



# Livingstone Newsletter

## 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

### Star of the Week:

Nursery: Hallie

Reception: Charlotte

Year 1: Jack

Year 2: Heidi W

Year 3: Paisley

Year 4: Matias

Year 5: Isobel W

Year 6: Ronnie

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!

### Clubs:

Next week there is no History club due to whole staff training on Monday evening and no Multi-sports for Y1/2 as Mr Flint is up at Hollins at a Careers Fair with Year 6 and won't be back at school on time.

Clubs on next week:

Monday:

Tuesday: Boardgames, Recorders

Wednesday: Multisports Y3/4

Thursday: Sewing, Science Y5/6

### Year 6 Careers Fair Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February:

Year 6 parents and carers have had a letter by email about the careers fair at Mossley Hollins on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We will have an early lunch in school and walk up for the afternoon. We need to know the arrangements for when the event finishes at 3.20pm. Please go onto School Spider in surveys and forms and answer the question about collection arrangements.

### Year 4 Educational Visit to Chester 5<sup>th</sup> March:

Please complete the permission slip and payment on School Spider for this educational visit.

### Year 6 Educational Visit to Portland Basin 6<sup>th</sup> March:

Please complete the permission slip and payment on School Spider for this educational visit.

### World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:

Please see the information after the diary dates on World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to seeing you in your creative costumes dressed as Julia Donaldson and Roald Dahl characters.

### Home Readers:

Please could we have a big push on reading at home. All children should be reading at least 3 times a week. This doesn't have to be the whole book (just a couple of pages or a chapter for longer books) each time. Please could you then sign and comment in their reading records. Comments can be about how they have read (e.g. they needed to use phonics to segment and blend some words) or even about a discussion you have had (e.g. we talked about why the character was feeling upset). We know that it is sometimes tricky to fit 3 reads a week in however we do see such a difference when reading at home is done regularly and this has noticeably reduced in recent weeks.

As an incentive to encourage this we do have the weekly prize draw where any children who have read 3 times a week will get a raffle ticket for the draw. We have bought lots of lovely books that the children can win.

All book bags are sent home on a Monday and should be returned by the Friday.

### Science fair for parents and carers: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

As part of British Science Week we are holding a science fair in the hall after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. All year groups will have set up a science experiment in the hall that the children can have a go at and if it is from their class they might even be able to explain the science! Children should be accompanied by an adult to whom they can show the experiments to!

#### Free Qustodio monitoring on children's devices:

Qustodio allows Tameside families the access to be able to filter and block 2 devices for free for ever. So parents can monitor websites children are accessing, set screen time limits and many other things. Just scan the QR code below to set up your access. In a family with 2 adults, each one can do this for 2 devices allowing you free control on 4 devices. We strongly recommend that this is set up and used.



#### Little Visitors:

We have little visitors in some children's hair at the moment. Please take time to check heads and treat if necessary. Please remember that for effective treatment, you also have to get rid of the eggs otherwise they will just hatch again! Thank you for your support.

#### WoW Badge Design competition:

There is a chance for children to enter a competition for a WOW badge design – entry form after the diary dates. Please return any entries to school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

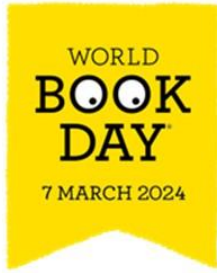
#### MMR Vaccine:

As many of you may have seen, there is a national concern about the uptake of the MMR jab and the risk this presents of a serious measles outbreak. Intrahealth are offering a catch up programme for the vaccine but the take up at present is low across Tameside. Parents/carers can take up the offer from Intrahealth or by contacting their GP to ensure that the serious long term health risks of measles are mitigated. 1 in 5 people with measles will need to go to hospital and 9 in 10 unvaccinated children will catch measles if someone in their class has it. We also know there are a number of adults (particularly those aged 18-35) who may be missing one or more doses and therefore will be vulnerable to infection. If unsure, you should be able to check your records via the NHS app or by speaking to your GP practice. It is never too late to get the MMR vaccination – children and adults alike can get it via their GP practice if they are missing a dose or doses.

