

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 16 March 2022

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RISING COVID CASES

Unfortunately, numbers of children testing positive has been increasing in the last week or so. This is also following the trend nationally, due to all restrictions lifting nationally on 24 February. As a reminder please see the below extract from a previous newsletter should your child test positive.

'Living with COVID-19' outlines a range of significant changes, some of which took taken effect last week. These key changes include the end of legal requirements to isolate for people with a positive test and unvaccinated contacts; the end of routine contact tracing including the end of advice for close contacts to do daily testing; the end of advice for people to do regular twice weekly asymptomatic lateral flow tests, including school staff and pupils in secondary schools (apart from special schools and alternative provision); the end of financial and practical support offers for those required to isolate.

Despite these changes, the current public health advice remains that people with COVID-19 symptoms should isolate and book a PCR test. And anyone who tests positive either via LFT or PCR test, should isolate for 10 days (but can do LFTs on day 5 and 6, and safely return to normal activities on day 6 if both are negative). While this is no longer legally enforceable, it is still advised for all staff and pupils in schools and settings. In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of, or who test positive for COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, you can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. This advice is in line with other infectious diseases and illnesses.

With all of this in mind, we have taken the decision that we would follow the advice for any child to continue to isolate if they tested positive and would not allow them to attend school until they tested negative for two consecutive days (after day 5 of isolation). We hope that parents understand and support us with this decision.'

Warn and inform letters will only be sent out to classes where there are a significant number of cases and we have been asked to do so from the Local Authority.

POLITE REMINDER

Please can we remind parents that we follow DFE advice for sickness and diarrhoea. A child should not attend school until 48 hours after diarrhoea or sickness. If medication is prescribed, the full course must be completed and there is no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours after the course is completed.

SUCCESS FOR BETH!

We would like to say a massive well done to Bethany Dawson in Year 6 who has taken part in the 15th Chojinkai Children's Open Championships at Penrith Leisure Centre. This was a WKF National Federations event with teams from across Scotland and the north of England (one down from the all England level). Bethany won a Silver medal. Very well done, Beth!



PARENTS' EVENING SURVEY

We have been discussing various options for Parents' Evening this half term and would like to ask your views on what preferences you have about how you would like Parents' Evening to be conducted. Unfortunately, we know that we will not be able to meet everyone's needs/ preferences, but we hope that you appreciate we will try and cater for the majority.

Therefore, please could you complete the form by clicking on the link below by Friday 18 March before 1pm. It's really important that we get as many people as possible to respond to this questionnaire.

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ONLINE SAFETY SESSION FOR PARENTS

Please remember to sign up to the online safety session for parents that is taking place in school on 30 March at 2.30pm (this will finish in time to pick your child up). It really will be useful for parents to be kept up to date with internet safety and raise your awareness about how to keep your child safe.

The session is free – all that we ask is that you complete the form below, so that we can ensure we can accommodate the number of people wishing to come.

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REMINDER RED NOSE DAY – 18 MARCH

We are very aware that we have been asking for money for the reading challenge recently, but a number of children have approached us about what we are going to do for Red Nose Day. Therefore, we have decided to keep it simple and allow the children to either wear something red, colour their hair red, wear red socks or even paint a red nose on their faces on this day for a voluntary donation of £2. The children can be as creative as they want with the colour red on this day (children that have PE on this day will need to be able to join in with PE activities so please ensure footwear is appropriate etc).

If you would like to donate £2 you can do so now on Schoolmoney.

SCHOOL MEALS –PRICE INCREASE

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.32. From Tuesday 26 April 2022 the cost will be £2.34.

NURSERY PLACES SEPTEMBER 2022

We still have places available in Nursery for September 2022. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact the school office on 01457 832572 for an application form.

SPORTS AMBASSADOR NEW CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Our Sports Ambassador Challenge of the month is to see how many **burpees** you can do in 1 minute! The whole family can get involved in this or you could challenge yourself to beat your score each day!

See below for a burpee demonstration...



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME

Our collective worship theme for this half term is JUSTICE. We have been exploring the value in our worship assemblies and talking about what justice means.

Justice is....

