

Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 18 October 2023

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

TAG RUGBY COMPETITION

We were really proud of our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby teams who represented the school on Thursday 12 October at the Mossley and Carrbrook Schools' Partnership competition. They did really well and supported each other throughout. Well done everyone and thank you to Mrs Johnson and Mrs Murray for supervising and cheering them on at the event.



NEXT PTA MEETING – TONIGHT!

The next PTA meeting that everyone is welcome to attend is on Wednesday 18th October on Zoom at 8pm - please email pta@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk for a link to join.

PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

If you haven't completed the Parents' Questionnaire emailed to you on Monday please can you spend a few moments by clicking on the link below and submitting it by Monday 30 October 2023.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CrtzuzTHfEWNMuVWCXylI5f4m10CHFpOiCwGmbT3cslUNUxEOTA4MDNHM043R09RTIBZSDZPNzVHMC4u>

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PARENT WEBINARS

As the PTA have a membership with Parentkind, parents are able to book webinars for free! Some of the upcoming webinars are below. All you need to do is click on the link below and it will ask for the school's address (postcode OL50BN) and it will then redirect you to the booking registration form.

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/parent-webinars>

Motivation matters: how to talk so kids will listen – 18.10.23 (7.30-8.30pm)

Demystifying maths for parents (KS2) – 10.11.23 (7 – 8pm)

A nutritionist's guide to dealing with fussy eaters – 14.11.23 (7.30 – 8.30pm)

Conflict styles and difficult conversations – 22.11.23 (7-8pm)

Developing your child's thinking ability – 29.11.23 7.30 – 8.30pm)

Time management for parents juggling work and family life – 6.12.23 (7.30 – 8.15pm)

PE DAY CHANGES AFTER HALF TERM

As we try and rotate the dance/sports coach and swimming timetable, we have had to make some changes to PE days for some classes. Please see below for your child's PE day after half term.

Year Group	PE days
Reception	Thursday/Friday
Year 1	Monday/Friday
Year 2	Tuesday/Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday/Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday/Friday
Year 5	Wednesday/Friday
Year 6	Thursday and swimming on a Friday (children can wear PE kit on Friday too.)

HELP US WITH FREE DONATIONS WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE

Thank you to those parents that have signed up to help raise funds for the school. With just 44 supporters you have already raised £381.49 for school!

Just a reminder for those that haven't managed to do this yet or didn't know about it, Milton St John's are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! Amazon, Tesco, Argos and Groupon are some of the brands that you are able to shop at and get them to donate to us.

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's



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completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/miltonstjohnsprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-gs-e1

To find out more about how it works click on the link below.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/?efr_source=website&efr_medium=easyfundraising&efr_campaign=header-navigation

PTA CHRISTMAS CARDS

PTA Christmas designs are back!

We are once again working with Xmas4Schools to offer children the chance to design their own Christmas cards and products! Forms have been sent home already. If you would like to get involved, please complete your design over the half-term holiday at home and return it to school (NB no payment required) by Tuesday 31 October at the latest. Designs will then be sent for processing and you will receive an email with all the details for online ordering. Please remember the handy dos and don'ts below when creating your design...



ARTWORK INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS/ORGANISERS

Please read these instructions carefully to ensure you get the best results:

DO

- **Bright, colourful Christmas designs that fill the A4 paper produce the best results.**
- Use paint, felt tip, crayon, inks and coloured pencils.
- Use collage.
- Use **glitter glue**.
- Make sure any text is bold, legible and **kept AWAY** from the edges of the A4 paper.

DON'T

- Please **DO NOT** use sprinkle glitter (glitter glue is fine) - it has a tendency to fall off and end up on other children's artwork and our scanners!
- If you are doing collage, please **MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE FIRMLY STUCK DOWN TO STOP THEM FALLING OFF**
- **Avoid metallic finishes** over large areas.
- **Pale coloured pencils** on a white background do not reproduce well.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE BELOW FOR THE BEST RESULTS

DO ✓



• You can colour right up to the edges, but any important drawings or wording needs to be kept at least 1cm away from the sides of the paper.