After the Diary Dates, I have attached a few flyers and a letter about World Book Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Dates for your diary:

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> February: Year 6 to Careers Fair @ MHHS  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4 Educational Visit to Chester  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Year 6 Educational Visit to Portland Basin  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day – **please see letter after these dates**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3 Stone Age Day in school with Stone Age Visitors  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Young Shakespeare Year 6;  
Year 3/ 4 Dodgeball Tournament @ MHHS  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Science fair for parents and carers 3.30pm – 4.30pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7pm  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Year 2 educational visit to Fire Museum, Rochdale  
Year 4 Times Tables virtual challenge with MCSP schools;  
Easter concert for Years 3,4 and 5: 2pm and 6pm  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: End of term for Easter holidays 3.15pm  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holidays  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Children return to school



World Book Day is almost upon us once more. It is always a fantastic day filled with fun activities which promotes the love of reading.

This year we are bringing back a theme which was very popular. We are giving each Key Stage an author to use as inspiration for fancy dress. As we have said previously we do not want this to be of great expense to you and I have put a few ideas below of characters that use every day clothes.

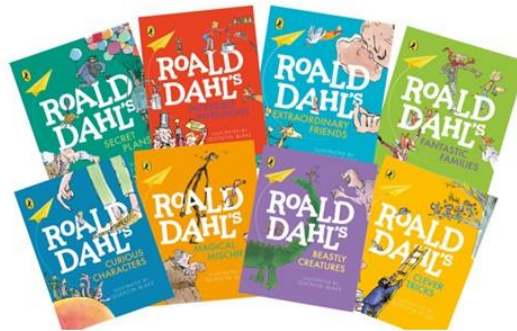
**EYFS and Key Stage One** (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) children can dress up as a character from a **Julia Donaldson** book.



Julia Donaldson characters using everyday clothes : Paper Dolls, Charlie Cook, The Smartest Giant



**Key Stage 2** (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) children can dress up as a character from a **Roald Dahl** book.



Roald Dahl characters using everyday clothes: Charlie Bucket, James, George, Matilda



In addition to activities on the day we are also hosting a family quiz. Everyone will be given a quiz sheet with a chance to win a hamper of books for the family. One entry per family please.

Many thanks Mrs Marshall

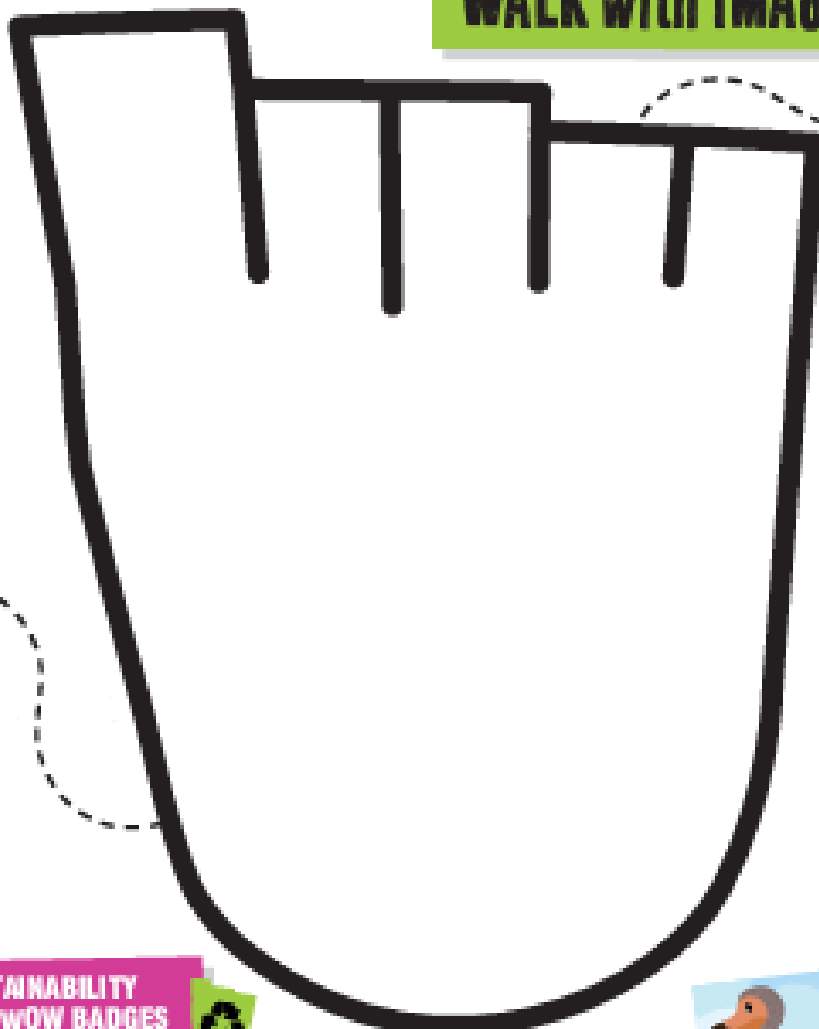
Please return entries to school for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March:



