

# MOSSEND PS & NC

## Newsletter

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October / November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the 'most special time of the year' approaches please find a note of some of our key dates at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sadly, once again, we have been experiencing serious concerns with our children in relation to name calling, and unkind words. We are managing this within North Lanarkshire, and school policy. We are also using The Community Police to discuss the serious impact of this with our older children. We would be obliged if you could support this work by discussing this with your child at home too – we appreciate your support with this.

As the 'Named Person' for all of the children in the school, please contact me directly if you have any worries or concerns about any child. There is nothing more important to us than the care and protection of each child.

If you have any queries about any aspect of the work of the school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey McCulloch

Head Teacher



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## Birthdays

A big 'happy birthday' to the following school children who celebrate their birthdays in October or November; Aaron, Alfie, Alyssa, Amna, Arran, Blair, Carly, Calvin, Carson, Carter, Cody, Daniel, Ella, Ella-May, Ethan, George, Hailie, Hannah, Heath, Isla, Jaxson, Jessica, Junior, Khloe, Kym, Leon, Lily, Luci, Marcus, Mia, Olivia A, Olivia G, Olivia H, Quinn, Reece, Ruben, Ruby, Samantha, Sophie, Summer, Tate, Taylor, Zac, Zack, Zara and Zoya.

And also, to the following nursery children who celebrate their birthday in October or November; Maicie, Grace, Olly and Teddy.

Your Mossend friends hope you all have a very special day!



## Mossend Nursery Class

Children have settled into their Nursery routines and have been enjoying a wide range of both planned and responsive experiences. In Health, we have been enjoying handling, tasting, talking and learning about different foods, discovering ways in which eating and drinking may help us to grow and keep healthy. In Literacy, children have been contributing to discussions about events and characters. In Numeracy, children are being encouraged to use the vocabulary of size, including:-long/short, big/small.

We encourage children to share wider achievements, these can be recorded in their Learning Journal. If there is anything that you are super proud of, please let us know!

Our improvement priority is focused on improving our environment, indoors and outdoors. We will be asking the children their views and we would also be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire, accessed by scanning the QR code displayed on the Nursery Noticeboard.

We are grateful for the donations to our Nursery fund. Without these generous donations we would not be able to update the resources to improve the learning environment.





### Attendance and Lateness

Attendance continues to be a strong priority across our authority, and nationally. At Mossend PS we are monitoring attendance closely, and working alongside partner agencies to support families in improving this.

There is a direct link between attendance and attainment and we cannot stress the importance of good attendance for your children.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives at school for their start time so they do not miss key teaching and learning.

If you are needing to report pupil absence, this can be done via Parents Portal. If you are planning to phone the school, please call after 8.15am as the office is not staffed until 8.15am.

### School Uniform for Session 2024/2025

We would like to say a huge thank you to our families for once again supporting our uniform policy. We are so proud of how smart the children look with almost all children wearing the appropriate uniform each day. A reminder of our uniform policy:

#### Formal Uniform

- Royal blue jumpers and cardigans (school branding optional)
- White shirt and tie
- Grey trousers/pinafores/skirts
- Blue Tartan pinafores/skirts

**Please note, the colour black is not in line with the school's uniform policy.**

#### PE Kit

- Royal blue hoodie or jumper
- White t-shirt/polo shirt
- Black leggings, shorts or joggers

Children will be permitted to come to school wearing their PE Kit on gym days (twice per week) as long as they are in correct formal school uniform on the other 3 days

**Nursery Uniform (Uniform is not compulsory for nursery children)**

Royal blue polo shirt and sweatshirt or own clothes.

## Appointments (Reminder)

Where possible, appointments should be made out with the school day. If this is not possible then an appointment letter should be produced in advance of when your child needs to be excused from class time. Please call in advance and inform us of appointments.

We have an increasing number of children with afternoon appointments, particularly on a Friday. This can be disruptive to learning, and to the running of the school through unplanned office interruptions at busy times.

We appreciate your understanding with this.



## Water Bottles

Since the implementation of the Single Use Plastics Ban (2022), we are unable to provide pupils with plastic cups throughout the school day for a drink of water.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle.

Pupils will have access to water throughout the school day to fill up their bottles.



### Mobile Phones

We have discussed our mobile phone procedures with the children during assemblies. Please see below for a reminder of these procedures:

- In the first instance, we would prefer if all children could avoid bringing mobile phones to school where possible.
- If a child does need to bring a phone to school then this must be switched off as they enter the school grounds.
- All phones will be collected by the class teacher during morning registration and stored throughout the day in the school office.
- Phones will be returned to children just before the end of the school day.
- Phones can be turned on again when the children exit the school grounds.

### Mossend House System

We are very excited to announce that the election campaigns for our House Captains and Vice Captains will be getting underway very soon! All P6 and P7 children will be given more information from Mrs Smith regarding writing their manifestos, which should be completed by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Elections for each house will then take place over the following fortnight.

