

Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter

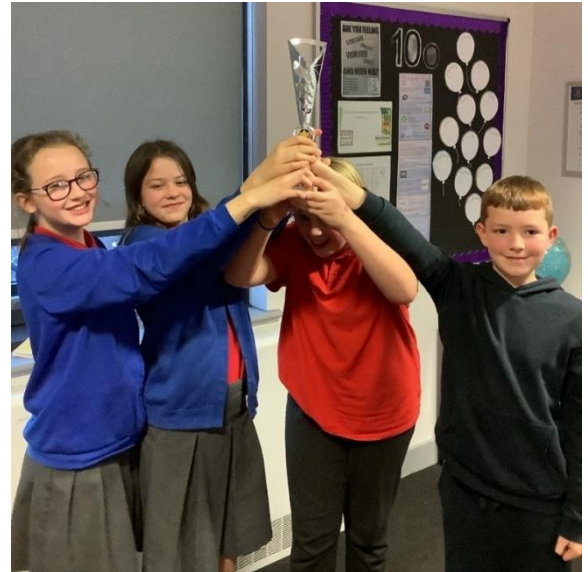
Wednesday 9 November 2022

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

DEBATING/MATHS CHALLENGE COMPETITIONS

We'd just like to say an amazing well done to our Year 6 children who won the Mossley and Carrbrook Debating competition and the Maths Challenge last week against other primary schools. We are really proud of the way they conducted themselves and represented the school. Well done everyone!

We'd like to thank Mossley Hollins for hosting the event, staff for supervising the children and the MCSP Hubs for organising them.



SPORTS LEADERS

Our Sports Leaders completed their Young Ambassador training through Tameside schools partnership last night and met British athlete Andrew Robertson who they found out was one of the first young ambassadors in Tameside! They will now be utilising their training in school and at lunch times to support the PE lead and the coach and will be promoting sport and healthy lifestyle to all children.



We **S**how respect. We are **H**onest. We **I**nclude others. We **N**ever give up. We seek **E**xcellence in all we do.

IMPORTANT - CLASS DOJO

Please could we remind parents that any messages regarding illness, medicines, any changes to your child being picked up etc should be sent to the office via admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk or through our phonenumber 01457832572.

Please do not send messages to teachers regarding these issues on Class Dojo. Teachers are not expected to routinely check Class Dojo as their main priority is to be with their class and messages on Class Dojo may not be seen in a timely manner.

BUILDING WORK

Thank you for your patience during the building work – it is almost finished! The main gate is now open for any children to use when they come into school in a morning. Year 5 and Year 6 will be leaving school at the end of the day via this gate from today also (Mill Lane gate). The new entrance isn't quite finished yet, but once it is open, the gates in the playground will be locked when the bell goes at 9am. Anyone that comes to school late will then have to come to the new entrance to sign in.

LEARN A WOODWIND INSTRUMENT

Learn a woodwind instrument with Miss Hind!

If you have a child in Y3 – Y6 and they would like to play the recorder, flute, clarinet or saxophone please follow the link to find out more about lessons on Mondays at school: [Registration - Tameside Music Service \(speedadmin.dk\)](https://speedadmin.dk).

When you click on the link please follow the instructions below:

SpeedAdmin guide:

- Select your child's school from the tab under 'Browse Courses'
- Select Music Lessons
- Select instrument
- Select lesson type

They can learn individually or they could learn with a friend in a shared lesson. In the lessons they will learn new notes, tunes, improvise, play musical games and more!

They will also gain free entry to our Junior Wind Band – where they can join other young musicians from across Tameside in learning new pieces and performing in concerts. Junior Wind Band rehearses on Tuesdays, 4pm – 4:45pm at our music centre in Dukinfield.

*Please note, saxophone lessons are only available for Y5 and Y6 students due to the size and weight of the instrument.

If you have any questions, you can contact me directly: sarah.hind@tameside.gov.uk

CHILDREN IN NEED – RUN PUDSEY!

This year for Children in Need, the children will be taking part in a 'Run Pudsey' event on the 18th November. Each class will 'run for Pudsey' during different times of the day to raise money for Children in Need. The children are also allowed to wear non-uniform/ Children in Need attire on this day too (please just make sure it is suitable for running in – trainers etc).

If parents would like to sponsor their child, please register through this secure site:

<https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/milton-st-johns-cofe-primary-school> and use the code **F3BD** when asked.

Once registered, your child will automatically be given a fundraising page and a unique 'text to donate code' which is just for them to raise money for BBC Children in Need. **We are very aware that times are difficult at the moment and understand if families may not be in a position financially to do this. Please do not worry, all children will be taking part on the day in the 'Run Pudsey' event whether or not money has been raised.** However, the Run Pudsey campaign does enable all children who raise a minimum of £10 sponsorship to receive this year's 'Run Pudsey' medal. These will be given out discretely to the children if they receive one.

REMINDER - CLASS CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The children in Nursery up to Year 5 will be holding a Christmas Carol sing along on the following dates. We anticipate that the sing a long will last approximately 30 – 40 minutes. Nursery and Reception may be slightly less. The classes will perform on the following times and dates...

