



The Mosslands School

Newsletter 16th February

2023



School Diary

Monday 27th February – Friday 3rd March 2023

Week A

Date(s)	Event(s)
Monday 27 th February	INSET Day - School Closed to Students
Tuesday 28 th February	Strike Day – School Closed to Year 7-11 (except for Y11 revision sessions)
Wednesday 1 st March	STEM Trip – Chester University
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
	Ofqual National Reference Test
	Homework Club 3.20-4.30pm Library & D22
Friday 3 rd March	Bike Marking Event
	Year 9 Options Forms Deadline

News

Message from Mr Whiteley

After the half term break, we are making some changes to the school day, the children will start and finish at the same time, but we are moving afternoon registration from lunchtime to the end of the day giving children a slightly longer lunch break to avoid queues in the canteen.

As you will know, Monday 27th February is a planned INSET Day for teachers, so there will be no students in school that day. Due to the ongoing dispute between the NEU and the government, the day of industrial action will mean the school is closed for all students except the 6th Form on Tuesday 28th February, although there are study sessions available for Year 11 as advertised previously.

We are revising the Class Charts system to make it simpler and easier to understand following feedback from parents. Please note that all communication regarding your son's progress and behaviour will be communicated through the Class Charts system. If you have already activated your account, your password will remain the same. For those who have not yet logged on make sure you have your username and password set up so you can access our communications. If you need additional help, please

contact us via the school office or by emailing datateam@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk.

Ofqual National Reference Test 2023

A small group of Year 11 pupils will be randomly selected to take Ofqual's National Reference Test on Thursday 2nd March at 9am. These tests are used by Ofqual to check the quality of the assessment material, and in no way will they impact on grades that your son can achieve in the summer exams. If selected, your son does not need to prepare for this test. The results of the test are anonymised and are not provided to individual schools or students, and so cannot and will not be used as evidence of how individual students are performing. A letter will be sent home to those who have been selected to explain more about the tests.

Sixth Form Applications

A reminder that the deadline for applications is tomorrow, Friday 17th February 2023.

Applications can be completed online

- <https://forms.office.com/r/cb2Ezg1cKL>

If any parent of a Year 11 student would like an appointment to discuss post 16 options, please contact Mrs Danher at school or at sixthform@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk

Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Revision Session

This session will take place on Tuesday 21st February 9.30-2pm. Letters and emails with further details have been sent home.

Bike-Marking

There will be a **free** bike-marking event on Friday 3rd March 2023, carried out by PC Emma and Merseyside Police during the school day. To register for this event, the attached form needs to be printed off and completed, or pupils can come to school reception to collect a form. Completed forms should be back in school by Wednesday 1st March 2023. Bikes will need to be brought into school on Friday 3rd March 2023.

Inter-Form Quiz

Congratulations to 11F3 who narrowly defeated 11F2 in the final of the inter-form quiz on Friday. Both forms displayed excellent general knowledge and impressed staff with their calmness in front of a large crowd of spectators in the library but, in the end, it was 11F3 who were slightly faster on their buzzers. Well done to all boys who took part in the quiz during January and February. Look out for more quizzing after half term!

Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

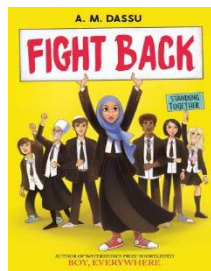
Thank you to Year 10 students for the prompt return of their Bronze DofE forms. All students have now been registered on the participant system and after school sessions will start in the next half term. Expedition dates have been set as:

Day walk/training: Friday 26th May

Expedition: Thursday 8th - Friday 9th June

Library

World Book Day tokens are now available and can be accessed using the digit token attached or our students can scan the QR code that is on the World Book Day poster in the library now. From Thursday 16th February to Sunday 26th March, the token can be used to purchase a £1 World Book Day book or to get £1 off a book in any participating retailer which includes Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, WH Smith, The Works and Waterstones. Happy reading! Staff will be dressing up as their favourite characters and there will be a Masked Reader



competition for students to enter on the day. Prizes will be awarded to the students who can correctly identify the most members of staff behind the masks.

This week's Book of the Week is *Fight Back* by A.M Dassu and follows Aaliyah a normal British Muslim schoolgirl, as her world is thrown into disarray after a terrorist attack at a local concert. Rather than shy

aware from bullying and racist tensions, Aaliyah bravely decides to stand up for herself and her religion and soon finds a community of students who want to join in her fight for self-expression. A brilliantly written book about empathy, identity, positive action and standing against hate and prejudice.

The Beekeeper of Aleppo

Mrs Brett is looking forward to taking the Year 10 and 12 drama students to the Liverpool Playhouse on Thursday 9th March. Please ensure your son has paid for his ticket via ParentPay.

STEM Trip

6th Form chemistry students are visiting Chester University on Wednesday 1st March for a full day of analytical investigations and a visit to the new campus in Chester.

School Kitchen



We are very pleased to announce that today our school kitchens were inspected by the Food Standards Agency and awarded a 5-star rating for hygiene, cleanliness and the management of food safety. Well done to our catering team.

Medication In School

If you have any questions or concerns regarding medication in school, please contact the SEND Department.

Art Department

You can follow us on Instagram @art_mosslands to see some fabulous examples of the work produced by our students.

Fundraising for Mosslands

Don't forget to order your online shopping through "Easyfundraising.com" to help raise money for school.



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