Badge design competition 2024

# WOW - the walk to school challenge

## WALK with IMAGINATION



### WHO MIGHT YOU BE OR WHAT MIGHT YOU SEE?

For this year's WOW badge design competition, we want you to imagine a different walk to school and draw it!

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DRAW?

Imagine what it would feel like to fly like a bird, hop around like a kangaroo, or even moon walk like an astronaut. Explore your surroundings and reimagine your walk however you like!

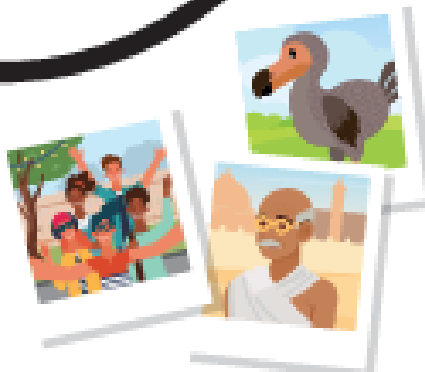
### EXAMPLES MAY INCLUDE:

- Extinct or wild creatures, such as the sabre-toothed tiger, dodo, or meerkat
- Historical icons, such as explorers, scientists, or activists
- Events or celebrations, such as protests or street parties

### SUSTAINABILITY AND WOW BADGES



Our WOW badges are made in the UK from repurposed plastic material, including old fidge trays, plastic plates and off-cuts of yoghurt pot material. WOW badges can also be recycled. Find out more: [livingstreets.org.uk/recycling](https://livingstreets.org.uk/recycling)



### CLOSING DATE

TUESDAY 5 MAR 2024

PUPILS

Pupil name:

Age:

What did you choose to draw and why?

TEACHERS

School email:

School name and address:



## WOW - the walk to school challenge

# Badge design competition 2024 WALK with IMAGINATION



## WIN FREE RESOURCES for your school\*

Get involved in one of the UK's biggest design competitions for children. Encourage your pupils to think big and see where in time it takes them. We'll turn each winning entry into more than 300,000 badges to be awarded to WOW pupils who walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride to school across the UK next academic year.

### WHAT IS WOW?

WOW is Living Streets' walk to school challenge. Pupils log their daily journeys to school on the WOW Travel Tracker. Those who walk, wheel, cycle or scoot to school at least once a week for a month earn a WOW badge, with a new one to collect each month across the year. It's as easy as that. WOW successfully reduces congestion outside schools, helping to tackle road danger and air pollution - all whilst children benefit mentally and physically from being more active.  
[livingstreets.org.uk/WOW](https://livingstreets.org.uk/WOW)

### HOW TO ENTER

**STEP 1:** Print out the badge template overleaf for pupils

**STEP 2:** Encourage pupils to get creative – either in class or at home

**STEP 3:** Select your school's best three designs and submit, either via email to [badgecompetition@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:badgecompetition@livingstreets.org.uk) or upload at [livingstreets.org.uk/badgesubmission](https://livingstreets.org.uk/badgesubmission)

### PRIZES

- Winning designs to feature on WOW badges in 2024/25
- Up to £500\* free WOW resources for winning schools, plus 5 additional schools selected by prize draw
- WOW trophies for winners and highly commended runners-up
- Downloadable certificate for your school's top badge designers

\* Prizes vary for schools which receive WOW resources from Living Streets projects. Terms and conditions apply. Please visit our website for more details.

## TOP TIPS FOR WINNING DESIGNS:

- Be big, bold and colourful!
- Diversity and originality are key to standing out from the crowd!
- WOW badges are only 3cm, so simple designs without small details in them work best!
- Trademarks, logos, images of Strider will not qualify for the competition.
- Winning designs will be digitally recreated, so pupils can use pencil, crayons or pens.

For full details about the WOW badge design competition, visit: [livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2024](https://livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2024)

## The WOW badge design competition is for everyone

We support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities to enter the badge design competition. Head to [livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2024](https://livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2024) to find out more.

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