Class	Date	Time
Nursery	7 th December	9.15am
Reception	6 th December	9.15am
Year 1	7 th December	2.30pm
Year 2	6 th December	2.30pm
Year 3	5 th December	2.30pm
Year 4	5 th December	9.15am
Year 5	12 th December	9.15am



REMINDER - YEAR 6 CHRISTMAS PLAY

The two Year 6 classes will be performing a Christmas play on the following dates:

Tuesday 6th December 3.45pm

Thursday 8th December 5.00pm

To avoid unnecessary printing of tickets, places can be paid for via Schoolmoney and a list of people that will be attending will be held and checked off on the day. We will let you know when this is available on Schoolmoney.

We ask for a £2 donation per ticket with a maximum of 4 tickets being available per family, per play.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Thursday 15 December we will be serving Christmas Dinner. If your child is on school meals they will automatically be having a Christmas Dinner. If you would like to order Christmas Dinner for your child who is on packed lunches please submit the form, that was sent out on a text on Monday, no later than Monday 14 November 2022. **No late orders will be taken due to deadlines for the catering team ordering the food.** The cost of a Christmas Dinner is £2.36 unless your child is entitled to free school meals or are in key stage 1. Once you have requested a Christmas Dinner we will let you know when you can pay on Schoolmoney.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME

Our collective worship theme for this half term is Compassion. Please find some ideas about how the whole family can have fun and explore this Christian Value at the end of this newsletter.

CLOSING DATES FOR RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

Tameside residents should use the Tameside Citizen Portal to apply for a Reception place. If you do not live within Tameside but wish to apply for a place at a Tameside school, you should apply via your own Local Authority. (For example, if you are an Oldham resident you will need to apply via Oldham MBC admissions, for any Tameside School)

The closing date for submitting a Reception 2023 school application is 15 January 2023. (Applications submitted after this date will be processed as a 'late' application)

Please visit <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions> for more information.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 1 December 2022	KS2 trip to Pantomime
Thursday 15 December 2022	Christmas Dinner day
Fri 16 June to Mon 19 June 2023	Year 6 Kingswood residential trip



Our theme this half term is Compassion.

‘Clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and
patience’

Colossians 3.12

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

TALK TOGETHER about Compassion

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-37



QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

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| The traveller was attacked as he walked along the | ROAD |
| Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog | ---- |
| The Samaritan ____ the innkeeper to look after the man | ---- |
| The Samaritan acted with courage. He was ____ | ---- |
| We sometimes talk about the ____ of friendship (rhymes with pond) | ---- |
| Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find) | ---- |
| The Samaritan in the story was | ---- |



FAMILY FOCUS

Random Acts of Kindness

Kindness is often appreciated most when it is offered at unexpected times.

Choose one week this term for your family to have "a random acts of kindness" week, and do something kind for someone each day. Try to do it without telling people it was you!



www.randomactsofkindness.org



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Helping hands

As well as being kind and showing **compassion** in what we say, it is often what we *do* that other people remember.

Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown. Mount the hands of each member of your family on some paper so they look fantastic and ready to be displayed.



FASCINATING FACTS

What a difference **compassion** and kindness can make! Numerous charities help people who have been hurt, are ill or suffer through lack of resources. Below are just 3:

- **World Vision** encourages individuals and groups to 'Sponsor a Child' in an area of the world where food, health and education cannot be taken for granted. For just 75 pence a day the life of a child, in for example Uganda or Bolivia, can be transformed by providing help to grow food, source clean water, improve health services and pay for education.

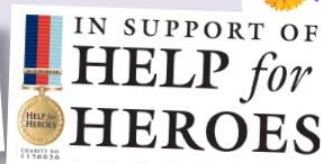
www.worldvision.org.uk

- **Help for Heroes** was set up after many British soldiers returned from war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. By giving to this charity the public show their **compassion** for the soldiers and their families and recognise the service they gave on behalf of us all.

www.helpforheroes.org.uk

- **Help the Hospices.** Sometimes when people become very ill they go to a hospice which will provide them with care and **compassion**. Often hospices are maintained by donations from people who admire and value their service or who have had a relative who has been helped by the hospice.

www.hospiceuk.org



HALL OF FAME

A famous bear with a spotty scarf

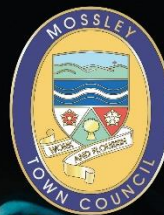


Pudsey Bear became a national mascot in 1985. He was designed by Joanna Ball and she named him after the small town in Yorkshire where she lived and went to school for many years, Pudsey.

When we see Pudsey Bear we immediately think of Children in Need. This charity has grown enormously since it began and raises millions of pounds every year. Thanks to people all over the country, children in the UK and across the world have come to know real kindness and **compassion**, made possible by generous donations to the charity. www.bbc.co.uk/childreninneed

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Mossley Lights *Switch On*



Micklehurst Green
Friday 25th November - 6-7pm
Father Christmas, music and carols

Top Mossley Market Ground
Saturday 26th November - 4-6pm
Father Christmas, plus music, song and more

Bring your lanterns!



Come and make your lantern at our
FREE drop-in workshops
WORKSHOPS

No need to book but please don't all turn up at once!

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 3-7PM
Mossley Community Centre, OL5 0SG

SATURDAY NOVEMBER - 20TH 11AM - 3PM
The Vale Arts Centre (Studio 2), OL5 9JL

We will provide all the materials and guidance to make and decorate a pyramid lantern or, for more experienced makers, design and make your own fantastic creation!

ALLOW MINIMUM ONE HOUR TO MAKE A SIMPLE LANTERN

