



Livingstone Newsletter

21st July 2023

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Esmé

Reception: George

Year 1: Charlie

Year 2: Benji H

Year 3: Evan

Year 4: Newton

Year 5: Ronnie

Year 6: Khodi

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Clubs:

There are no clubs next week.

Online Safety:

Following a Local Authority online safety, we need to make parents and carers aware that there has been a reported increase nationally of young people struggling with their mental health due to increased misuse and prevalence of technology and issues associated with this.

Online bullying and the increased usage of online messaging apps, such as snapchat and omegle, which enable people to talk to strangers and take inappropriate photos and videos are the root cause of a number of serious incidents. Lots of apps (such as snapchat etc) are used to share images and these then disappear and so become difficult / impossible to track down and remove.

More than ever, it is vitally important that parents and carers are aware of what their children are doing on their devices and what information they are sharing. Every week, we include information on our newsletter with links to approved websites that help parents/carers understand the risks of certain web sites, apps and media. We also talk to children in school as part of the PHSE and computing curriculum about the dangers of certain online activity but we cannot look at or monitor anything that belongs to children in school. That is the responsibility of all our parents.

Should your child post an inappropriate image or video of themselves on any platform, there is a high risk that that image or video could be copied and subsequently re-posted elsewhere. It's therefore important to act quickly to remove it. Below are links to help you remove inappropriate images and also to report any harmful/inappropriate content.

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/child/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/>

Parental Controls Made Easy:

https://www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-special/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=parentsessionsuk

This tool is recommended by Smoothwall and Tameside Safeguarding to help parents monitor activity, set time limits and locate devices/family members. **It is available for free for 2 mobile phone devices per adult.** For an annual subscription of £39.99 you can use it on 5 devices and also filter content and apps, track calls and text messages and get reports/alerts/SOS messages.

We would strongly recommend that you download the free element of this tool as a minimum and talk to your children about being safe and appropriate online. We would also recommend regular monitoring of devices, remove devices from bedrooms overnight and take that opportunity to check what your child is doing online, who they are talking to etc.

Tackling Online Hate:

A final recommendation is tackling online hate. Please use attached link with your child - it is a quiz to help children consider what is and isn't appropriate online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/theonlinetogetherproject/tackling-online-hate-quiz/>

MCSP Olympics:

Well done to all of our athletes for their efforts and great sporting attitude. We came 4th overall.

Bluedot Festival:

We will see those Year 4 and Year 5 children coming to the Bluedot festival at the market ground car park on Saturday morning at 9.45am. All children from year 4 and year 5 were involved in dance, art and drumming workshops with Global Grooves this morning.

Brass Showcase:

We would like to invite parents and carers in to watch a brass showcase where the Y6 children will demonstrate what they have learnt over the year learning to play their instruments. It will be on Tuesday 25th July at 9.05am.

Leaver's Do:

This will be in the school hall from 6.00pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th July. We allow children to have their phones to take pictures for the first 15 minutes or so and then the phones will be collected and returned at the end. Please ensure children are collected at the end.

Leaver's Assembly:

The Leaver's assembly will be held on Wednesday 26th July at 2pm. There is no need to book tickets, just turn up. This will be done for the parents and carers, and Key Stage 2 in the afternoon. The rest of the school will have watched a rehearsal in the morning.

Changes to lunch arrangements:

If you already know that your child is going to change lunch arrangements in September, please let the office know before the summer holidays. Thank you.

Medicine:

If you have any medicine left at school, please make sure it is collected before the end of term.

Uniform:

If you want new uniform for September, please order it as soon as possible so that we can get it given out before the end of term. Any uniform ordered over the summer can be collected on our training day Monday 4th September but only between 2pm and 3pm as staff will be in training for most of the day.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 22nd July: Blue Dot Festival for Y5 and Y4

Tuesday 25th July: Y6 Brass Showcase 9.05am
Y6 Leavers' Do 6-7.30pm

Wednesday 26th July: Leavers' assembly for parents 2pm
End of academic year 3.15pm

Tuesday 5th September: Children return to school (For Nursery and Reception please check which start date you have)

Summer events around Tameside:

With school holidays fast approaching are you looking for something to do this summer holidays? look no further than the 'In Tameside' What's On guide [Tameside - What's On \(intameside.co.uk\)](http://intameside.co.uk) We have a fantastic offer, with most activities being FREE! Please note: with the 'Summer Theatre in the Park' this is FREE to attend, but you need to book a FREE ticket in advance.

