

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 24 April 2024

Remember to subscribe to the newsletter on our website to receive an electronic copy.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day this year will be on 20 June during Sports week (weather permitting). We will be following the same format as previous years. The children are allowed to come to school each day in their sports kit ready to participate in various events which will include Sports Day.

Parents/carers are all welcome to attend. Please see approximate times below.

9.10 - 9.55 - Reception/Nursery

10.10 - 10.55 - Year 3/4

11.10 - 11.55 - Year 1/2

1.20 - 2.05 - Year 5/6

WHIT FRIDAY

As previously mentioned, Whit Friday is on 24 May this year. Years 1 - 6 will enjoy taking part in this great community event and will be walking in the Whit Walk.

In previous years a number of children have walked with other community groups and were brought in to get their mark for registration before being taken to meet their group. This caused some confusion when parents had organised for other parents to take their child after registration and we had no knowledge of their permission. To avoid this confusion and make things a little easier for parents, if your child is walking with another community group, please email us and let us know at admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk. Please detail who your child is walking with and who will be bringing your child back to school after the walks. **If your child is walking with a group and you have emailed us to let us know, please do not bring your child into school for registration on that morning.** We will mark your child in so their attendance is not affected. However, if your child does not return to school after the walk they will be marked as absent. If we don't hear from you to say your child is walking with another organisation and your child is absent this morning, attendance will be followed up in the usual way. If your child is on school meals their meal will be ordered on this day as normal.

We look forward to taking part in this traditional event, but please note that school will close on this day at 1.30pm and all children will need picking up.

COUNCIL SURVEY ON WRAP AROUND CARE

The Council want to hear parent's views on wraparound childcare for primary school pupils - i.e. both before school and after school childcare - as they need to make sure that there are enough wraparound places to meet the demand in the Tameside locality.

They would be extremely grateful if you could complete this short survey before Friday, 3rd May, 2024.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Tameside-WraparoundParentsSurvey>

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NURSERY/RECEPTION PLACES – SEPTEMBER 24

We still have some Nursery and Reception places available for September. If your child was born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21, your child is eligible to start in nursery in September. We also have some Reception places available from September too, so please get in touch.

We know a number of parents that work sometimes worry about childcare before and after school when their child starts Nursery/Reception, however, we are very fortunate to have Castletop and Skools Out on our doorstep who are more than happy to drop off or collect your child if the start and finishing times don't quite work for you.

If you would like to contact Skools Out or Castletop about what they can offer, please see their details below.

Skools Out: 07960458246

Castle Top: 01457833322

PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

We have sent a text asking if parents would kindly spend a few minutes completing a parents' questionnaire as it will help us to improve the learning environment and enjoyment for your child. Please do so by clicking on the link below by Friday 26 April 4pm.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CrtzuzTHfEWNMuVWCXyII5f4m10CHFpOiCwGmbT3csIUNUxEOTA4MDNHM043R09RTIBZSDZPNzVHMC4u>

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Parents are welcome to attend the following assembly dates for the class assemblies. We anticipate they will last approximately 20 – 30 minutes. Year 6 will be performing in another show later on in the year rather than a class assembly. We will inform you of dates nearer the time. All assemblies will start at 9.05am.

Year 2	26.6.24
Year 1	8.5.24
Reception	3.7.24

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME

Our collective worship theme for this half term is SERVICE. Please find some ideas about how the whole family can have fun and explore this Christian Value below.

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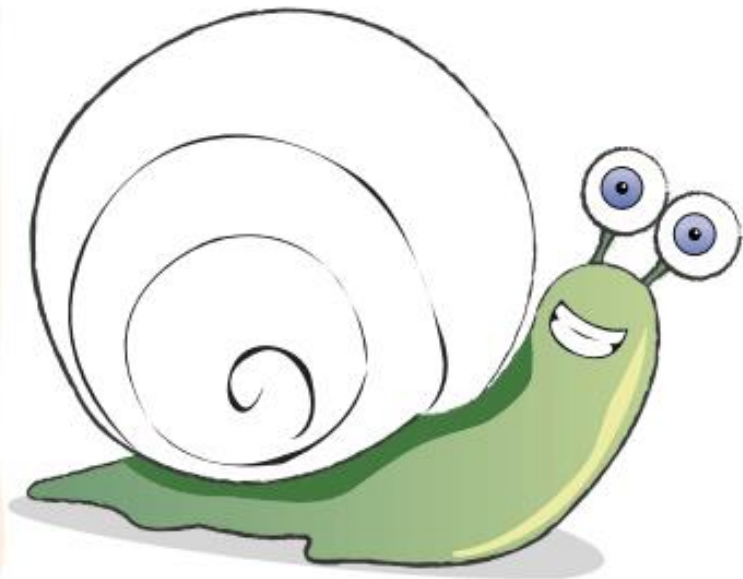
FAMILY FOCUS

Service with a smile

Complete a 'service snail'.

