



Livingstone Newsletter

10th February 2023

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Arthur

Reception: Isla

Year 1: Molly

Year 2: Thea

Year 3: Oscar

Year 4: Jacob

Year 5: Grace

Year 6: Fajir

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!

Clubs Next Week:

No Science and no Debate club next week due to Mrs Legge being at another meeting and a clash of dates with the MCSP Basketball competition.

School Spider Access:

The servers that host the School Spider websites and apps are currently down and have been so for a few days. This is affecting all schools that use School Spider as their website host, not just us. Whilst this is the case we are unable to send out messages and texts to all parents or update our website. This means the app is also not working for uniform orders, trip payments and permissions. We know that School Spider is working hard to get this back online. In the meantime, we have reverted to a paper copy of our newsletter!

Digital online Safety:

Roblox continues to be one of the most popular online video games for children and teenagers to play. It offers a range of games created by players rather than professional developers. In this way, it is more like a video game platform rather than a single game. Commonsense media's recommended age is 13+. Please use the attached links to familiarise yourself with the game and ensure you have all the right parental controls in place.

<https://www.common sense media.org/website-reviews/roblox>

<https://corporate.roblox.com/parents/>

<https://corp.roblox.com/safety-civility-resources/?section=Families&article=0>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/family-guide-to-roblox-games/>

Year 6 Hamlet workshop and performance:

Year 6 had a great Shakespeare workshop with the National Theatre on Thursday. They will be going up to Mossley Hollins to watch a performance of Hamlet by the National Theatre on Tour on Friday 17th February. They will walk up in the late morning (leaving about 11am) and eat their lunch up at Hollins. Children who normally have a school dinner will be provided with a packed lunch. They will then watch the performance and walk back returning to school at about 2pm.

MCSP Debate competition:



Our Debate Team WON in their debate competition against St Joseph's last night arguing against the motion that 'Teachers should be replaced by computers'. The Team itself consisted of Sophia, Scarlett, Tallulah and Jenson with LillieMai and Khodi providing help and support whilst researching and practising in school. The debate even over ran because they had so much to say! Congratulations to all concerned! After Easter we will also open Debate club up to 6 Y5 children as the Year 6 debaters will help to train them up in the skills of arguing politely.

Dogs in the playground:

Please can I remind parents that dogs (except for Bruno) should not be brought into the school playground. This includes when picking up from clubs. Thank you.

Year 3 and 4 educational visit to the Museum of Science and Industry:

We had lots of praise for the children's behaviour and their prior knowledge from the staff leading the sessions at the museum yesterday. Well done Year 3 and Year 4.

Year 5 Forensic Scientist visit:



Year 5 were delighted to welcome Pam Mather, a crime scene investigator for Greater Manchester Police, who visited Livingstone this week as part of Y5's topic 'could you be a forensic scientist?' Pam talked about her role gathering evidence and answered all our many questions! Pam was very impressed with the questions and enthusiasm shown by Year 5. Thanks so much to Pam and GMP for making this happen.

Year 5 visit to Beeston Castle, Wednesday 1st March:

Year 5 have had a letter about the visit to Beeston Castle and the permission is under 'surveys and forms' on school spider and the product is there for your voluntary contribution of £15.00. We'd like School Spider to be used for this please, to lessen the paper and cash that the office have to handle.

World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March:

World Book Day this year falls on Thursday 2nd March 2023. We know that the children look forward to the day as they get to dress up as a character however, we are also aware that it can be costly for parents, particularly in light of the current cost of living crisis. This year we are still going to give the option of dressing up but are going to encourage children to possibly think about book characters that wear everyday clothes and may just need a simple prop.

Here are some links with suggestions of characters:

<https://www.mumsnet.com/articles/world-book-day-costume-ideas>

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/world-book-day-costumes-for-kids>

Please do not spend lots of money on costumes and if you or your child wish to come into school in uniform, this will also be welcomed.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 16th February: MCSP Basketball competition Y5/6 @ Mossley Hollins

Friday 17th February: Year 6 to watch a production of Hamlet at Mossley Hollins 12.10pm
End of half term 3.15pm

Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February: Half term holiday

Monday 27th February: Children back to school

Tuesday 28th February: Y6 to MCSP Careers Fair @ Mossley Hollins
NEU Strike day – school arrangements still to be confirmed.

Wednesday 1st March: Y5 educational visit to Beeston Castle

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day

Monday 6th March: Y5/6 Show Racism the Red Card workshops

Thursday 9th March: Tango's Big Adventure theatre performance for Y1 & Y2

Tuesday 14th March: MCSP Dodgeball competition Y3/4 @ Mossley Hollins

Wednesday 15th March: NEU Strike day – school arrangements still to be confirmed.

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Tuesday 21st March: Y2 Educational visit to Fireground museum

Wednesday 22nd March: Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6pm

Thursday 23rd March: MCSP 'Big Sing' Y4
Parents' Evening 4.00 – 6.30pm

Tuesday 28th March: Y3,4,5 Easter Concert 2pm and 6.30pm.

Thursday 30th March: Y4 MCSP Virtual Times Table Challenge

Friday 31st March: End of term 3.15pm

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April: Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April: Children back to school