W.E.T (Water Exploration Team) The Water Exploration Team is an interactive installation, where creativity is at the helm. Discover the wonder of our blue spaces, zooming in through the spying glass to take a closer look at species that live below and the ways we can look after their homes. Chart a Course for our future and come together to add your hopes, aspirations and 'map out' your memories of open water. It's all hands on deck to cut, stick and colour your own Crew members! Then sail away on your own adventure aboard the HMS Puppeteer! Will you face the Kraken? Or find a tropical island? Or sink to the bottom of the deep blue? Only you can choose, by performing with our bespoke puppets and interactive sound effects! **The Astley Cheetham Gallery, Trinity St, Stalybridge, Friday 4th August 2023. 11am – 2pm.** This drop-in workshop is suitable for ages 4+ (grown ups too!) If you require additional access support, please contact the Arts and Engagement Team prior to the workshop.

Theatre in the Park – The Crew – The Fabularium: The all-seeing Albatross has witnessed many a crew sail across the briny deep, all of whom are searching for their own purpose. But when the forces of nature bring three unlikely companions together, the ultimate voyage across the seas will see them share one united purpose: Survival! The Fabularium are back with a wild, wet and windy tale of wisdom, woe and wonder. Inspired by eighteenth century travelogues, they attempt to reignite humans relationship with open waters. Come and join The Crew on their voyage into the great unknown! But beware: it's sink or swim in uncharted waters, nor any drop to drink, with mysteries ten fathoms deep, in the briny ink...

Saturday 5th August, Showtimes 12 noon and 3 pm

Sunday 6th August, With BSL Interpretation, Showtimes 12 noon and 3 pm

Book your tickets [here](#).

Theatre in the Park – The Crossroads Show – Adam Blake:

Tuesday 8th August 2023

Showtimes 11.30am and 2.30pm

Once upon a crossroads a mysterious tree stands, and a traveller is lost. Where have they come from? Which way to go? What exactly are they running from? This tree seems friendly enough, maybe they can stay here... forever? Kronos the Wizard needs your help to face their biggest fears and finish their story. Aid Kronos with their decision making, taking an active role in the shape of things to come. Jump up and become part of the action yourself! Using masks, puppets and ridiculous physicality Adam will guide you on a magical and very silly quest to finish Kronos' story. No one knows how it will all go but it's sure to be a lot of fun getting there. Suitable for ages 5+.

Book your tickets [here](#).

Theatre in the Park – Falconry Dismay – Dizzy O'Dare:

Ryecroft Hall, Audenshaw

Thursday 24th August Showtimes 11.30am and 2.30pm

Showcasing the extraordinary talents of 3 majestic birds of prey guided by their expert handler Kevin Tickle, prepare to belly laugh through the raucous ride that is Falconry Dismay. Anarchic, wild and...educational? Experience the breath-taking flying displays of these majestic Birds, showcasing their unique behaviours, personalities and flying techniques. NB – no actual birds will be used in this performance.

Suitable for all ages

Book your tickets [here](#).

Theatre in the Park – The Ugly Duckling – Folksy Theatre:

Join Folksy Theatre for a show filled with bold characters, live music, puppetry and audience interaction - it's a day out not to be missed! When a mother duck's eggs hatch and one duckling looks different from all the rest, the other ducklings laugh and make fun of him. The awkward little bird sets off on his own and is met with hecklers, hunters, and cruel weather. Come and help him along on his journey, filled with live music, puppetry and colourful characters. Will the ugly duckling find his place in the world and discover true happiness? Bring along your picnics, picnic blankets, folding chairs and friends and family, to enjoy this wonderful open-air, family musical!

Suitable for ages 3+

Wednesday 30th August;

Showtimes 11.30am and 2.30pm

Mossley park (MOAT), Mossley

Book your tickets [here](#).

Bio Blitz - Chadwick Dam 2023

Date: Saturday, 5th of August

Location: Chadwick Dam, Stalybridge

Time: 10am - 3pm

Step into the world of biodiversity as we invite you to the Bio Blitz event at Chadwick Dam. Join our team of brilliant expert spotters in a race against time to identify as many species as possible that call the dam their home. From bugs to birds, flowers to flies, and everything in between, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the incredible wildlife right on your doorstep. Engage in arts and crafts activities, connect with nature, and make lasting memories with your family.

