



Livingstone Newsletter

11th November 2022

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Ethan

Reception: Minnie

Year 1: Isla

Year 2: Lola

Year 3: Zak

Year 4: Vinnie

Year 5: Kaiden

Year 6: Seb

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!

Remembrance:

Today, we held our 2-minute silence together in the hall at 11am. Everyone was quiet and respectful during this time.

Digital online Safety:

There have been an increasing number of instances across the school, where children have been discussing a character called "Huggy Wuggy". This character appears in several games including Roblox and Poppy Playtime. Whilst the character name and the games themselves may appear harmless and aimed at children (this impression is further reinforced by toys of the character in the shops), the initial game was a survival horror game rated at 12+. Children are also accessing videos about this character on You-tube, are talking about it in school and re-enacting parts of this game within their play, which others are finding upsetting. Further information can be found here:

<https://news.sky.com/story/parents-and-schools-concerned-about-viral-huggy-wuggy-youtube-videos-12579453>

We cannot stress enough the importance of adults supervising the games that children play online. Please do check what your child is seeing and doing.

Parents' Evening:

Parents' Evening is coming up on the 16th and 17th November. One session will be in person (Wednesday 16th November) and the other session (Thursday 17th November) will be phone calls or Zoom meetings. The sessions are available to book on School Spider. Please book the correct session according to whether you would prefer face-to-face or phone call / virtual. If you book a call / virtual session, we will contact you to see which one you would prefer.

Children in Need Friday 18th November:

On Children in Need Day Next Friday), we are inviting all children and staff to wear spots and stripes for the day. We are aware that the cost-of-living crisis is making things hard. So whilst we would love **ALL** children to dress in spots and stripes, please **only donate** to Children in Need in the buckets at the doors **if you feel you want to and are able to**.

Year 6 Mayan Cookery:

Year 6 will be going up to Hollins for Mayan Cookery sessions on Monday 21st November. They will have the opportunity to cook a full meal in a proper kitchen set up that is inspired by Mayan cuisine – beans, corn, chocolate etc. There will be two groups one will go in the morning – they will need to be dropped off / make their own way to Hollins ready for a 9.15am start and will walk back to school afterwards. The other half will come to school as normal in the morning, walk up ready for 12.30 and then will need to be picked up from Hollins / walk home at 3.15pm. A further letter with more details will be sent out tonight.

Phonics Workshop for Parents:

Ms Sellers will be running a Phonics Workshop for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 on Tuesday 22nd November at 5pm. Please come along to find out what phonics is, how it is taught in school and how we teach reading through phonics.

EYFS and Nativity tickets:

We are offering each child 4 tickets for the Nativity productions. Each performance will have 110 seats available. These tickets will be available to book on School Spider from Monday. You can choose 2 tickets for 2 different performances if you would like but please **DO NOT** book more than 4 tickets per child. If families would like more than this, please let the office know and we will keep a reserve list in case more are available. We do not charge for tickets but will sell raffle tickets at the time so please come with some change!



Year 4 visit to Mossley Library:

This has had to be postponed and will be rearranged later in the year.

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 14th December:

We are offering any children who normally have a packed lunch the opportunity to have a school Christmas Dinner on 14th December. If your child would like to do this, please book the dinner on School Spider so that we know numbers (available from Monday) and pay online for 1 dinner on Tameside's website. **Cut off for orders is MONDAY 5th December.**

Travelling Panto Performance:

We are able to host a travelling pantomime performance from "2 Boards and a Passion" for all year groups in the build-up to Christmas. For Years 1-6 the performance will be on Monday 5th December and will be called 'The Great North Star Robbery'. For children in the Early Years it will be on Thursday 8th December and will be called 'Jingle and Bauble's Christmas Chaos'. This fabulous opportunity is free to all children thanks to the funding received from Mossley Town Council. We wish to thank Mossley Town Council for their funding and support in making this possible.

Reception applications for 2023:

The Tameside portal is now open for Reception applications for September 2023. These must be completed before 15th January. Please remember that a place in Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception.

Nursery places for 2023 and beyond:

We maintain our own admissions for Nursery so to put your child's name down for Nursery for 2023 or future years please contact the office. It's never too early as we keep lists for each year!

Tameside Admissions consultation:

Tameside Council is carrying out a consultation on the proposed admission arrangements for schools in the borough for admission in September 2024. The consultation including details of all the changes can be accessed using the following link: <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/admissions/2024consultation> The consultation proposals includes:

- To reduce the Published Admission Number at Hyde Community High School from 240 to 210
- To reduce the Published Admission Number at Denton Community College, from 330 to 270
- To update the definition on home address where parents have shared responsibility each for part of the week.
- To improve the wording to ensure alignment with the Admissions Code for 'Admission outside Normal Age Range'

Any comments should be sent to Jacqueline Nurney Jacqueline.nurney@tameside.gov.uk by 15th December 2022.

Greater Manchester Early Years Survey:

Greater Manchester are launching a survey which can be found at [Greater Manchester Family Survey \(Children under 5\) - Greater Manchester Combined Authority - Citizen Space \(gmconsult.org\)](https://www.gmconsult.org) The survey is designed to be completed by parent/carers of children under 5 and aims to explore the ongoing impact of the covid pandemic and the current cost of living crisis on young children and families.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 16th November: Parents' evening 3.30pm – 6pm (in person)

Thursday 17th November: Parents' evening 4.30pm – 7pm (telephone and Zoom)

Friday 18th November: Nasal Flu vaccinations; Children in Need – Wear Spots and Stripes

Monday 21st November: Year 6 to Mossley Hollins for Mayan cookery session

Tuesday 22nd November: Phonics Workshop for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 5pm.

Monday 5th December: Travelling Panto Y1-6

Thursday 8th December: Travelling Panto Nursery and Reception; Year 6 Safe Squad at school

Monday 12th December: EYFS nativity 10am; Year 1 & 2 nativity 2pm & 6pm

Tuesday 13th December: EYFS nativity 10am; Year 1 & 2 nativity 2pm

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Dinner

Thursday 15th December: EYFS / KS1 party am; Y3&4 party pm

Friday 16th December: Carol concert 9.10am; Y5&6 party pm; end of term 3.15pm

Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January 2023: Christmas holiday

Tuesday 3rd January 2023: Inset Training Day for Staff

Wednesday 4th January 2023: Children return to school

