



# The Mosslands School

Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> September

2022



## School Diary

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

### Week B

Date(s)	Event(s)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	No Events Scheduled
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Dungeons and Dragons Club 3.20-4.30 - Library
	NGRT Year 7
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	NGRT Year 7
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Othello Theatre Trip – Liverpool Playhouse
	Homework Club 3.20-4.30pm Library & D22
	Charity Run Training 3.45pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	No Events Scheduled

## News

**A Message from Mr Whiteley**

As we reach the end of our first month, I am excited to report that the new build project is gaining momentum. This will be a huge benefit to all the students and our hope is that the entire project will be completed in the next 2 calendar years.

It has been a busy start to the new term and our new system for reporting the achievement of children – Class Charts is proving really effective in helping us address the needs of children who are struggling. From next week, parents and students will have access to the app that will show homework and from the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> October, parents will be able to access the rewards and sanctions section of the site. This will give parents a live stream as to how their child's day is going. This month, Class Charts has shown that over 90% of interactions are positive and this reflects the excellent start that many of our boys have made to the year.

You will be aware that we are insisting on full school uniform now that all restrictions imposed by the pandemic have been lifted. Students are not allowed to wear coats around the building. Our school uniform does include a plain grey or black v-neck jumper, which can be worn when the weather is cold underneath a blazer. Sweatshirts, fleeces and other such items cannot be worn in school. We encourage all of our students to bring bags so they can carry their coats around in school along with their

schoolbooks. Please ensure your child's name is in all of his belongings especially coats, bags and PE kit. I would also like to remind parents to encourage pupils to have respect for all members of our community, so when travelling to and from school at the start and end of the day, they should not drop litter, damage property or be disrespectful to others. We will take action if this is reported to us, or if they bring the school into disrepute.

I would like to thank all of the parents and pupils who were involved in the school's open evening last Thursday, it was another very successful evening and all of the pupils involved were a credit to the school and their families. The feedback we gained from visiting parents and teachers from other schools was outstanding and I am very proud of all of them.

### **New Group Reading Tests for Year 7 Students**

All students in Year 7 will be undertaking the New Group Reading Test on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. NGRT is a formative assessment that is used to assess a student's reading level. Formative means that it does not count towards any final grade or result, but is used to find out your son's current ability level as compared to the national average and can allow us to identify students who may benefit from interventions and support or from being stretched further. Your son does not need to do anything to prepare for this test. The tests usually

lasts for around 30 minutes and are completed in a computing suite.

## **Online Safety**

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the Internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children. We have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety - providing resources for all parents and carers.

To create an account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/the-mosslands-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

We recommend that parents watch the following online safety training:

Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 11-14

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/hub/view/course/os-for-parents-carers-of-children-aged-11-14>

Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 14-18

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/hub/view/course/os-for-parents-carers-of-children-aged-14-18>

## **Dietary Requirements or Allergies**

Could parents please ensure we have all the correct



information regarding allergies and dietary requirements? In all school years, boys may be involved in tasting and cooking a variety of different foods and we can accommodate allergies and dietary needs if we know about them in advance.

If you need to update us with this information, please email us not forgetting to include your son's name and form. [Datateam@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:Datateam@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk). You can also use this email address to update us with your contact details if they have changed recently.

## **Punctuality**

Punctuality has improved greatly this term and we thank parents for their efforts in getting boys to school on time. Boys must be in their form room by 8.45am. Two recorded "lates" to form or lesson will receive a form detention.

### **Drama Trip**

On Thursday, our KS4 and 5 drama students will be going to the Liverpool Playhouse to see a performance of Othello. This is compulsory for boys in Year 11 and boys in Year 10 will be offered places on a first come first served basis. Please ensure your son has paid for his ticket by Thursday morning.

### **Fundraising for MIND**

Our Public Services Academy are fundraising for MIND over the coming weeks with a 5 or 10k run later this term. Any students who are interested can contact Mr Everall who will be running after school training sessions on Thursdays at 3.45pm. All students will be asked for a donation of £1.

### **Recycling and Fundraising**

We have found a great new and easy way to raise funds for our school by recycling used ink cartridges. We are working with a company called Empties Please. They collect and recycle used ink and toner cartridges in an environmentally friendly way and will donate the money raised back to us! All we have to do is collect used ink cartridges and put them in our recycle bin found in C03 (Miss Cowen's room). We can accept toner and ink cartridges from the following brands:

Ricoh, Konica Min, Sharp, Xerox, Samsung, OKI, Lexmark, Kyocera, HP, Epson, Dell, Canon & Brother.

You can collect ink cartridges from absolutely anywhere; school, work, home, clubs, friends and family. If you could display a bin in your workplace on behalf of our school please contact Empties Please on 0844 879 7179 or email [info@emptiesplease.com](mailto:info@emptiesplease.com). Please ensure you provide our school's name so proceeds are credited to us.

The more cartridges we can collect the more we can raise. The sky's the limit! Let's make it a great success. Happy collecting!

### **Library**

Throughout this term, we are celebrating the work of Tom Palmer and this week we are looking closely at his fantastic story *Ghost Stadium*. Perfect for our reluctant readers, this book follows three friends as they sneak into an old, abandoned football stadium to spend the night. Are the rumours of this haunted stadium true? They are about to find out! Printed in a dyslexia friendly format, this brilliant story is accessible for all and available in our school library now!

For book recommendations, reading events and the latest goings on in our new school library, follow @library\_mosslands on Instagram.

### **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 at art\_mosslands to see some fabulous examples of the work produced by our students.

### **Wallasey Food Fair**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 10am – 2pm in the school hall.

### **Fundraising for Mosslands**

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



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