

# Mosscroft Primary School Newsletter

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## Star

### Pupils of the Week to date:

Well done to:

Reception:

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 3:

Year 4:

Year 5:

Year 6:



## Good Behaviour:

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Year 6:

Dear Parents & Carers

- This newsletter is a real celebration of everything that has been occurring over the past few weeks and a thank you to you all for your continued support. The range of themed days have had has really allowed our children to think of others and to develop positive attitudes, understanding, acceptance and tolerance—wonderful qualities for us to foster in our children and demonstrate ourselves.
- It was also wonderful to see so many of you on Monday Parents Evening 0- thank you for venturing out in the cold and dark!

Mrs France

## ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target this year is

96+%

Whole school attendance for the year so far: **94.7%**

The class with the best attendance were: **XXX - Own clothes on**

The class who need to try harder are: **Y ( %).**



## WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

**Diversity Week:** this year marked the third year of this themed week of awareness raising. The week was full of events including sign language workshops led by XXXX and the Divine Dance group both performing to the school but also allowing the children to work with them to create a whole school dance piece that was performed to the parents by our pupils and the adults who have additional needs - absolutely fantastic!

**Homophobic Awareness:** as a part of our diversity work, every class has also been celebrating family differences, we have been sharing our own family diversity and developing understanding of various relationships that can exist. Classes have explored all kinds of relationships through a range of modern picture books. We have been celebrating the positive use of the word 'gay' and how harmful its derogatory use can be, which is not accepted at all at Mosscroft.

**Glow for Dogs:** Also within diversity week we used this day to consider those who are blind or who do not have full use of all their senses. We raised XXXX on this day when we all wore fluorescent clothes to school to recognise the fabulous work the Guide Dogs for the blind do to help those who are partially sighted or blind.

**Wear Red to Remember:** the range of commemorative work we have been doing this year linked to the centenary of the start of World War 1 culminated in our Armistice Day celebrations. XXX many thanks for all the money raised either through non uniform or from buying poppies. All money raised will go to the Red Cross.

**Anti Bullying Week:** we have been selling the blue wrist bands to mark this week which has linked in closely to our homophobic work this year.

Pop into school to see the new pic collage displays that will be going up on the front desk and check out the website too to get a flavour of some of these events





### STAFF UPDATE

Mr. Cochrane sadly remains absent from Year 3 and Mr. McGorian will be providing teaching cover in his absence.

Mrs. Rogers left us on Friday to begin her maternity leave. Miss. Smith will be covering Mrs. Rogers duties right through until the end of the school year, covering all the teachers' PPA time- we warmly welcome her to the team.

Mrs. Best returns on Monday and Miss. Corrigan remains absent with Miss. Gates providing Teaching Assistant support.

### PARENTS AS POSITIVE ROLE MODELS



From time to time its brought to my attention that the way some parents are behaving or speaking on the playground, or within the vicinity of the school is not what we would want any of our pupils to hear or witness.

As a result could I respectfully ask all parents to monitor their own behaviour and language use and be respectful of the core values of Mosscroft School and the work we do to instil an appreciation of these within our pupils:

- \* respect
- \* responsibility
- \* honesty
- \* caring
- \* fairness
- \* tolerance

Please do not let your own personal issues negatively reflect on the atmosphere and ethos of Mosscroft School and the hard work we all do to create a safe, calm and friendly school environment.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.



### TUMMY BUGS!!

After achieving our attendance targets last year, and starting the first 6 weeks of this school year with fabulous totals, our whole

school attendance is taking a bit of a battering and we are feeling a little sad!

We are being hammered sadly by the sickness and dihoera bug that seems to be affecting many schools.

Clearly it's important to minimise the spread of this nasty bug so its important that the children do stay off if they are suffering from sickness and loose stools. In addition, we have been encouraging and reminding our children about the importance of thorough hand-washing and would ask if parents could also reinforce this.

Don't forget for any other illness our medicine policy allows us to administer medicines so that your child can return to school as soon as possible.

If the sickness bug is still raging by Christmas we will arrange for a deep cleanse to occur over the Christmas break.

### PARENTS EVENING



Monday was our first Parents Evening of the school year and allowed you to discuss your child's progress to date and to learn more about our Assertive Mentoring approach to

assessment. Feedback from the Parents' Questionnaires given out on the same eveing show lots of positivity about this new approach and the way those who responded like the fact that the children are part of the process too.

Turn out was fairly positive and on the night was as follows- although some appointments had been rescheduled by prior arrangement:

**Nursery: 39%** took up Miss Ritchie's offer for an informal drop in session

**Reception: 50%**

**Year 1: 67%**

**Year 2: 70%**

**Year 3: to be rescheduled**

**Year 4: 67%**

**Year 5: 41%**

**Year 6: 78%**

If you did not make your appointment time could I highly recommend that you liaise with your child's class teacher to see if there is any possibility to gain an opportunity to discuss their progress and be informed of targets set.

### FORTHCOMING FAMILY LEARNING EVENTS

**25.11.14:** Key Stage 2 Reading Family Learning

**2.12.14:** Key Stage 1 Writing family Learning

**9.12.14:** Christmas Crafts Family Learning

**All take place in school—times and further details will follow**

### A REMINDER!



Just to highlight that it is against school policy, for safety reasons, to allow dogs onto the playground. Also, Knowsley operates a strict no smoking policy on any school premises and this includes the use of **E CIGARRETES** too.