Lego, Multisports Y1/2, History

Wednesday: Multisports Y5/6

Thursday: Science, Debate, Sewing, Balance bikes

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May Y5 Maths interschool competition:

We are planning to take a team of Year 5 children up to Hollins for a Maths competition on Wednesday morning but are still confirming the details. We will confirm with the team members once we know more.

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May Y5 JASS to Sandon House:

The Year 5 children will be going to Sandon house as part of their community work for their JASS award on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

### Year 5 Big Sing Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May:

Year 5 will be walking up to Hollins to take part in the 'Big Sing' with other local schools. They will walk up after lunch ready for a 1.45pm start. They will sing one song of their own and one song as a communal effort with the other schools. I am currently clarifying how long it will last and will contact parents about collection arrangements once I have this information.

### Year 6 SATs Week Timetable:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Reading

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Arithmetic and Reasoning paper 1

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Reasoning paper 2

### Nursery Applications for 2024 and future years:

We still have places available for Nursery in September 2024, so if you know anyone still looking for a place, please spread the word. We take children in September who will have already turned 3. We offer both 15 and 30 hours and also other flexible options. Our before and after school club also takes children who are in our Nursery.

We also take names for Nursery places for future years and there may even be spaces for these children to start in the term after they are three (January starters), so if you'd like to put your child's name down then it's never too early!

### Second Hand Uniform:

We will relist the second hand uniform on School Spider next week. Please do make use of this – we get so much in that it can be hard to store! Please order what you need or could use and it will be sent home with your child.

### Holiday requests:

Please note that holiday requests should be made on either a form available from the office or by email to the admin email address. Holidays should not be requested on School Spider – this is just for notifying us of illness.

### Whit Friday:

We are now finalising our arrangements for the Whit Friday walk. If your child is walking with another community group, they should still come to school to get their registration mark. They will then need to be picked up by an adult and taken to the community group to walk. Once picked up they are then the responsibility of the adult picking up and not school's responsibility. After the walk, they should return to school for lunch and the afternoon registration before we close. Children walking with community groups can wear the uniform of their groups whilst in school.

As school is open, children not wanting to walk should still attend school.

**School closes at 1.30pm on Whit Friday.** There is no Little Stones after school.

### Nut and Sesame free school:

We have had quite a few children bringing in items in their packed lunches that contain nuts or sesame. Please remember to check things like seeded bread and houmous (tahini is sesame seed paste). Thank you for your support in keeping all children in our school safe.

### Tameside survey on before and after school care:

Tameside are undertaking a survey with parents and carers about your current and future needs for wraparound childcare for children aged 5-11, before and after school. Please could parents complete the survey on the below link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Tameside-WraparoundParentsSurvey>

### 'Moving Up' hub with free transition resources

The In Our Place Moving Up hub is now live at [www.inourplace.co.uk/moving-up](http://www.inourplace.co.uk/moving-up) and ready to be used. It includes new free video guides, relevant online course information and topical blogs for parents on preparing for new school transitions. With a focus on starting primary school and moving up to secondary school, these resources are designed to introduce the Solihull Approach and key concepts around childhood development and emotional health.

After the Diary Dates, I have attached a few flyers.

### Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May:	Year 5 MCSP Inter-school maths challenge
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May:	Last HOT Maths for Year 6 children
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May:	Year 5 JASS award children to Sandon House
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May:	Year 5 Big Sing @ MHHS
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May:	Y6 SATs week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May:	Class Photos
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May:	Bikeability Year 6
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May:	<b>Whit Friday – school closes at 1.30pm. No Little Stones after school.</b> End of term
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June:	Whit holiday
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June:	Children return to school
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June:	New EYFS Parents meeting 6pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June:	School Grounds Orienteering day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 1 visit to Castleshaw
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June:	Debate Society competition at MHHS
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June:	<b>Sports Day at Seel Park</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June:	selected Year 5 to Science Fair @ Dukinfield Town Hall
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July:	Year 6 to Brass celebration with other schools and concert 4pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 6 transition to Tameside high schools
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July:	In school transition and new EYFS 9.15 – 10.15am
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July:	Robinwood