Living a life of **service** is about keeping your eyes open and looking out for ways to make others smile.

Draw a large smiley snail. Can you fill in the spirals on the snail's shell with ways in which as a family you serve each other in one week? When the snail shell is full take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



HALL OF FAME

JK Rowling OBE

Joanne K Rowling is best known for writing the series of fictional novels about Harry Potter, stories which captured the imagination of children across the world. She was awarded the OBE for her "**services** to children's literature".

JK Rowling wanted to use some of the money she had earned from her books to help orphaned children in Eastern Europe, she founded The Lumos Foundation and funded work to transform the lives of disadvantaged children living in huge, poorly funded orphanages. With her help beautiful, well equipped homes have been established, run by foster parents who love and care for young children.



FASCINATING FACTS



OBE Award

The OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
 - o helping disabled children and their families
 - o working on nature conservation projects
 - o bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
 - o protecting and caring for our country's important buildings
 - o providing animal welfare



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SERVICE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value SERVICE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Service

Jesus was called the 'servant king'; his mission was to **serve** God and to **serve** all those people he met, through his teaching, his example and the way he led his life.

Who are the unsung heroes who **serve** us?

- at school
- at home
- in our clubs

How do you **serve** others?

- at school
- at home
- in your clubs

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"There is more happiness in giving than receiving"

The words of Jesus recorded in Acts 20:35 - The Good News Bible



READ TOGETHER...

Queen Esther serves her people

When King Xerxes, the ruler of the mighty land of Persia, was looking for a wife, Mordecai immediately thought of his cousin, the wise and beautiful Esther. Mordecai's family was Jewish, but he warned Esther not to tell anyone about this as he knew that there were powerful people in the land who hated Jews. Mordecai took Esther to the palace gates to be presented to the king, and, sure enough, as soon as King Xerxes saw Esther he fell in love with her, and the humble Jewish girl became a queen.

Mordecai often sat by the palace gates hoping to hear snippets of news about his cousin. For some time, all seemed well. But Haman, a wicked and powerful man in the court of King Xerxes, became angry with Mordecai because he would not bow down and honour him. Haman hatched a cunning plan. He began to tell the King bad things about the Jews living in his land and eventually he persuaded Xerxes that all the Jews should be killed. Queen Esther was beside herself with grief. She loved her people very much but felt powerless to help them.

King Xerxes noticed how terribly sad his queen had become, and begged her to tell him why she was so upset. Esther said she would explain if he and Haman would come to a feast that she prepared the following evening. When the grand banquet was over King Xerxes asked once again. "My dear Esther, you promised to tell me the reason for your sorrow." Esther summoned all her courage in what might be her last act of **service**. She told the King about Haman's plan to kill all of the Jews, which would include herself. King Xerxes was furious at the prospect of losing his beloved and beautiful Esther and ordered Haman to be arrested.

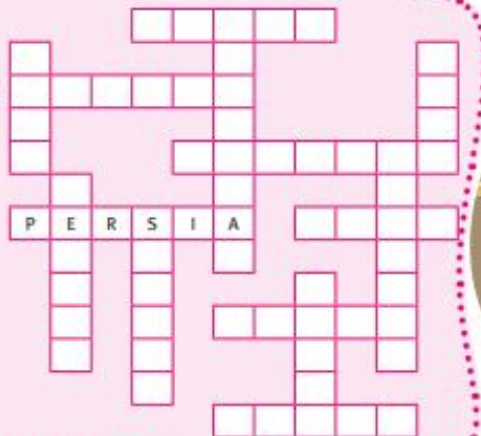
And so it was that Esther's name will be forever be remembered for her willingness to risk everything in the **service** of her people.

Bible story based on Book of Esther



QUIZ Word Fit

ESTHER
XERXES
HAMAN
MORDECAI
JEWS
PERSIA
CUNNING
FEAST
GATES
KING
QUEEN
SERVICE
SORROW
WISE



DIARY DATES

Mon 13 May-Thurs 16 May

Mon 20 – Tue 21 May

Thursday 23 May

Thursday 13 June

Fri 14 June – Mon 17 June

Wed 10 July

Fri 19 July

Year 6 SATs week

Year 6 Bikeability

Parents meeting for Kingswood

EYFS trip to Cannon Hall Farm

Year 6 Kingswood Residential trip

Year 2 and Year 3 trip to Blackpool

Year 6 Leavers' Party

OTHER NEWS

MAODS
Mossley Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society and proud to present...



