

Livingstone Newsletter

## 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025





Nursery: FrankieReception: PrimroseYear 1: ElsieYear 2: DavidYear 3: LaysonYear 4: JacobYear 5: AuroraYear 6: Taffy

### Clubs:

All clubs will be on as normal next week but this is the last week of clubs for this half term. No clubs will be on in the last week.

### Nuts and Sesame in lunches:

Please can we remind all parents that we are a nut and sesame free school. This week we have had a few incidents of sesame seeds on seeded bread and bagels and Nutella sandwiches. Please avoid products that contain nuts or sesame in your child's lunches. Thank you for keeping all of our children safe.

### New Catering Provider:

We have recently gone out to tender for a new catering provider, Taylor Shaw, from September. More information will follow on this next week but we look forward to working with them to provide an improved school meal offer going forwards.

### Academy conversion update:

We are still hoping to join Stamford Park Trust but due to Department for Education delays, this will not be until later next academic year. We will keep you informed when we know more.

### **Book packets:**

We are now collecting books and book packets so that we can audit our reading books. Please do look at home to see if you have any other school books that need to be returned and please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Y6 production tickets:

Tickets are now available for free for the Y6 production. You are able to book as many tickets as you require on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served basis (however, if we do go over capacity, we may need to cancel the last ones booked so be quick!) Tickets are free but we will be holding a raffle to raise money for Friends of Livingstone so please bring some cash! The production will start at 6.30pm.

### **Reception vision screening:**

This will be carried out by the nursing team on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July. If you do not wish your child to take part in the screening **you** must contact the Orthoptic department directly to opt out (a letter was sent home last week).

### Mossley Olympics:

Please ensure that permission slips are brought back on Monday morning at the latest!

### **Celebration Evening:**

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July there will be a chance for parents and carers to come into school to look through children's work from over the year. This is because at the end of the year we don't send all of the books home as some are used year upon year. All are welcome from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

### School Streets:

For the safety of all our children, it looks like the School Streets scheme will be made permanent by Tameside. We desperately need more volunteers – please see the flyer after the diary dates for more information. Please catch Miss Willard in the playground or pop into the school office if you can spare 30 minutes a week.

### Walk to School (WOW) achievements:

News from Wow: This term, your school has recorded a total of 22,588 active trips, of which 13,060 were walking all the way trips. This equates to 45% walking trips, a 20% increase from your baseline. Not only this, but this term your school has seen a 56% decrease in car trips from baseline, too. Congratulations! Your hard work is making a difference.

We are also 10<sup>th</sup> in the Greater Manchester league table!



#### **School Uniform:**

We have lots of second hand school uniform available for free on School Spider. Please do order what you can use.

If you want new jumpers/cardigans for next year, we are fully stocked so please don't leave it until the last day of term! Please put names in all uniform as the lost property pile keeps getting very large! Any unnamed school jumpers/cardigans in lost property that have not been claimed by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, will be washed and added to the second hand uniform on School Spider.

After the diary dates, I have attached some flyers about local events and also some information about parental controls on devices which is useful for all but particularly for parents of Year 6 children if they are getting new devices ready for going to high school.

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Mossley Olympics Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 production 6.30pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 production 6.30pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Reception Vision Screening Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July: End of Year reports out Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Celebration evening 3.30pm – 4.30pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Leavers' do 5.30-7.30pm Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July: Leavers' assembly 2pm and end of academic year 3.15pm.

### At Livingstone we have a school street. Every morning and afternoon the bottom of Old Brow to the school is closed to vehicles, making it safer for our children to walk, wheel or scoot to and from school and preventing congestion at the gates.

Help us run our



ROAD

CLOSED

Our school street relies on volunteers – parents, grandparents and friends – who spend 30 minutes a week helping to keep their kids and their friends healthy and safe.

NGST

Can you spare half an hour to help? you'll get training, there's free childcare at Littlestones if you're dropping off / picking up, and it's a great way to get to know the school and other parents and carers too!

Monday – Friday (term time only) 8.25 – 9.00 am 2.55 – 3.25 pm

Please speak to the school office or let your child's teacher know if you can help out. Thank you!