Judging what is right

Understanding what is fair

Standing up for those who need help

Trying to listen to both sides

Informed and wise decisions

Caring enough to take action

Equal opportunities for all

Please find some ideas about how the whole family can have fun and explore this Christian Value at the end of this newsletter.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 6 April – Thursday 7 April

Friday 8 April

Monday 25 April

Tuesday 26 April

Monday 9 May – Thurs 12 May 2022

Thursday 26 May

Monday 13 June

Friday 24 June - Monday 27 June 2022

Bikeability (Year 6)

School breaks up for the Easter holidays

Inset Day – children not in school

Children return to school

SATs week (Year 6)

Children break up for half term break

Children return to school

Kingswood Residential trip (Year 6)

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

TALK TOGETHER about Justice

Justice means more than making things 'fair'.
In order for people to live together well in a **just** community, it is important to have rules or laws that everybody sticks to. Imagine if there were no rules for people driving cars on the road!

As a family you may want to talk about:

- why it is important to have rules and laws
- rules or laws that you don't think are **just** (or fair)
- family rules that you think are important

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to **justice** everywhere."
Martin Luther King Jr



READ TOGETHER...

The Story of Jonah



Some folk always seem to be arguing or moaning and groaning. Sometimes they moan about the weather, sometimes they moan about their family, and sometimes they just moan. In fact, they are so busy moaning about EVERYTHING that they forget to be thankful for ANYTHING.

Jonah was just like that! He moaned all the time. So when God asked him to go to Ninevah and tell the people there that he was angry about their stealing, lying, fighting and their wicked ways, of course Jonah moaned and groaned.

"Not Ninevah, please! Anywhere but Ninevah! We have never got on with that nasty bunch. Please Lord, send someone else." And just in case God asked him again Jonah, quick as his legs could carry him, ran to the dock and asked the captain of the nearest boat to take him to the furthest place from Ninevah.

The nearest boat was the Jolly Dragon and her captain was called Wise Captain Silas. The Jolly Dragon set sail on a calm sea under a clear blue sky but within a day found herself caught up in a fierce and frightening storm. Captain Silas knew immediately that something was not right. He went to find his passenger, who, surprise, surprise, was below deck moaning to one of the sailors.

"It's my fault," groaned Jonah. "Throw me into the sea and the storm will blow over." Wise Captain Silas knew Jonah was right and so to save his ship and all the crew, gave orders to toss Jonah overboard that minute. A huge fish saw Jonah sinking slowly to the bottom of the sea, and he opened his great mouth wide, and swallowed him whole!

Jonah had only just enough time to recover from the shock when he found himself shooting through the air and onto a beach very near to Ninevah.

The great fish had spat him out and swum away.

Even Jonah knew now that there was no way out. He picked himself up, shook off the seaweed and walked slowly into the centre of the city. There he did what God had told him at the start and explained to the people of

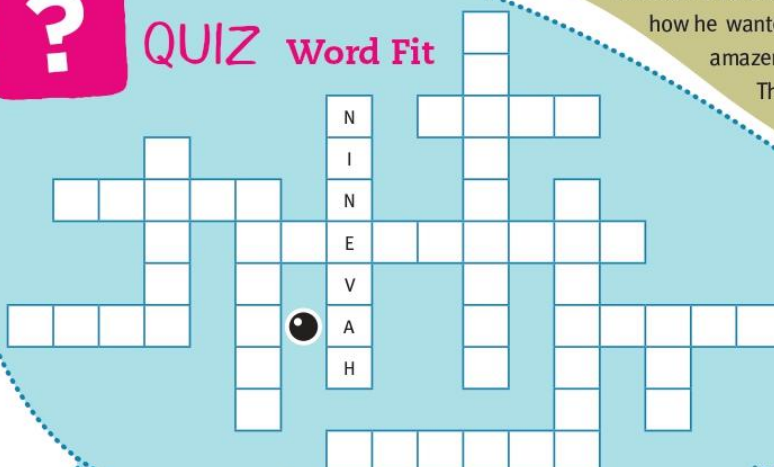
Ninevah that God was sad about their **unjust** behaviour and how he wanted them to change their ways. To Jonah's amazement, that's exactly what they did.

They fasted, they prayed for God's forgiveness and even thanked him for sending Jonah.