Clydesdale

Calder

Milnwood

Orbiston



## Health and Wellbeing

The wellbeing indicator for October is 'Healthy'. Children will experience a range of learning opportunities around subjects such as substance misuse and learn how lifestyle choices can affect an individual's health in different ways. As we move into November the wellbeing focus will be 'Achieving'. We continuously encourage children to share their wider achievements at our monthly Achievement Assembly. In other areas of learning children will be encouraged to apply key qualities and attributes, such as decision-making and cooperation, in a variety of situations.

## Health Plans

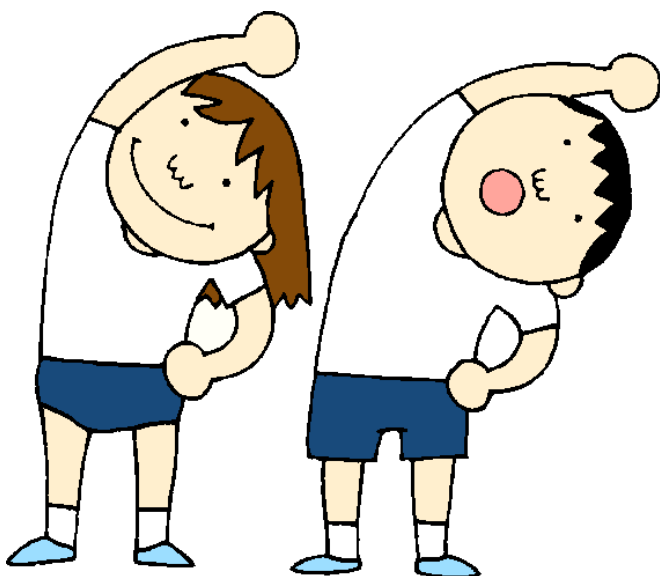
All parents have been contacted to review current Health Plans. If you feel your child requires a Health Plan please contact the school office and Mrs Brownlie will be in touch to arrange a meeting.



## Physical Education (Reminder)

We continue to ensure that our children receive their 2 hour entitlement of physical education each week. This comprises of 1 hour of indoor PE, and 1 hour of outdoor PE. On these days we would appreciate your support in ensuring that long hair is tied back, jewellery is removed, and children have their water bottles with them.

In relation to new piercings, these must be covered with a plaster either prior to coming to school, or children need to apply themselves in school. This is in accordance with NLC guidelines to ensure that children can access their entitlement safely.



## Reading Schools

### Pupils' Book Recommendations

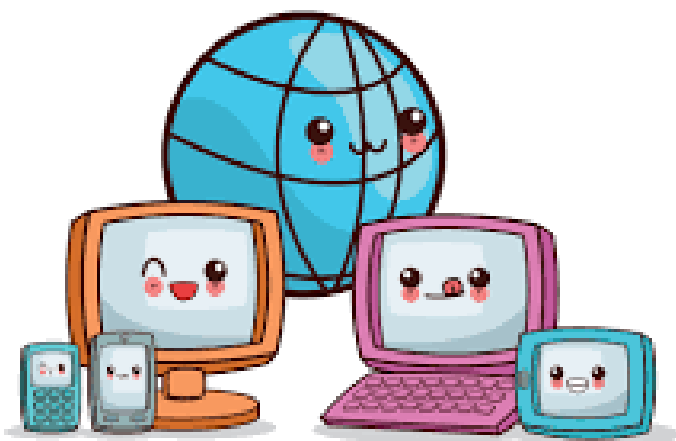
Layton in Primary 6 has been thoroughly enjoying some non-fiction books about some of his favourite footballers. His favourite was all about Cristiano Ronaldo, where he learned all about how his football career started and how he has performed throughout his career. Layton would recommend this book series to anyone who is a football fan and is in Primary 5 or above due to the complex language in the book. If you give them a read, let us know what you think!



## Digital Update

Thank you to all the pupils who spent time applying to become a Digital Leader. Mrs Lamont was blown away with the quality of the applications and all applicants should be proud of themselves for their efforts. We are pleased to announce that the Digital Leaders for this session are: Calan, Hannah, Eli, Riley, Nathan, Junior, Lilyana, Oscar, Alba, Alexa-Jayne, Alfie, Alexis, Carly, William, Grace, Andrew, Mark, Ruby, Nathan, Leo, Reece, Amna, Ella, Lily, Lucy, Poppy, Rhea, Thomas, Lana May, Mark, Zach and Mason. Well done!

Keep an eye out for all of the great work that the Digital Leaders will get up to this year.





### Easy Fundraising

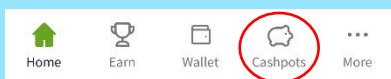
We are continuing to look for ways to raise funds for the school. You can help us by registering at **Easy Fundraising!** You simply go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), register for a free account, and search for Mossend Primary School as your chosen cause to support. Then every time you do any shopping online, go to the Easy Fundraising website first, select the retailer you wish to shop with – then when you spend the school will receive a donation. It's that simple, and costs you nothing. Big retailers include Amazon and Argos, and major food retailers, such as Asda and Tesco. Please consider creating an account and supporting us today!

