

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Wednesday 23 March 2022

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### EASTER ACTIVITIES

#### Easter Service Tuesday 5th April

We are aiming to maintain our links with St John's Church and are hoping to have our Easter Service on Tuesday 5 April. As a large number of children have not been to church due to covid, and as we don't have Father David to conduct the service, on this occasion we will just be holding it for the children in Years 1 – 6. Hopefully, we will be able to invite parents to our next service.



#### Decorated Eggs – Years 3 - 6

It's that time of year again when your child may come and beg you to help them decorate an egg! Prior to covid, we had some fantastic displays each year and hope that this year will be the same. If your child is in Years 3 – 6 and would like to take part, please ensure hard boiled eggs are used and that entries are brought into school by the morning of Wednesday 6 April. We have had many amazing entries in the past and I'm sure we won't be disappointed this year! The eggs will be displayed during Parents' Evening on the 7 April.



There will be prizes awarded to a winner from each class and this will be decided by the Arts Council; they will particularly be looking for the children's efforts rather than their parents!

**The children are able to bring in their creations, from Tuesday 5 April so they can be displayed for all to enjoy (please no earlier than this).**

#### Easter Bonnet Competition- EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Back by popular demand! The children in the EYFS and Years 1 and 2 are all invited to make an Easter Bonnet and enter our Easter Bonnet Competition. Could parents please ensure entries are brought in on the morning of Wednesday 6 April (clearly labelled), so that winners can be decided during the day by the Arts Council.

#### EYFS Easter Activity Day – Tuesday 5 April

Parents and carers of the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) are invited to attend an Easter Activity morning on Tuesday 5 April. It will be an opportunity for parents/carers to spend some time with your child in the setting taking part in activities together.

To ensure everyone's safety, please ensure that you do not attend if displaying any covid symptoms. If you have any LFD tests at home, we would welcome anyone to take a test before attending the EYFS Easter Activity day (we are aware that free tests will no longer be available from the 1 April so we cannot enforce this). Further details will follow from the EYFS team.



### Easter Egg Hunt

We are also hoping to hold our annual whole school Easter Egg Hunt during the last week of term. Each class will have the chance to hunt for eggs. The highest number collected by a class wins!

### Willow Wood Ears

After the incredibly successful campaign last year, Willow Wood Hospice have asked us to support them again this Easter. We are therefore selling bunny ears for £3. Children will be able to wear their ears during the last week of term before Easter. Please can the children bring in £3 in cash from tomorrow if they would like to support Willow Wood.

## FREE ONLINE PARENTING COURSE

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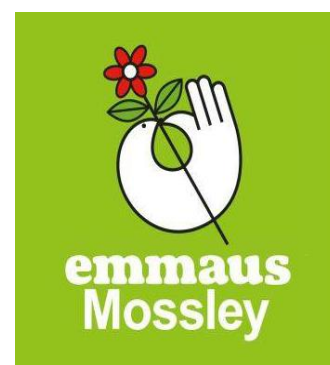
## EMMAUS LOGO COMPETITION

On Monday Hazel Hodgkinson from EMMAUS came and spoke to the children in assembly about EMMAUS and launched a real logo competition to commemorate that EMMAUS has been in Mossley for 25 years!

### **Emmaus mission:**

**To work together to overcome homelessness and social exclusion while using our voice to achieve social change.**

*Emmaus would like you to design a new logo, using either a circle or square template. Think about what is important to Emmaus and what Hazel talked about... charity, home, safe, secure, shelter, companions, community, the founder - Abbé Pierre'*



The competition is open to all schools in Mossley. If your child would like to take part, logo designs need to be back to school by Thursday 28 April please.

## RED NOSE DAY

On Red Nose Day last Friday, we raised £172.00. Thank you to everybody who donated.

## EYFS GARDEN DONATIONS

The EYFS garden is in need of a spruce up and we would welcome any donations. If you have any spare or unwanted items such as plant pots/plants/bird feeders/bird baths or garden ornaments, please can you bring them in to school where we will make good use of them. Thank you.



## PARENTS' EVENING

A letter was sent out yesterday detailing how Parents' Evening will be conducted this time. Please see letter for further details.

**Wednesday 6 April parents are able to book an online appointment** and on **Thursday 7 April, parents are able to book an in person (in school) appointment.**

Please visit <https://miltonstjohnsce.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALISHA!

Congratulations to Alisha (Year 6) who has recently competed in a Hip Hop dance competition and achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Well done, Alisha!



## 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.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CrtzuzTHfEWNMuVWCXyII6tU-HylzutLpW3s3mz7ON1UREdSQ09UWVFRFRMxTjdVUEQ1OUJFWDZNSC4u>

## 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

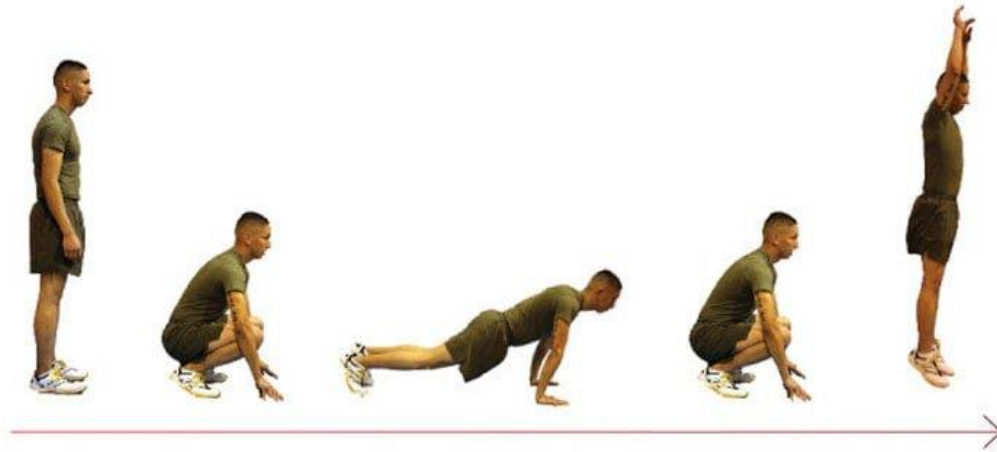
We still have places available in Nursery for September 2022. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact the school office on 01457 832572 for an application form.

