



MOSSEND PS & NC

Newsletter

December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see so many of you turn out for our first parent consultation of the year. 91% of parents booked an appointment on the night. This was a fantastic turnout and we really appreciate this. We hope you found your appointment informative. Sadly some staff members were left feeling shaken after the conduct of a few parents during their appointments. Please note this will not be tolerated going forward, following North Lanarkshire's Unacceptable Actions Policy.

We are sending out this newsletter promptly as we know you will be keen to remember all of the key dates for the festive season which are included for you. We appreciate that as wonderful a season this is, it can also put families under pressure and stress, particularly financial. If you find yourself in this position then we would urge you to speak to a member of our management team in absolute confidence, and we will do our best to help and support you in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey McCulloch

Head Teacher



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Birthdays

A big 'happy birthday' to the following children who celebrate their birthday in December: Ailsa, Alexa-Jayne, Alicia, Arya, Ashton, Bradley, Brody, Caila, Caleb, Carly, Carol, Elijah, Haris, Harlie, Hope, Isla, James, Lewis, Lillia, Nathan B, Nathan C, Oban, Olivia, Oscar, Robbie and Skylar.

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



Mossend Nursery Class

Following our Stay and Play in October we gathered staff's, parents' and children's views on our indoor environment. We are collating all the information and will be developing resources in our Literacy area in the coming weeks.

Purchasing new resources would not be possible without the kind donations we receive from parents.

This year we will be joining with the school to take part in the annual Santa Dash on the 3rd of December. Money raised will be used to support the development of resources in the Nursery.





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.



Inclement Weather

At this point of the year, it is vital that we all prepare for the possibility of inclement weather. Please familiarise yourself with our adverse weather arrangements for the winter months.

- The school must remain open, unless instructed to close by the Local Authority.
- In the event of a school closure, parents will be notified by text message, and via X. It is essential that emergency contact details are up to date and accurate for every child. Please see the school office if there have been any changes to your own details.
- In severe weather, e.g. heavy ice and snow, then there will only be one access point to the school, which will be via the main gate.
- The school facilities staff are responsible for clearing a safe path through the school grounds to the access doors, however please note that public paths around the school, do not fall under the responsibility of the school.

Note, that in the event of school closure learning will be made available digitally via Microsoft Teams. North Lanarkshire Council also have a wealth of resources on the Digital School which can be accessed via Glow, your child's teacher will be able to advise you which colour of the digital resources is suitable to complete. Please email enquiries-at-mossend@northlan.org.uk if you require your child's Glow details.



Bellshill Academy

Primary 7 pupils have been enjoying weekly visits to Bellshill Academy to take part in 'CSI Bellshill'. The children are currently drawing up their list of suspects. Stay tuned to find out who the guilty party is!

Mossend House System

Our house system continues to run this session and we recently held House Captain and Vice-Captain elections. The children's manifestos were all excellent, and they should be very proud of themselves! It was a tough call for the rest of the children to make a decision when casting their votes, however we are delighted to announce the following candidates were successful for the roles of House Captain and Vice-Captain respectively:

Calder House – Harris (P7) and Carly (P6)

Clydesdale House – Aleena (P7), Ella (P7) and Ruby (P6)

Milnwood House – Lily (P7) and Grace (P6)

Orbiston House – Lacey Anne (P7) and William (P6)

A huge congratulations to the above candidates – we can't wait to see you make a difference here in Mossend!

Clydesdale

Calder



Milnwood

Orbiston



Health and Wellbeing

During the month of December, there will be a focus on the Wellbeing Indicator of 'Nurtured'. Classes will learn about this in many different ways, with some having a food and health focus while others will learn through physical activity or looking at healthy lifestyles.

We have continued to offer a range of After School Clubs this term including Basketball, Netball and Handball. We have also welcomed Sports Leaders from Bellshill Academy who have been supporting the delivery of P.E lessons.