DON'T ✗



• Please also **DO NOT** draw a border unless you want it to appear on the final product.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

You may be aware from recent items in the press that the Government are concerned about children's absence from school and they believe that it is not in a child's best interest to be away from school at any time. Therefore, an absence from school should be avoided at all costs. Here at Milton St John's we make it clear that leave will only be treated as authorised in quite exceptional circumstances. Holidays in term time are not an exceptional circumstance and will always be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Should you need any clarification on this point you can find information on the following websites:

www.gov.uk

www.tameside.gov.uk

Please be aware that unauthorised absences may lead to a Penalty Notice for irregular school attendance. If a child takes more than one holiday in term time during their school life, we are being encouraged to refer the matter to Tameside MBC's Education Welfare Service for consideration of a prosecution under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996. Parents/carers need to be aware that a conviction of an offence under Section 444(1) of the Education Act carries a fine of up to £1000.

POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be on sale this week. Suggested donations start from 50p - £1.00 for various Poppy themed items.

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PTA MAKE THE RULES DAY – THIS FRIDAY

The PTA are trying really hard to raise funds to help us improve our playground and have come up with a fabulous 'Make the Rules Day' event on the last day of this half term.

The idea is that the children can choose one, or as many rules as they would like to make from the list on the poster (or essentially break) on that day for a donation of 50p per rule. As we cannot predict the number of rules the children wish to make, we are unable to add this to Schoolmoney. Therefore, please send cash into school on this day.

ONLINE SAFETY

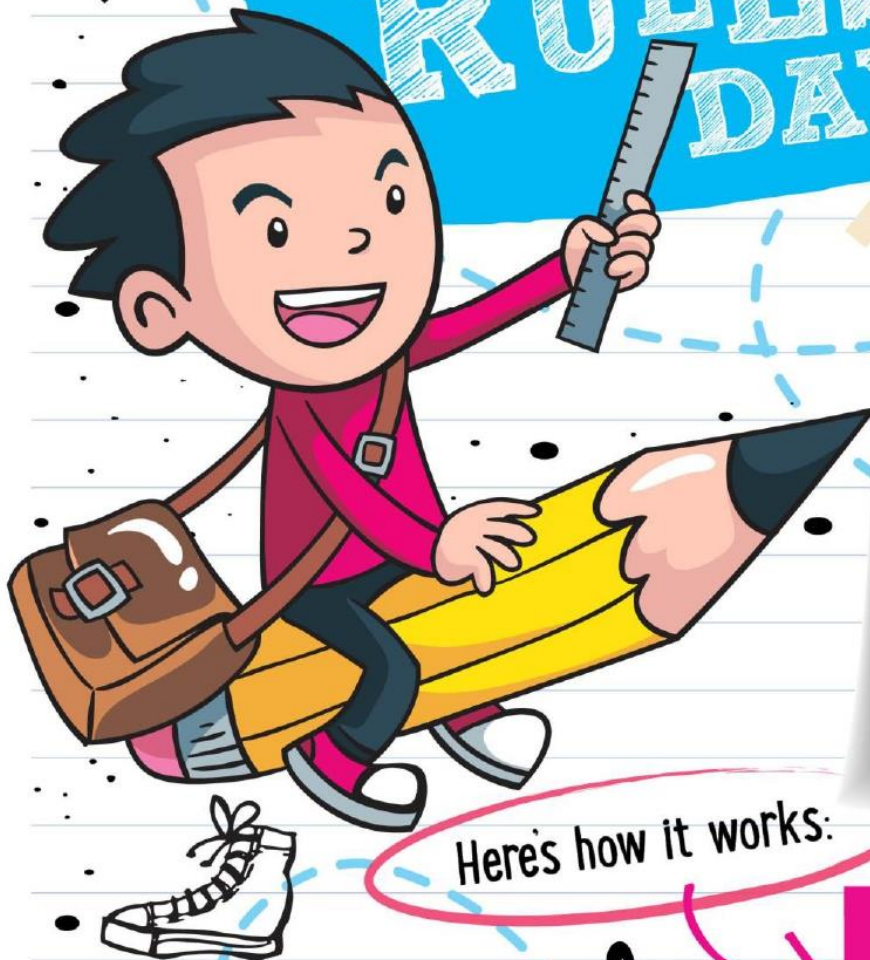
From time to time, we will share guides that we think may be useful for parents/carers to help you navigate your way through the fast paced, ever changing online technology. Please see the poster below about YouTube.

