



Livingstone Newsletter

13th October 2023

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Ava

Reception: Aria

Year 1: Georgie

Year 2: Jonah

Year 3: Austin

Year 4: Toby

Year 5: Mia

Year 6: Alex

Clubs:

All clubs are on next week.

Hallowe'en Disco:

On Thursday 19th 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:

Please 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 on our school Instagram page. 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. **Please complete either way so that we know what your choice is.**

Midday Vacancy:

We have a vacancy for a midday assistant to support children in the hall and on the playground. The working hours are 12.00pm – 1.15pm Monday to Friday, term time only. The post is temporary until the end of the summer term, initially. Please ask at the office for an application pack. We have a short turn around on this so the closing date / time is noon on Wednesday 18th October 2023.

School Council:

This week we have held our school council elections. Congratulations to our class representatives who are:

Year 1: Heidi and Charlie

Year 2: Layson and Evelyn

Year 3: Isabella and Clark

Year 4: Ciara and Zander

Year 5: Bella and Jack

Year 6: Lilah and Grace

Well done to all those who wrote a letter of nomination and made a speech as part of the election process, even if you were not successful in the end. It's a very brave thing to do!

Reading Champions:

Seven children in Year 5 have been chosen as our school's reading champions. They will be undertaking various activities and training courses with Mrs Marshall on Zoom and their mission will be to promote reading for pleasure across the school. The first meeting is next Tuesday. Well done to: Juliet, Euan, Matilda, Lucas, Gregory, Edie and Lilly.

Tag Rugby Competition:

Our Year 6 team went up to compete at Mossley Hollins last night. They came second overall, winning two matches, drawing one and losing one. As always, the children represented our school so well showing a sporting attitude and playing fairly. We are always so proud of the demeanour the children show when we take a team to a competition. Well done to Grace, Joaida, Gabby, Jade, Alex, Pacey, Kaiden, Jake and Ronnie.

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, closing date for any nominations is Friday 20th October. Please contact the office for further information and a nomination form.

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 26th October 2023.

High School Applications for Year 6:

The closing date for this is 31st 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.

Data Sheets:

Children were sent home with a copy of the data sheet recently, please return these as soon as possible so that we can make any amendments to your child's record. If possible, please ensure we have at least two contact numbers on file.

School Dinners Price Increase:

Tameside are increasing the cost of a school dinner. Please see the emails and texts we have sent about making sure your payments are up to date over the weekend, otherwise you will be charged at the increased rate. Please don't pay in advance before Monday 16th October as you will then have an unusual amount to pay to address the balance!

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

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parentandcarer-webinar-how-kooth-promotes-and-supports-staying-safe-online-tickets-718583150547?aff=oddtcreator>

Tameside Events:

I have attached a flyer from Tameside cultural events with things that are happening over half term. Please see the separate flyer for more information.

Tameside Library Events:

I have attached a few flyers for events happening at Tameside Libraries over half term. One is on the theme of Space and is happening at Mossley Library on the Friday. Another is all about Science at Droylsden Library. Please see the flyers for more information.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 17th October: Reading Champions training at lunchtime; Y4 anti-bullying workshop with Mental Health Support Teams in School worker.

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

Friday 20th October: End of Half term 1

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October: half term holiday

Monday 30th October: Start of half term 2

Tuesday 31st October: Closing date for high school applications

Wednesday 1st November: MCSP Maths challenge for Year 6 in person at MHHS

Thursday 2nd November: Flu Vaccinations; MCSP Debate meeting

Tuesday 7th November: Livingstone Open day / evening for new Nursery and Reception September 2024

Monday 13th November: Y5/6 Tameside Hockey competition

Tuesday 28th November: Year 3 to Methodist Church – Christmas Experience; Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 29th November: Parents' Evening 4.30pm – 7pm

Saturday 9th December: Christmas Fair 11-1.30pm

Monday 4th December: Year 6 Mayan Cookery session at MHHS

Monday 11th December: EYFS Nativity 9.30am; Year 1 & 2 nativity 2pm

Tuesday 12th December: EYFS nativity 9.30am; Year 1 & 2 nativity 2pm & 6pm

Thursday 14th December: EYFS party am; Y1&2 and Y3&4 party pm

Friday 15th December: Carol concert 9.10am; Y5&6 party pm; end of term 3.15pm

Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January 2024: Christmas holiday

Tuesday 2nd January 2024: Inset Training Day for Staff

Wednesday 3rd January 2024: Children return to school