



Livingstone Newsletter

17th February 2023

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Elsie

Reception: Ellie

Year 1: Willow

Year 2: Lola

Year 3: Tilda

Year 4: Isabelle L

Year 5: Tegen

Year 6: Tola

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!

Clubs after half term:

Clubs continue straight after half term with the same memberships.

School Spider:

Everything in School Spider is now working again. You should now be able to use the app to make trip payments and order uniform as previously, although if you are struggling it may be necessary to delete & reinstall the app. This means payment for the Y5 visit to Beeston Castle is live again. For some parents and carers in Y3/4 the system has refunded you for the visit to MOSI (if you paid within a certain window). If this applies to you, you will have been notified by the office, so please go back on to School Spider and pay again. Thank you.

Digital online Safety:

With half term next week, please see attached links for Amazon Prime parental controls, Netflix and internet matters for keeping children safe online.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=GYBCCNGWAJFEUVG3>

<https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

MCSP Basketball competition:



Our Basketball team competed against all the MCSP schools last night, playing against St George's, St Joseph's, Milton, Micklehurst and Buckton Vale. They won 1, lost 1 and drew 2 matches. They came third overall (on baskets scored). They showed fantastic behaviour and sporting behaviour as ever. Well done to Emelia, LillieMai, Millie, Khodi, Jenson, Alfie and James.

National Education Union Teachers' Strike Day Tuesday 28th February:

As I said in the letter sent out earlier in the week, on Tuesday 28th February school will be closed to pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 3. All other classes will be open as usual. This situation may differ on future strike dates. I will write to parents prior to each one.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 and qualifies for benefits related Free School Meals, we plan to send home a meal for them on Monday evening which can be cooked at home (jacket, beans, cheese etc). Please let us know by Monday if you do not want this.

Remote learning is available on the Oak Academy website, here is the link to the relevant year groups lessons:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/early-years-foundation-stage>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-1>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-3>

Year 6 HOT Maths pupils should still attend this at Mossley Hollins and Year 6 will also be walking up to Hollins to attend a Careers fair on this date. They will be back in school for a late lunch.

Year 1 visit to St George's Church:

Year 1 will be walking up to visit St George's Church as part of their RE work on one afternoon in the week after half term. We are still trying to confirm which afternoon is suitable with the church themselves.

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.

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

On Monday 6th March, Year 5 and Year 6 will be attending anti-racism workshops in school by Show Racism the Red Card and Odd Arts which is funded by Tameside. One is a play and workshop exploring the life of Manchester Boxing Legend Len Johnson as a tool for challenging racial discrimination. The other looks at stereotypes, what racism can look like in 2023 and how we can celebrate and recognise our differences.

Y1/2 Tango's Big Adventure performance Thursday 9th March:

On Thursday 9th March, Year 1 and Year 2 will be watching a play performed by Hive North. This has been commissioned by Tameside Culture to help deliver the Relationships Education curriculum for KS1. This is also fully funded by Tameside. In the play, Tango takes a trip through Central Park Zoo meeting a variety of animal families, learning that all families are different and that difference should be celebrated. It will introduce issues including different families and relationships; what makes a family and respecting and celebrating those different from ourselves.

Have a lovely half term holiday, we will see you back in school on Monday 27th February.

Dates for your diary:

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 closed to N, R, Y1 & Y3

Wednesday 1st March: Y5 educational visit to Beeston Castle
Y6 high school allocations

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.

Thursday 16th March: NEU Strike day – school arrangements still to be confirmed.

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