DIARY DATES

Wed 18 Oct 2023	Online Parents' evening
Thurs 19 Oct 2023	In person Parents' evening
Thurs 19 Oct 2023	Year 6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Tues 31 Oct 2023	Deadline for High School applications
Tues 31 Oct 2023	Rec - Year 6 Nasal Flu Immunisations
Mon 15 Jan 2024	Deadline for Primary School applications
Fri 14 June – Mon 17 June 2024	Year 6 Kingswood Residential trip
Fri 19 July 2024	Year 6 Leavers' Party

Milton St John's CE PTA

MAKE the RULES DAY



Rules to be made include:

1. Have crazy hair or wear a hat
2. Come to school in your own clothes
3. Wear trainers
4. Bring your own snack for break time (**NO NUTS or SESAME**)
5. Wear a hoodie
6. Have a temporary tattoo
7. Have squash or juice in your water bottle
8. Wear nail varnish
9. Wear bright socks or tights

Here's how it works:

When?

Friday 20th
October

Parentkind
Member Association

For each rule made (or broken) on the day please bring 50p into school or choose every rule for £2!!

Money raised will go towards improving our playground!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

October school half term activities available with Tameside Cultural Services.



A vibrant orange poster titled 'Autumn Events' with a sun and cloud illustration. It lists five activities: 'Introduction to Foraging Walk & Talk' (Tuesday 24 Oct, 11am-1pm, Chadwick Dam, Ashton), 'Bat Detecting Family Walk & Talk' (Wednesday 25 Oct, 5.30pm-7pm, Chadwick Dam, Ashton), 'Tea Foraging Walk & Talk' (Thursday 26 Oct, 2pm-4pm, Chadwick Dam, Ashton), 'Apples & Alchemy' (Sunday 29 Oct, 11am-3pm, Werneth Low Country Park), and 'Autumn inspired Wall hanging' (Tuesday 24 Oct). It also mentions 'Embossed foil Folk art' (Thursday 26 Oct) and a 'Drop in' at the Portland Basin Museum (11am-3pm). Ticket price is £1.30 per child, suitable for all ages with accompaniment. A blue boat is at the bottom right.

AUTUMN IN TAMESIDE

Autumn Events

Introduction to Foraging Walk & Talk
on Tuesday 24 October
11am-1pm at Chadwick Dam, Ashton

Bat Detecting Family Walk & Talk
on Wednesday 25 October
5.30pm-7pm at Chadwick Dam, Ashton

Tea Foraging Walk & Talk
on Thursday 26 October
2pm-4pm at Chadwick Dam, Ashton

Apples & Alchemy
at Werneth Low Country Park
Sunday 29 October, 11am - 3pm

Autumn inspired Wall hanging
Tuesday 24 October

Embossed foil Folk art
Thursday 26 October

Portland Basin Museum
Drop in any time between 11am-3pm.

£1.30 per child.
Suitable for children of all ages. Children must be accompanied at all times.

Theatre performance. Luna Loves Library Day - the Musical!