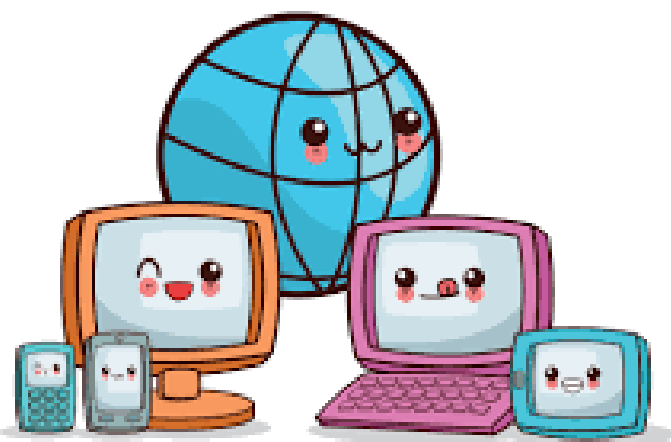
North Lanarkshire Cross Country Trials

We have a team of 10 children from across P5, P6 and P7 due to attend the North Lanarkshire Cross Country Trials at the end of November to represent Team Mossend. Good luck to all those involved.

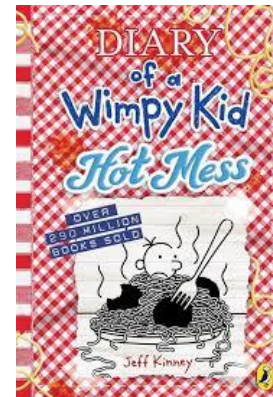
Reading Schools

Pupils' Book Recommendations

Reece in Primary 7 is excited to share his book recommendation with us. He has been reading the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid book, 'Hot Mess.' The book tells the story of a child called Greg who goes on holiday for his gran to take a picture of the family while on holiday. While on holiday, lots of disasters happen. This is a comedy fiction book which has lots of funny moments. This book is part of a series but Reece suggests that they can be read in any order. There are tricky words in the book so he recommends it for children in Primary 4 or above. Although he is enjoying this new book, his favourite Diary of a Wimpy Kid book is 'The Getaway.' If you read any Diary of a Wimpy Kid books, let us know what you think of them via our social media!



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Digital Update

Our Primary 7 Digital Leaders have been working hard with Mrs Lamont to plan fun and engaging coding lessons for a number of classes across the school. These lessons will be delivered over the month of November. Please keep an eye out on X for updates. Training for Primary 4-6 Digital Leaders will also begin before the Christmas break. The Digital Leaders are now timetabled to look after the devices within the school.

Mrs Lamont has been running a Primary 3/4 Coding Club, supported by two P7 Digital Leaders. More technology clubs will become available for other stages throughout the year.

As we look to improve our digital delivery, a number of staff members have been attending training courses on using technology to support in areas across the curriculum. We are excited to see this being used in classes.



Staffing Updates

Mrs Smith will be leaving to begin her maternity leave next week – we wish her every luck and we cannot wait to hear the news of her new wee bundle! In her absence, Mrs Lamont will take on the role of Principal Teacher.

We are sad to let you know that Mr McMullan will also be leaving us this month to take up a seconded post in an ASN establishment in North Lanarkshire. Mr McMullan has been a tremendous support this year, often seen welcoming children in the mornings. We know he will be fantastic in his new role and wish him every success.

Later this month we will be joined by a new face to Mossend, Miss Cornelius, who returns from her maternity leave as a permanent staff member in Mossend – we are really looking forward to her joining our team.

Our Senior Clerical post was interviewed this week and we are delighted to inform you that Laura Cochrane has been appointed to the role. We are awaiting a start date for Laura and will keep you informed.

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, 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!



Mossend Choir

Our school choir have been working hard over a number of weeks, getting ready to perform in our local community.

We have organised for the choir to perform for some older members of the local community with visits to Hatton Lea Care home on the 11th of December and Unitas Court on the 18th of December.

We have also organised for the choir to perform in Tesco Bellshill on Wednesday the 4th of December at 10am. We would love for you to come along and support us!

Finally, on the 19th of December, the choir will be performing at the Big Sing in Bellshill Central Parish Church at 6.30pm with pupils from Lawmuir PS and Noble PS. This is to support in raising money for Hope for Autism. Please feel free in joining us for this great cause.