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Year 5 educational visit to Manchester Museum  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July: End of Year reports out  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Mossley Primary Olympics  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 performance 6.30pm  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 leavers' do 5.30 – 7.30pm  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 leavers' assembly 2pm  
 End of term 3.15pm  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: INSET Day for staff  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Children return to school




**Home-Start volunteers support parents when they need it most – in the early years. The early years of a child's life have a huge impact on their future, and parents who have a source of support find it easier to cope with life's challenges. You'll be...**



**A friendly face** - our volunteers visit weekly for a couple of hours, something both parents & children (and volunteers!) really look forward to.

**A helping hand** - something as simple as leaving the house can be hard with little ones. An extra pair of hands makes all the difference!





**A listening ear** - You'll be someone a parent can share their worries, thoughts and successes with.

**Volunteering - it's life-changing!**

**Home-Start volunteers support parents with young children, offering support & friendship through challenging times.**



Volunteers are the heart of Home-Start - whatever your experience, and however much time you can give, we can support you to make a real difference to families in your community.

**We also have varied opportunities to volunteer with Cascade Family Essentials, providing children's clothes and essential daily items to families in need across Greater Manchester.**

Find out more at [home-starthost.org.uk](http://home-starthost.org.uk) or get in touch:

✉ [info@homestarthost.org.uk](mailto:info@homestarthost.org.uk)

☎ 0161 344 0669 or 01204 216 537








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New and Experienced players always welcome  
to The Denton Netball Club family

For more information visit

Our Facebook page: [www.facebookdentonnetballclub](http://www.facebookdentonnetballclub)

Email: [dentonnetballclub2018@gmail.com](mailto:dentonnetballclub2018@gmail.com)



## Bee Netball Sessions

### Year Nursery to Year 4

Especially for children new to netball

Tuesday & Friday – 6.00pm – 6.55pm

St Thomas More RC College

Town Lane

Denton M34 6AF

1<sup>st</sup> Session FREE

Then £3.00 per session

Don't forget to bring a grown up in  
trainers to Bee Netball for YN to Y4



Weekly social sessions on Thursday 8pm-9pm

Just turn up 16+ £4.00 per session

1<sup>st</sup> Session FREE



### All sessions are held at

St Thomas More RC College Town Lane. Denton. M34 6AF  
Or Audenshaw High School, Hazel St Audenshaw M34 5NB

New & Experienced players always welcome

*Days and Times of Sessions: from 5 Sept 2023*

At St Thomas More

Tuesday – 6.00 - 6.55pm

YN – Y4 Bee Netball

Y2 Teams

7.00 - 8.00pm - Year 4 Teams

Wednesday 6.15 - 7.45pm

Year 7 Teams

Thursday 6.00 - 8.00pm

Year 9/10/11 Teams

Friday – 6.00 - 6.55pm

YN – Y4 Bee Netball

Ladies Teams 14+

Tues/Wed 8.00 - 10.00pm

Thurs 9.00 – 10.00pm

At Audenshaw High School

Tuesday 6.00 - 7.30pm

Year 3 Teams

7.30 - 8.30pm

Year 8 Teams

Wednesday 6.00 – 7.30pm

Year 5 Teams

Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00pm

Year 6 Teams

Ladies team training (May-Sept) or MENL (Sept-April) matches

Y4 and below would always attend Bee Netball first then be  
directed to their year group when they achieve Netball basics.  
Please contact us to be directed to the appropriate session.

At all sessions

\*Qualified  
netball  
coaches\*

\*First Aid  
trained\*

\*DBS checked\*

Big Comedy Shop and Ben Hodge presents

# Comedy Improv 101

FREE Sessions for 7-11 and 18-25 year olds living in Tameside



Learn the basics of improv  
and how to be  
spontaneously funny!



Show your parents/carers  
& friends in a mini showcase

## When?

18th May  
25th May  
8th June

12:30-1:30 for 7-11y/o  
1:30-2:30 for 18-25 y/o

## Where?

Ashton Library, OL6 6BH

Sign up via the QR code  
Limited spaces available!