GHOST THE MUSICAL


Book & Lyrics by BRUCE JOEL RUBIN
Music & Lyrics by DAVE STEWART & GLEN BALLARD

23rd – 27th April 2024 – George Lawton Hall, Mossley

*Evening performances begin at 7:30pm, Saturday Matinee
at 2:30pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior.*

Tickets available from maods.org or scan the QR code to book now!

  **For any questions, please email
us at enquiries@maods.org**





New and Experienced players always welcome
to The Denton Netball Club family

For more information visit

Our Facebook page: www.facebookdentonnetballclub

Email: dentonnetballclub2018@gmail.com



Bee Netball Sessions

Year Nursery to Year 4

Especially for children new to netball

Tuesday & Friday – 6.00pm – 6.55pm

St Thomas More RC College

Town Lane

Denton M34 6AF

1st Session FREE

Then £3.00 per session

Don't forget to bring a grown up in
trainers to Bee Netball for YN to Y4



Weekly social sessions on Thursday 8pm-9pm

Just turn up 16+ £4.00 per session

1st Session FREE



All sessions are held at

St Thomas More RC College Town Lane, Denton, M34 6AF
Or Audenshaw High School, Hazel St Audenshaw M34 5NB

New & Experienced players always welcome

Days and Times of Sessions: from 5 Sept 2023

At St Thomas More

Tuesday – 6.00 - 6.55pm

YN – Y4 Bee Netball

Y2 Teams

7.00 - 8.00pm - Year 4 Teams

Wednesday 6.15 - 7.45pm

Year 7 Teams

Thursday 6.00 - 8.00pm

Year 9/10/11 Teams

Friday – 6.00 - 6.55pm

YN – Y4 Bee Netball

Ladies Teams 14+

Tues/Wed 8.00 - 10.00pm

Thurs 9.00 – 10.00pm

At Audenshaw High School

Tuesday 6.00 - 7.30pm

Year 3 Teams

7.30 - 8.30pm

Year 8 Teams

Wednesday 6.00 – 7.30pm

Year 5 Teams

Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00pm

Year 6 Teams

Ladies team training (May-Sept) Or MENL (Sept-April) matches

Y4 and below would always attend Bee Netball first then be
directed to their year group when they achieve Netball basics.
Please contact us to be directed to the appropriate session.

At all sessions

*Qualified
netball
coaches*

*First Aid
trained*

DBS checked



**HOME
START**
HOST

Volunteering - it's life-changing!

Home-Start volunteers support parents with young children, offering support & friendship through challenging times.



Volunteers are the heart of Home-Start - whatever your experience, and however much time you can give, we can support you to make a real difference to families in your community.









Home-Start volunteers support parents when they need it most – in the early years. The early years of a child's life have a huge impact on their future, and parents who have a source of support find it easier to cope with life's challenges. You'll be...



A friendly face - our volunteers visit weekly for a couple of hours, something both parents & children (and volunteers!) really look forward to.

A helping hand - something as simple as leaving the house can be hard with little ones. An extra pair of hands makes all the difference!



A listening ear - You'll be someone a parent can share their worries, thoughts and successes with.

We also have varied opportunities to volunteer with Cascade Family Essentials, providing children's clothes and essential daily items to families in need across Greater Manchester.

Find out more at home-starthost.org.uk or get in touch:

✉ info@homestarthost.org.uk

☎ 0161 344 0669 or 01204 216 537



Home-Start HOST
Registered Charity no: 1135838

Manchester Football Development



At Great Ashton Academy (3G Pitch)
Broadoak Rd, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 8RF
Starting on Friday 24th May 2024



In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1

6:00pm - 6:45pm

School years - Year 2 & Year 3

6:45pm - 7:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Friday at Great Ashton Academy, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held on the fantastic 3G pitch so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.



George
TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE
0161 302 2510 or 07514 316534



We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked



Mossley Community Centre

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JOB ADVERT

An exciting opportunity has arisen at Mossley Community Centre to extend our already successful provision for under 5s.

Are you organised, a good communicator and up for a challenge?

We are looking for a coordinator and facilitator for Monday and Thursday sessions.

A paid role of up to 9 hours a week. Mainly term time.

You would be:

Providing learning through play for tots under 5 and their carers.

Providing a safe welcoming environment for mums with babies under 9 months.

Recruiting and working with a team of volunteers.

Interested?

Want to find out more?

E mail secretary@mossleycommunitycentre.org.uk for a full job description

The post is funded by support from Tameside Best Start to Life.

Closing date 1.05.24