Pantomime

This year we are delighted to welcome Jazzart UK into our school to perform a Christmas pantomime, Christmas Un-wrapped...a Hip - Hop, Happy Tinsel Tale! This will take place in our school hall on Monday the 16th of December. We look forward to welcoming the crew and are sure the children will have a fantastic time!

Christmas Parties

Please look carefully at the dates for this year's Christmas Parties – **some classes' dates have changed since the last communication was sent out.** On the day of each party, the children will be permitted to go home for lunch to get ready if they wish. Any child going home can be dismissed from the school's main door at 12pm. Please ensure they are being collected by an adult. No child will be permitted to walk home on their own at 12pm. Senior pupils are able to go home for lunch at their normal time of 12.35pm and can walk home on their own, but must return by the end of their lunch at 1.20pm

All parties will begin after lunchtime, so please ensure they return to school by the end of their lunch time: **P1-P3: return by 1pm** and **P4/3-P7: return by 1.20pm**

Alternatively, children can come to school already dressed for the Christmas Party or can get changed in school for their party.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete this form by **Wednesday 27th November** to let us know of your child's arrangements:
<https://forms.office.com/e/7Bnpab5FAz>

During each party the children will dance, play traditional party games and will be provided with some party snacks.

Nursery Nativity Performance

We would like to remind all friends and family of our nursery children that our Nativity performance will be on Wednesday the 11th of December at 10.00am. The children have been working hard learning their words and practising using musical instruments in preparation for their performance. We look forward to welcoming you on the day.





Christmas Lunch – Wear Something Festive!

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday the 10th of December. The price of this will be £3.25 for those who pay for their lunch. Children who are normally entitled to a free lunch will still receive this as usual. In order to allow the catering staff to order an accurate amount of ingredients for the lunches in time, please complete the below form by **Tuesday the 26th of November**. If you have more than one child, please complete a separate form for each child.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4n3MjYFjOU>

If your child would prefer **not** to have a school Christmas Lunch, please still ensure that you complete the form to indicate this. You must provide a packed lunch if your child has not pre-ordered a Christmas lunch, as there will be no other options available on the day.

The nursery children will also have their Christmas Lunch on this day, however there is no need to complete the form for them.

On the day, in addition to their school uniform, the children are invited to wear something festive for the day, for example a Christmas jumper, headband, tinsel, etc. School uniform should still be worn.

Sponsored Santa Dash

We are looking forward to our Annual Sponsored Santa Dash on Tuesday the 3rd of December. Each child will have the opportunity to 'dash' with their class and are invited to wear some festive headgear for the occasion. Sponsor forms will be sent home in school bags soon. Thank you in advance for your support



Dates for your Diary

December

Monday 2nd – P4/3 and P4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 3rd – Sponsored Santa Dash at Holy Family Park

Wednesday 4th – Mossend Choir Perform at Tesco Bellshill at 10am

Wednesday 4th – P3 Christmas Party

Thursday 5th – P6/5 and P6 Christmas Party

Friday 6th – P7a and P7b Christmas Party

Monday 9th – P6 Christmas Coffee and Carols (P6 Parents welcome)

Tuesday 10th – Nursery Christmas Party

Tuesday 10th – School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 11th – Nursery Nativity at 10am

Wednesday 11th – Mossend Choir performance at Hatton Lea at 11am

Wednesday 11th – P7s leave for Lockerbie (am)

Thursday 12th – P5/4 and P5 Christmas Party

Dates for your Diary

December

Friday 13th – P7s return from Lockerbie

Friday 13th – P2 and P3/2 Christmas Party

Monday 16th – Pantomime performance in school

Tuesday 17th – P1a and P1b Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th – Mossend Choir performance at Uitas Court at 11am

Thursday 19th – Mossend Choir performance at the Big Sing in Bellshill Parish Church at 6.30pm – all parents welcome

Friday 20th – School closes at 2.10pm for P1-P3 and 2.20pm for P4/3-P7

January 2025

Monday 6th – Pupils to return to school

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