### Asda – Cashpot for Schools

Asda have launched their 'Cashpot for Schools' campaign where you can earn money for a school while you shop. We ask that you sign up and register to fundraise money for Mossend Primary School. 0.5% of the total of your shop's qualifying purchases will be donated to the school's cashpot fund. This campaign ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

To sign up, all you need to do is

1. download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app on your device,
2. link your account with Mossend Primary School via the Cashpots tab at the bottom,



3. then select 'Cashpots for Schools' and search for Mossend Primary School.

We appreciate all of your support in raising funds for the school so far!



## Parent Council Area

Our Parent Council AGM was held on Monday 16th September. The following roles were appointed for the session:

*Chair*          *Fiona Stevenson*

*Treasurer*    *Karen Feechan*

*Secretary*    *Jamie Daly*

*Clerk*          *Melissa Murray*

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October in Mossend Primary School at 4.45pm.

All parents are welcome to attend as part of the Parent Forum. Information for the forthcoming PC disco will be issued shortly.



## Parents Portal

As of August 2024, we are now completely paper and cash free in line with North Lanarkshire Council policy. All communication and money collections will be processed online via Parents Portal. This includes the completion of the annual data check, EV5 forms for school outings and photograph permissions. Currently, we have 86% of our school community signed up for Parents Portal, however it is necessary for **all** parents to be signed up. We would encourage you to access the following link and ensure that your account is set up.

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/nl-digital-school/parents-portal>

If you are having any issues, signing up or accessing anything, please contact clerical staff at the school office.





### After School Clubs

We are well underway with the roll out of our After School Clubs for session 24-25. We have Basketball for P4/5 and P6/7 and a football club for P6/7. We also have a P5-7 Choir club and a P3-4 Coding club starting over the coming weeks. Over the course of the year, we ensure that all children have the opportunity to attend an after-school club and monitor this closely. Mrs Brownlie has had lots of applications submitted for a role within our Sports' Committee. Good Luck to everyone who has applied.

### Primary 7 Residential Trip

We have over 40 pupils excited to visit Lockerbie Manor in December. We have been consulting the children on which activities they would like to take part in and will be sending our 'Wish List' to Lockerbie very soon.

We will be holding a Parents' Information Evening on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm when we will be welcoming Alessandro from Lockerbie to answer any questions you may have. This will coincide with our Parent Council Halloween Disco, where you can drop your child at the disco and attend the Information Evening.



Dates for your Diary

October

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Parent Council Meeting at 4.45pm in school

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – School closed to pupils as the school is being used as a polling station for the bi-election

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – October week break

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Pupils return to school

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – P7a Library Visit

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Parent Council Halloween Disco *(to be confirmed after the Parent Council Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October)*

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – P7 Lockerbie Manor Meeting at 7.15pm

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Nursery: Apples Stay and Play

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> – Show Racism the Red Card workshop with Primary 6s

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> – Nursery: Blueberries Stay and Play



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Dates for your Diary

**October**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> - Show Racism the Red Card workshop with Primary 7s

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> – Nursery: Strawberries Stay and Play

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> – Mossend Choir Club starts (running for 5 weeks)

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> – P7b Library Visit

**November**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Fire Scotland Bonfire Safety Talk

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – P3 and P4 afterschool Coding Club starts (running for 3 weeks)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Games Morning at Uitas Court with senior pupils

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultation Evening

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – In-service day. School closed to pupils.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – P6 Author visit at the library

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Primary 1: Come and Learn Numeracy at 10am

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# CHRISTMAS AT MOSSEND



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Santa Dash at Holy Family Park	4 <sup>th</sup> P3 Christmas Party	5 <sup>th</sup> P5/4 and P5 Christmas Party	6 <sup>th</sup> Primary 7 Christmas Party
9 <sup>th</sup> Primary 6 Christmas Coffee and Carols	10 <sup>th</sup> Nursery Christmas Party  School Christmas Lunch	11 <sup>th</sup> Nursery Nativity	12 <sup>th</sup> P6 and P6/5 Christmas Party	13 <sup>th</sup> Primary 2 and Primary 3/2 Christmas Party
16 <sup>th</sup> P4/3 and P4 Christmas Party	17 <sup>th</sup> P1a and P1b Christmas Party	18 <sup>th</sup> Mossend Choir: Christmas Carols at Unitas Court	19 <sup>th</sup> Primary 6 Christmas Big Sing and Bellshill Parish Church – <i>time tbc</i>	20 <sup>th</sup> School closes at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.10pm for P1-3</li><li>• 2.30pm for P4/3-P7</li></ul>

*More information will follow closer to the time for each of our Christmas events.*