Bible story based on Book of Jonah



QUIZ Word Fit



ANGRY
CALM
FISH
GOD
GROANED
JONAH
MOANER
OVERBOARD
PRAYED
STORM
SWALLOWED



HALL OF FAME

Lady Justice

Lady **Justice** is one of the most famous landmarks in London. It is a bronze statue that stands on the domed roof of the Old Bailey. This building houses the central criminal courts where people who are accused of breaking the law are tried by a judge and jury to find out if they are 'guilty' and should be punished or 'not guilty' and can go free.

Lady **Justice** was designed to be a symbol of **justice**: in her left hand she carries the scales of truth and fairness and in her right hand a double edged sword representing the power of reason and **justice**.



FAMILY FOCUS

Making a new law

New laws are passed every year by the government. Ask each member of the family to think of a law which they think the government should pass. Talk about your ideas and how your new law would make a difference.



FASCINATING FACTS

The World Village

If the world was a village, with 100 people living in it:

- 61 people would come from Asia, 13 from Africa, 13 from the Americas, 12 from Europe and 1 from Australasia
- 26 of the people would be under 15 and just 8 of them over 64
- half of the people would speak one of just 8 languages – and the most common language would be Chinese
- 82 village people have access to safe drinking water
- 17 people would not be able to read or write
- 53 villagers would have less than £1.30 a day to live on
- there would be 18 cars, 15 computers, 61 mobile phones

Talk with your family about ...

- what you find surprising about these statistics
- what we take for granted in our lives that many people live without
- what you think is **unjust**
- what you think could be done to make the world a more **just** place for everyone

* Taken from 2012 statistics inspired by © If the World Were a Village by David J. Smith, 1990.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Design a weighing machine

Before electronic weighing machines were invented, scales often had two pans that were balanced when each held an equal weight.

Design and make a simple balance from junk materials that can weigh small objects.



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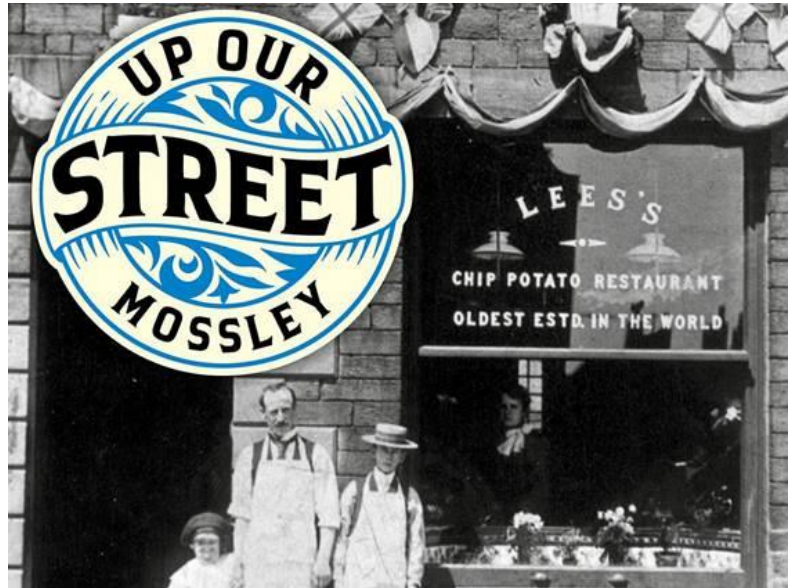
COMMUNITY NEWS

Connect with previous generations with Up Our Street - Mossley

Drawing on research compiled by Mossley Civic Society and Mossley Heritage Centre, Up Our Street Mossley will bring the town's fascinating history open to a wider audience by creating both a digital and physical trail through the town.

The trails will launch with a day of celebration on Saturday 26 March with guided tours and street theatre, artist talks and writing workshops.

Please keep an eye out for further details on twitter @tmbc_culture and on Facebook: @TamesideLibraries



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
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Spring Clean?

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Mossley Foodbank
is holding a
New Baby Club

Thursday 17th of March 2022 & then every 2 weeks
after.

11.30am until 1.30pm
Mossley Youthbase
The Rowans
Mossley
OL5 9DR

Stay & Play, meet other parent/carers,
browse through clothes, have a brew & a
chat. All we ask is a donation, if possible.
We look forward to seeing you.



During the Lent period we think about self-control and willpower. How can we demonstrate this in our daily lives?

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