

The Mosley Academy Newsletter

Friday 12th April 2024

Back to School!

It is lovely to see our children and families again after a two week break. Children have returned to school with their usual happiness, pride and motivation to be the best they can be. We are immensely proud of them all.

Next week our English lead Mrs Claxton and Mrs Rowe will be conducting learning walks in all classrooms to look at the progress being made in writing across the school. We have embarked on a new writing scheme called Plazoom, which is having a real positive impact on the progress and enjoyment of so many children - a joy to see! Thank you to all the teaching staff for embracing the new scheme at the beginning of last term so well, to make sure that strong teaching and learning remains at the centre of our priorities for the children. Well done all!

Please find further down this newsletter the updated diary dates for the remainder of the school year. You will see that our May Day celebrations are planned for 3rd May, and all are welcome to come and join in. We will shortly be choosing a May Queen and King to lead the procession of may poles - time for us to either dig out the maypole or get crafty to make a new one! We are planning a 9am start, weather permitting.



Y4 and Y5 Parent Lunches

Thank you to all of the Year 4 parents who joined us for lunch today - it was lovely to see you all! Photos can be found on our X(Twitter) feed. Our next parent lunch is on **Friday 26th April for Y5 parents**. Please book by Monday 15th April if you wish to attend - one parent/family member per child please.

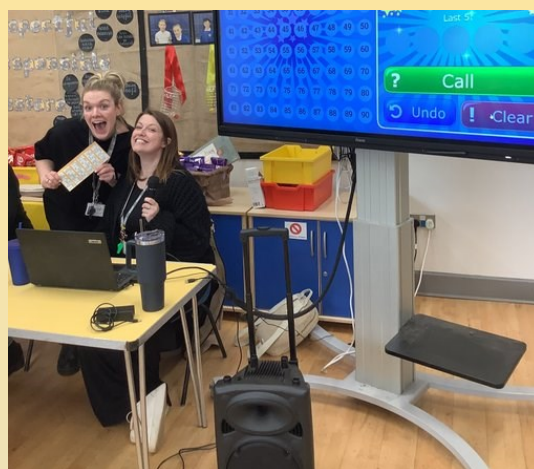
Y3 Swimming - Goggles

Y3 begin their swimming lessons at The Meadowside Leisure Centre next Thursday afternoon. We require parental consent for your child to wear goggles

should they wish to do so. A permission slip is attached alongside this newsletter - please return this to Miss Hardwick before the first lesson if you would like your child to wear goggles. Thank you.

Chocolate Bingo

What a terrific turnout we had for the PTA/ Enterprise Club Chocolate Bingo last night! It was a really lovely event for our families and we look forward to continuing this with further events through the school year. The total raised for PTA funds was £704 - WOW! Thank you all so much. Mrs Rowe will soon be talking with the School Parliament and all of the children to gather ideas for our fundraising target, and then meeting with the PTA to ensure that the money raised goes directly to benefit the children. We are so grateful for your contributions in supporting fundraising for our school - thank you.



OPAL - Family Play Sessions

We would like to invite one member of each family to a play session, to see all the benefits of the OPAL project that we have been working on over the last twelve months. This will take place on Wednesday 22nd May at the following times:

1.15pm - 2pm Reception, Y1 and Y2

2.15pm - 3pm Y3, 4, 5 and 6

The children will have an extra 45 minutes of play during the afternoon to showcase OPAL in action. Please come prepared to play!

Thank you all for your continued support with our OPAL provision. The children love receiving the Amazon wishlist items in assembly, and their playtimes are getting more exciting by the day. We are now creating a living wall, and small herb plants, compost, gravel, clothes pegs and pallets would be gratefully received.

Student Teachers

Next week we will be welcoming two student teachers to our Reception class. They will be with us for the rest of the term, so please say a warm welcome to them if you see them on the gate. They will be working with small groups of children in the Reception class, and supporting the continuous provision under the direction of Miss Twells.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

We would like to strongly encourage parents of all children who are eligible for Pupil Premium support to apply for this additional funding. Applying for Pupil Premium support will not only benefit your own children, but will help the school to secure funding which can be used to benefit the whole school community. The funding arrangements are confidential and there is no way of identifying Pupil Premium students from other students.