Forage Delights

Date: Wednesday, 9th of August

Location: Werneth Low Country Park, Hyde

Time: 11am - 3pm

Immerse yourself in the delights of foraging at Werneth Low Country Park. Reach new heights as you explore the park and discover nature's hidden treasures. Engage in making community bunting, create your own hand-made scented playdough, and participate in the unique and magical improvised stories crafted by Adam Blake, the intrepid explorer from the Adventure Bureau. It's a day of adventure, creativity, and connection with the natural world.

Psst Meet you by the Story Tent!

Date: Saturday 12th August

Location: Chadwick Dam, Stalybridge

Time: 11am - 3pm

Join us for an enchanting gathering by the Story Tent! Step into a world of folklore and mythical tales as our amazing

storyteller brings stories to life. Help us decorate the magical traveling tent and let your creativity soar as you create your own bugs, beasts, animals, and flowers. Be part of the creation of large-scale land art and immerse yourself in the wonders of storytelling.

Woven Rainbows

Date: Tuesday, 15th August

Location: Sunny Bank Vale, Droylsden

Time: 11am - 3pm

Experience the vibrant colours of nature at Sunny Bank Vale during our Woven Rainbows event. Join Julie Turnbull, our resident Willow Weaver, in exploring the windows on nature and venturing into the wilds of the vale. Discover the art of willow weaving, engage in interactive activities, and let your imagination run wild amidst the beauty of the natural surroundings.

Shapes of Wonder

Date: Thursday, 24th of August

Location: Waterloo Park, Ashton

Time: 11am - 3pm

Prepare to be captivated by the Shapes of Wonder at Waterloo Park. Marvel at the myriad of wondrous shapes found in nature and join James Brunt and resident artists to create large-scale land art. Let your creativity soar as you contribute to the magical tapestry of shapes and forms. The imaginative Adam Blake, an intrepid explorer from the Adventure Bureau, will be there to weave one-of-a-kind, magical improvised stories with your help. It's a day of awe, inspiration, and artistic expression.

Make, Do, Play, Summer 2023

Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA

Drop in any time between 11am-3pm.

Suitable for children of all ages. Children must be accompanied at all times.

£1.30 per child.

Tuesday 1 August: Rachel Wood

Paper Birds (of Prey?) kite

Print a flying falcon or create a kestrel kite. Learn block printing techniques as you make your feathered friend. Will your bird be able to fly all the way home with you?

FREE Thursday 3 August: Rachel Wood

Portland Basin Museum

Our Museum Family Event Day

Join us for a FREE family-friendly event day filled with interactive activities that allow you to explore and learn about our museum and its collection. There will be different zones to do different things – from print making to learning to paint a traditional canal art rose, perhaps learn some new dance steps with our clog dancers, or just have a chat with the characters on our old street. Complete the challenges in each zone and you will receive a certificate.

Tuesday 8 August: Rachel Wood

Make your own sketchbook

Learn how to make your own sketchbook or perhaps a summer scrapbook to keep all your important tickets and findings during the holidays. With paper, willow and twine you'll create this book, why not try to fill over the summer holidays.

Thursday 10 August: Rachel Wood

Picture post card

Perfect for summer, we'll practice our paper crafting and collage techniques to make a picture post card. Seaside and sunshine, ice cream and fish and chips...what will you create and who will you send it to?

Tuesday 15 August: Cat Jessop

Incredible kaleidoscopes

Leap back in time to make an amazing kaleidoscope using recycled materials, working alongside our artist, use your incredible invention to see our museum in a brand new light!

Thursday 17 August: Carrie Williams.

Join us to make a pair of 'Rocking Love Birds', choose your favourite colour combinations, decorate them in your unique style and watch them rock the night away.

Tuesday 22 August: Caroline Coates

I can create my own 'coats of arms'

Discover the history of "coats of arms" and work with Caroline to create one that represents you. Include drawings of your family, pets, favourite superheroes, and more. Let your imagination soar!

Thursday 24 August: Caroline Coates

Create a 3D narrowboat

Take inspiration from the canals and make your very own 3D narrowboat. Let your imagination sail as you decorate and personalize your creation with the help of our artist.

Tuesday 29 August: Caroline Coates

Make a Zoetrope

Combine art, science, and engineering to create your own spinning masterpiece. Learn about zoetropes, the stop-frame animators of the past, and make your moving image come to life.

Thursday 31 August: Caroline Coates

Make a Traditional Narrowboat Ribbon Plate

Experience the pride and artistry of traditional narrowboat decorations. Design and create your own paper ribbon plate inspired by the "Roses and Castle" pattern or let your creativity run wild with a unique design.