Date Tuesday 24 October. **Time:** performance 1: 11am. Performance 2: 2pm

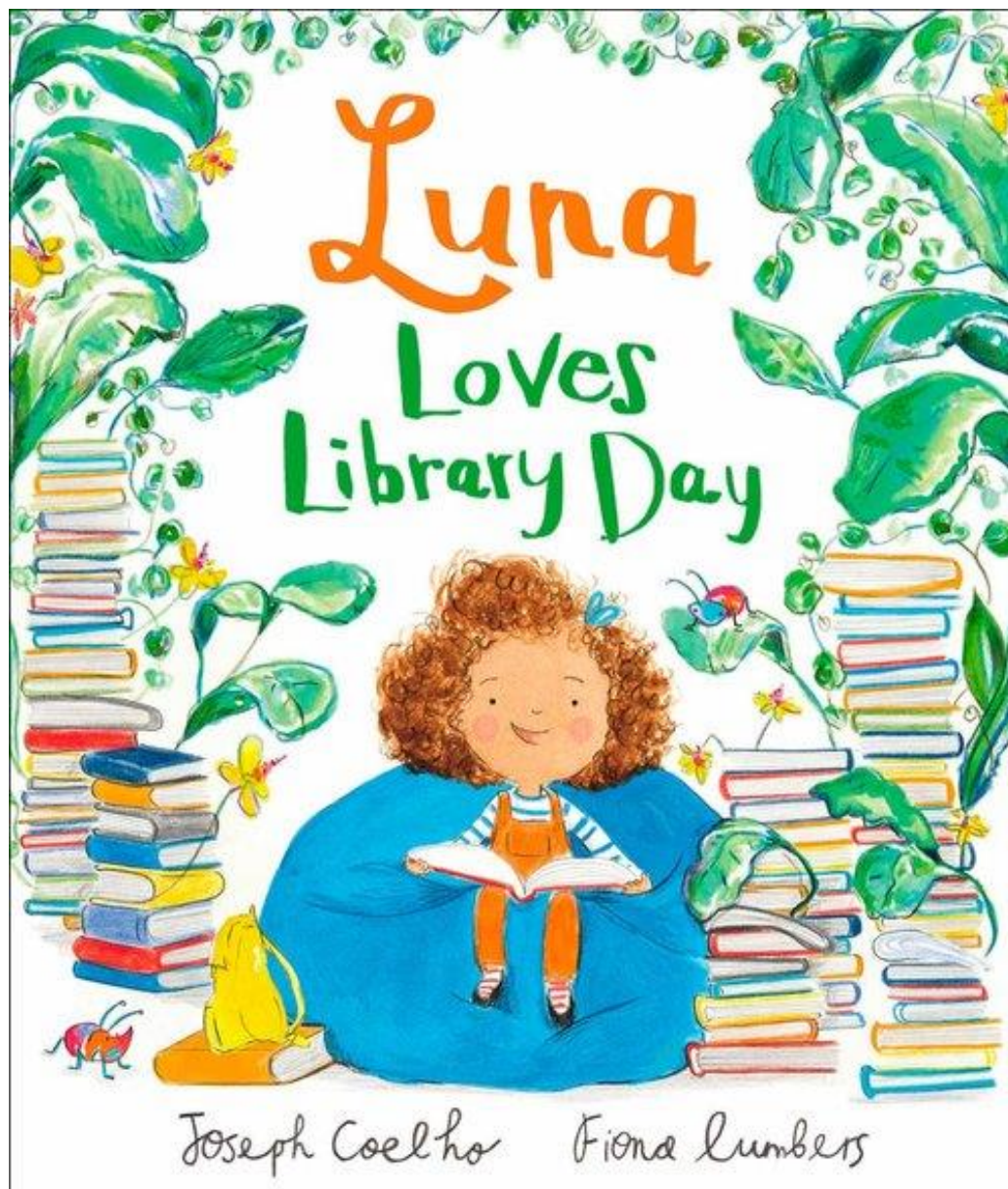
Location: The Astley Cheetham Art Gallery. **Address:** Trinity St. Stalybridge, SK15 2BN

Tickets are selling fast for our October half term theatre performance! Join Luna and her Dad for an adventure among the library shelves in this exciting new musical for families. Luna looks forward to one special

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day.....Library Day!

Adapted for the stage by award winning poet and author Joseph Coelho, with music and lyrics by family favourite David Gibb, Luna Loves Library Day is the perfect treat for children aged 3+ and their families. Luna Loves Library Day is a co-production from Little Seeds Music and Z-arts. Book now: [Tameside MBC event tickets from TicketSource.](#)





DUKINFIELD RUGBY CLUB

DUKINFIELD RUGBY CLUB ARE A FAMILY RUGBY CLUB WITH A THRIVING JUNIOR AND SENIOR SECTION.

OUR DINKY'S SECTION CATERES FOR CHILDREN 2-6 AND WE HAVE TEAMS FROM AGE 7 TO 16

WE ARE ACTIVELY LOOKING TO RECRUIT NEW PLAYERS ACROSS ALL AGE GROUPS. NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!



CONTACT



JUNIORS@DUKINFIELDRUGBYCLUB.CO.UK



DUKINFIELD RUGBY CLUB - YOUTH



JACK - 07593 381 375



PLAYERS WANTED



MOSSLEY JUNIORS BRAND NEW U11 TEAM

ALREADY PLAYING IN THE
PREMIERSHIP OR
CHAMPIONSHIP? OR
ASPIRE TO PLAY IN THOSE
DIVISIONS?

WHY NOT COME AND BE PART OF SOMETHING
EXCITING AND FUN

**BREAKING
NEWS**

**Call Wayne
07785535915**

TRANSFER CENTRE

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**OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES
WITH CRAFTS, GAME AND A TREASURE HUNT**

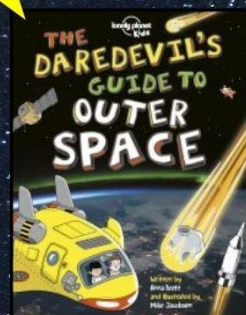
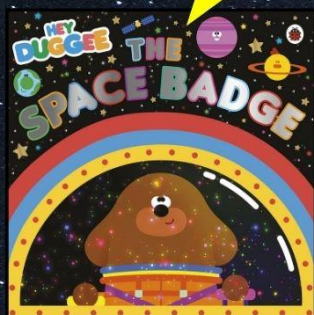


**MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER
10-11AM
HYDE LIBRARY
TOWN HALL
SK14 1AL**

**FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER
10:30-11:30AM
MOSSLEY LIBRARY
GEORGE LAWTON
HALL
OL5 0HR**

**WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER
2-3PM
STALYBRIDGE
LIBRARY
TRINITY
STREET
SK15 2BN**

**THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER
2-3PM
DENTON LIBRARY
MARKET STREET
M34 2AP**



**AIMED AT CHILDREN AGED 4-11 AND THEIR GROWN UPS. NO NEED TO BOOK,
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DIGITOB & Get Online Week

Throughout October

Free digital skills events to help you to get online safely, or try something new to build your skills and confidence



BASIC IT SUPPORT

Get help to take your first steps online or with computer skills.



GET ONLINE

Find out about help to get online and accessibility support



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Join a session to take your IT skills to a new level.



DIGITAL FUN

Try something new and fun.



0161 342 4000 #1



www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries

Digitober Events

Weekly Activities

Mondays

St Michael's Court, Ashton. 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

Digital Direction.

Tuesdays

Ashton Library 11am-12pm

Get Started with Learn My Way - basic IT Skills drop-in workshop.

Stalybridge Library 11am-12pm

Basic IT skills workshops for over 65s with AbilityNet.

Ashton Library 2nd & 4th Tuesday of month 10am-1pm

Technology support for Visual Impairment with Henshaws by appointment. Call: 0300 222 5555

Wednesdays

Community Learning Hub - Hyde Healthy Living Centre 10am-12pm

Women only IT drop-in. Call: 0161 368 3268

Jigsaw Homes, Wellington Parade, Dukinfield

Digital Support with PCRefurb. Call: 07724 064709

Ashton Library 11am-12pm

Get Started With Online Job Searching - basic IT skills drop-in workshop.

Hattersley Hub 1-3pm

Over 50s IT Group with PCRefurb. Call: 07724 064709

Thursdays

Jigsaw Homes 9.30-11.30, Cavendish St. Ashton

Jigsaw Employment and Training Club. Call: 07718 783248

Jigsaw Homes, Cavendish St. Ashton

Digital Support with PCRefurb. Call: 07724 064709

Ashton Pioneer Homes, Margaret St. Ashton

Digital Support with PCRefurb. Call: 07724 064709

Ashton Library 3.30-4.30pm

Get Started with iDEA - further digital and employability skills drop-in workshop.

Fridays

Together Centre, Dukinfield 10am-12pm

Tech Buddies - IT Support Service. Call: 0161 366 1987.

Special Events

Monday 2nd 6-7pm

Virtual Readers' Group via Zoom.

Join in our relaxed, fun virtual readers' group for a discussion of *The Heron's Cry* by Ann Cleeves.

This title is available to download and read or listen now via the BorrowBox eReading app.

Booking required.

Thursday 5th 10am-1pm

I. P. & Artificial Intelligence: Live Screened Webinar and networking, Ashton Library.

Join our Business and Intellectual Property (I.P.) Team for this British Library Live screened webinar plus the opportunity to network with other local business owners and entrepreneurs.

Tuesday 10th 9.30-11:30am

Wellbeing apps, Ashton Library.

Explore wellbeing apps for World Mental Health Day. Bring your own device, or have a go on one of our tablets.

Wednesday 11th 10am-1pm

Tameside Job Fair, Dukinfield Town Hall.

Look for our stand at the jobs fair for help with digital skills and finding work online.

Thursday 12th 3pm

Digital Skills for over 65s, Dukinfield Library.

Basic IT skills workshops for over 65s with AbilityNet.

Monday 23rd October 10am, 11:30am or 2pm.

Hands On Science at Droylsden Library

Join us at Droylsden Library for a fantastic hands on children's workshop bringing electricity to life.

Booking required.



BOOKINGS

Call Ashton Library on 0161 342 4000 #1
information.direct@tameside.gov.uk



DIGITOB



**Around 50% of
children will have
a sleep issue at
some point***

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

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*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

Mossley



Town
Team

FESTIVE MARKET

Saturday 4th November

Mossley Methodist Church

Chapel Street, OL5 0EX

11.00 am to 2:30pm

FREE ADMISSION



Refreshments, 24 Various Craft Stalls,

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