The Pupil Premium is a government initiative that gives additional funding to schools for students from families who would benefit most from economic support. This has been allocated to every school in the country in light of national figures which show that these groups of students do not achieve as well as other students. This funding enables additional provision and intervention to allow students to reach their full potential and achieve their aspirations.

Children of Parents eligible for any of the following benefits in the last six years are entitled to Pupil Premium funding:

- * Income Support
- * Income Based Job Seekers Allowance. Please note the 'new style' job seekers allowance is not a qualifying benefit, as this is based upon payment of National Insurance contributions and not the household income
- * Income Related Employment and Support Allowance. Please note the 'new style' employment and support allowance is not a qualifying benefit, as this is based upon payment of National Insurance contributions and not the household income
- * Eligible for Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190. Please note: anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify
- * The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- * Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- * In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time)
- * Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes

and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.

In addition, the following students are also eligible:

- * Children whose parents are armed services personnel.
- * Children who are adopted or looked after children.

Schools have the freedom to spend the Premium in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for such pupils. You can apply on-line at:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

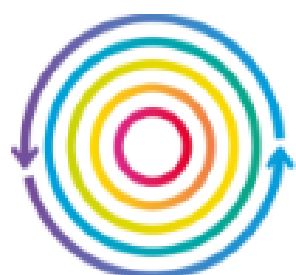
Please don't be put off by the wording that you are applying for a free school meal, this is actually very misleading. For every pupil registered as eligible under the entitlement criteria, the school will receive extra funding that invest directly in to supporting your child.

If you have any queries would like help in completing the application, please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Rowe in confidence.

My School Fund

We're pleased to announce that The Mosley Academy is now part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school budget with your help. Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend. Add that all up across our network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to The Mosley Academy. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!



MY SCHOOL FUND

Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to....	
Rec	Zoe
Year 1	Henry
Year 2	Harrison
Year 3	Isaac W
Year 4	Mathilda T
Year 5	Evelyn
Year 6	Jessica



Dates for your Diary 2023 - 2024

Although we have compiled this list to give you as much information as possible, dates may be subject to change if necessary.

April

Mon 15th	School Photos - Y6 (Groups)
Thurs 18th	Y1 Trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thurs 18th	Y3 Swimming Starts
Wed 24th	JCB Girls Into Engineering Event—Y6 Girls
Fri 26th	Year 5 Parent Lunch

May

Thurs 2 nd	Governors' Meeting
Fri 3 rd	May Day Celebrations 9am
Mon 6 th	Bank Holiday
Mon 13 th	Y6 SATS week
Tues 14 th	JTMAT Drama Excellence Showcase at the Lichfield Garrick - Invited Students
Wed 22 nd	OPAL family play sessions
Thurs 23 rd	Break Up for Half Term
Fri 24 th	Inset Day

HALF TERM

June

Mon 3 rd	Back to school
TBC	National School Sports Week
Wed 12 th	Y2 Trip to Tamworth Castle
Fri 14 th	Father's Day Lunch KS2
Mon 17 th	Father's Day Lunch EYFS/KS1
Mon 17 th	National School Sports Week
Wed 19 th	Governors' Meeting
Fri 21 st	Sports Day and Summer Gala
Thurs 27 th	Violin and Ukulele Concert, Tamworth (details TBC)
Fri 28 th	Year 6 Parent Lunch

July

Wed 3 rd	EYFS & KS1 Seaside Day
Thurs 4 th	KS2 Seaside Day
Fri 5 th	JTMAT INSET Day - School is closed to pupils
Thurs 11 th	Summer Showcase- KS2 Musicians
Thurs 18 th	Leavers Assembly
Fri 19 th	Good to be Green Enrichment morning
Fri 19 th	Break Up for Summer—School will close at 2.30pm
Mon 22 nd	Inset Day

SUMMER HOLS

Sept 2024

Mon 2 nd	Inset Day
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Attendance - Target 97% or above

A few missed days of school can soon add up....

Year Group	Days Missed This Week	This Week Attendance %	Days Missed This Year	Year to Date Attendance %
Rec	6	96.0	110.5	97.1
Year 1	7.5	94.6	169	95.3
Year 2	8	94.7	98.5	97.4
Year 3	4	97.3	158	95.9
Year 4	13.5	91.6	270	93.4
Year 5	0.5	99.6	127	96.8
Year 6	8	94.7	113.5	97.0
Whole School	47.5	95.5	1046.5	96.1

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