Work with professional comedian  
and improviser Ben Hodge to build  
your confidence and performance  
skills



This project is funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

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Tameside  
RECREATION CENTRE

IN TAMESIDE

## Come and learn the basics of improv and how to be funny for FREE!

Over 3 weeks, we will learn improv techniques as well as short games to perform to family and friends. Learn about character, scene work, being in the moment and finding your funny!

Places can be booked on Eventbrite [here](#), and please do your best to commit to all three workshops, as Ben will be developing your skills of the course of the sessions!

Ben Hodge is a stand-up comedian, improviser and facilitator. He has taught comedy improv workshops with The Lowry, Big Comedy Shop, Gorse Hill Studios and the University of Salford. Ben has recently taken his stand-up show to various festivals across the country, including the Edinburgh Fringe, and has regularly sold-out venues. His improv credits include:

ComedySportz

Totally Improvised Musical

Totally Improvised Pantomime

Edinburgh International Improv Festival

He has performed improv internationally, from Buxton to Edinburgh to Seattle

If you have any queries or would like to know any more, please contact [events@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:events@tameside.gov.uk)



Looking for something exciting over the school holidays?

**SCITECH**

"A holiday club like no other"

Providing hands-on Science and Technology for inquisitive minds ...

**FLIGHT**  
Come on a flight of discovery exploring incredible flying machines and inventions. Then learn to make things fly, drawing inspiration from nature's amazing designs!

**NUMBERS IN NATURE**  
Investigate Nature's calculator. Discover the Golden Ratio and get an appetite for the great taste of Pi

**MATERIALS**  
Push materials to their limits. Find out why custard makes F1 cars safe and extract copper from rocks!

**PLUS ONE**  
Experience a taster of SciTech at a location near you for one, two or three days

**South Manchester Event**  
3rd - 5th April 2024  
Baguley Hall Primary School, Baguley, M23 1LB

**North Manchester Event**  
29th - 31st May 2024  
Brian Clarke Academy, Oldham, OL9 6BP

10am - 4:30pm

Extended care is available from 8:30am - 6pm

Event page or go to [scitech.co.uk](http://scitech.co.uk) to find out more

Ages 5-14

QR code linking to the event page

SciTech ([www.scitech.co.uk](http://www.scitech.co.uk)) have delivered hands-on Science Workshops for Children aged 5-14 in the south of Manchester during the holidays since 1991. This video [Making ice-cream with liquid nitrogen](#) gives a flavour (if you will pardon the pun) of one of the activities from last Easter SciTech.

Please find attached the PDF copy of our leaflet explaining what we are doing in our 2024 Workshops. This is an amazing experience for the children which I can personally vouch for. I first became involved when my son went to the summer school in 2002 and my children and I have been involved ever since.

### May SciTech (Oldham)

**Materials** – extract metals from their ores and carry out Engineering tests on materials.

**Flight** – drawing inspiration from nature's incredible designs, explore flying machines.

**Numbers in Nature** – uncover the surprising patterns in the natural world.





# HELP DESIGN YOUR NEW CHILDRENS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

**Background to the children's emergency department:** We serve the community of Tameside and Glossop and see children from birth up until their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. We see children with minor illness and injuries, to children who are very poorly.

Hospital can be a scary place for anyone so we would like to make it less scary by brightening the place up!

We want to make our new department a friendly and welcoming place to visit if children are unwell or have an accident. We want local children to help turn the very new but boring, white walls into something child friendly.

It can be anything – animal themed, health themed, space themed, game theme – whatever is in your imagination. Brighter the better!

Please submit an A4 piece of paper with your pictures/designs that we can turn into bright and welcoming walls.

Please write your name and age on the back and the school you go to.

Our judges will pick the best designs and they will be recreated on our walls and the designer will receive a prize and certificate.

Please send the designs to:

**Claire Sharples – Paediatric ED Matron**  
**Paediatric ED**  
**Tameside Hospital**  
**Fountain Street**  
**Ashton-Under-Lyne**  
**OL6 9RW**  
**By Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