## Helping Your Child Stay Safe Online

A Guide for Parents of Year 6 Children Starting High School

## Why Parental Controls Matter

As your child enters high school, they gain more independence—and more access to digital devices access controls helps protect them from harmiful content, manage screen time, and build safe digital habits.



### **Mobile Phones**

- Use built-in parental controls on IOS (Screen Time) or Android (Family Link)
- Restrict app downloads and set screen time limits
- Manage purchases and permissions

## **Gaming Devices**



- Set up child profiles on Xbox, PlayStation. and Nintendo Switch
- Limit playtime and apply content restrictions



### Streaming Services

Enable Kids Profiles on Netflix, Disney+, Prime Video, etc.

## Apps & Social Media



- Check age restrictions before allowing access (most apps are 13+)
- Use in-app settings to disable chats or hide profiles
- Review privacy settings and disable location sharing

## **Top Tips**

- Talk regularly with your child about their online activities
- Use tech tools alongside open conversations
- Encourage them to ask for help when unsure

Set controls easily at: internetmatters.org

Let's work together to keep our children safe and supported.

## Win £1,000 / €1,000 for your school's library

Nominate your school to #rebuildthelibrary and you could win a £100/€120 National Book Token for yourself!





As our friends at <u>Read for Good</u> will tell you, it's well established that reading for pleasure leads to significantly better outcomes for children – boosting academic performance, enhancing wellbeing, and fostering vital life skills like empathy.

But did you know that 1 in 5 children <u>don't have a book at home</u>? And **1 in 7 primary schools in England** have <u>no library space at all</u>, affecting more than **750,000 children**.

Meanwhile, a recent survey from Children's Books Ireland found that more than half (55%) of children in Ireland own 15 books or less. Primary school libraries in Ireland have had no sustained funding since 2008, and many schools lack a dedicated library space for their students; many schools rely on donations to supplement their libraries.

Both Read for Good and Children's Books Ireland have found that the school libraries that do exist, at primary and secondary level, are often filled with unappealing and outdated books. Children facing poverty, who need these school libraries the most, are most likely to be missing out.

### It's time to #rebuildthelibrary.

Our annual schools prize gives five schools across the UK and Ireland the chance to win **£1,000/€1,000 in National Book Tokens** so they can fill their library shelves with new books. Each winning school will also receive **£300/€300 in cash** to make improvements to their library space, making it fun and welcoming for all.

Nominate your school using the form below, and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also win a **£100/€120 National Book Token** to spend in your favourite bookshop! Remember, the more entries received for your school, the higher the chance they'll win – so don't forget to spread the word. If you work in a school, check out our **downloadable banners and posters** below.

Please nominate Livingstone here <u>https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-</u> prize#:~:text=Our%20annual%20schools%20prize%20gives,fun%20and%20welcoming%20for%20all.



## August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am



We're delighted to let you know that our latest Children's Summer activity pack is now available to download free, from the Trans Pennine Trail website in time for the Summer holidays.

Packed with a variety of engaging and creative activities, there's a fun experiment for children to see how suncream protects their skin, ensuring they stay sun-safe while having fun.

The pack also encourages them to explore the great outdoors with a summer leaf hunt, and to get hands-on by building a bug hotel to welcome new insect friends. And for those who love to get creative in the kitchen, there's a simple and delicious blackberry cordial recipe to try.

They can also discover and draw rocks and test their knowledge with our Summer Quiz. The pack also includes a dragonfly colouring-in page and a summer wordsearch to keep their active minds sharp and entertained.

It's a fantastic way to keep them busy over the summer holidays and enjoy the beauty of the long, summer days!

The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home.

Download it from our Children's page at: <u>https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/</u> or by clicking the image below:



## **MOSSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ROUGHTOWN ROAD MOSSLEY OLS OSG** 

**POP UP recycled SHOP!** 

# FREE!

## **MOSSLEY SCHOOL UNIFORM SWAP**

FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR THURSDAY 31st JULY 9.30am – 11.30am THURSDAY 7th AUGUST 9.30am – 11.30am THURSDAY 14th AUGUST 9.30am – 11.30am

Donations of uniform items welcome.

Drop off any time

Drinks & snacks on sale

(Free LEGO WORKSHOP for Kids)



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