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## 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...



## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 5 April  
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Wednesday 6 April – Thursday 7 April  
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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

Easter activity morning for EYFS  
Church Service for the children in Y1 – 6  
Bikeability (Year 6)  
Online Parents Evening  
In person Parents Evening  
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)



## 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

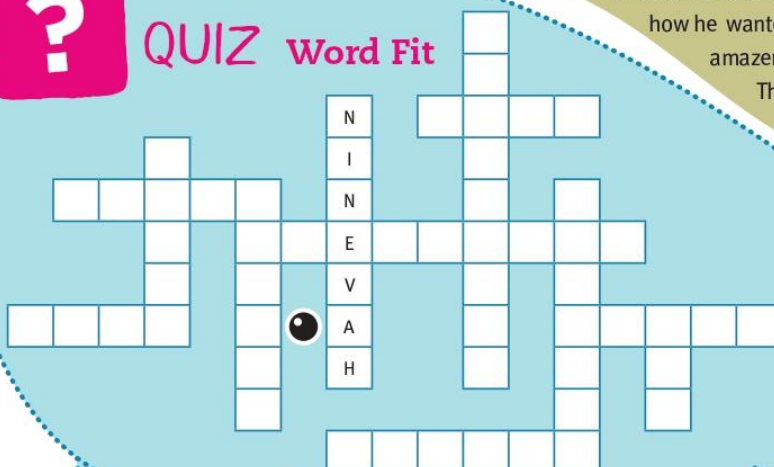
Ninevah that God was sad about their **unjust** behaviour and how he wanted them to change their ways. To Jonah's amazement, that's exactly what they did.

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

**Up Our Street** is a community engagement and heritage programme enabling people to explore the rich history of Mossley's high street and those stories and elements that contribute to making our high street a fantastic place to work, visit and explore.

#### **UP OUR STREET WILL LAUNCH WITH A DAY-LONG CELEBRATION OF THE LOCAL HIGH STREET ON SATURDAY 26TH MARCH**

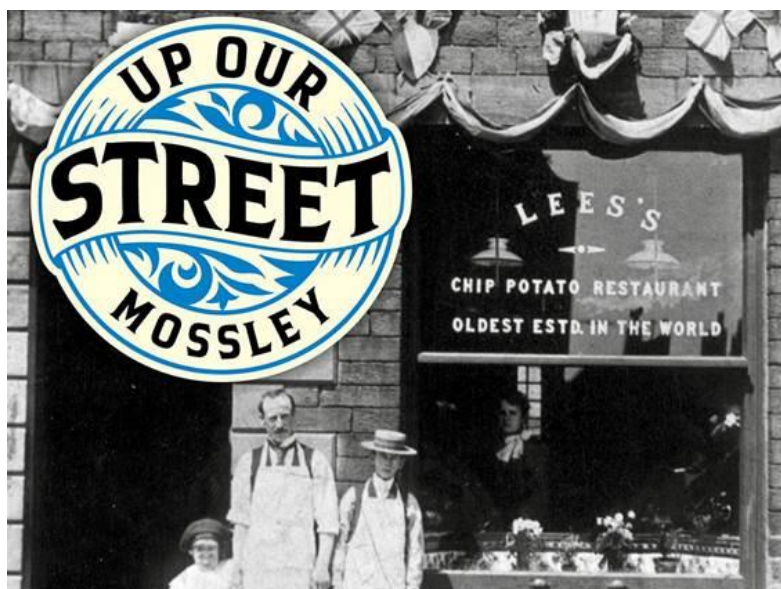
Between 10am-4pm, events around the town will include artist's talks by Signs by Umberto, a light hearted historical guided walk around Mossley's two high streets – in Top Mossley and Bottom Mossley – with Greenbanks Productions, a reminiscence

workshop with Mossley Writers and a participatory art installation 'Chalk Walk' on Stamford road with local artist Mel Roberts where you can 'drop in' and create chalk art on Stamford Road. This is an outdoor event and is at the mercy of the weather, so please dress accordingly. This activity is 10am - 12pm.

**The Events are free, booking is required via the link:** [the-vale.co.uk/event/up-our-street](https://the-vale.co.uk/event/up-our-street)

Why not come and join Greenbanks Productions - Street Theatre at the UP OUR STREET celebrations? At 10am, 12pm, 2pm and 4pm, comedy characters, Jedediah Heckerslike and Obediah Ifyoulike, will lead a humorous – but factually accurate – tour of the town's high streets. The hapless pair will reveal little known facts about its shops; including Smiths Photography Hut, where you can have your photograph taken in a special photo stand-in screen, and Lees's Chip Potato Restaurant, which has a strong claim to be the UK's oldest chippy. Now called Man's Wok, they have been frying chips on the same site since 1863. Free tours run throughout the day, leaving the market ground. **TICKETS ARE FREE! BOOK NOW:** More on the UP OUR STREET project and events here:

<https://www.globalgrooves.org/learn/up-our-street>



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