

# Mosscroft Primary School Newsletter

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**Star Pupils of the Week to date**  
Well done to all our March Stars!!  
Lily Bond,  
George Humphries,  
Tilly Kenny,  
Thomas Johnson,  
Stella Maryon,  
Bliss Lunt-Clark,  
Jack Evans  
(Diary commitments have meant theres been some 'roll over weeks so April's roll call will be very full!!)



## Good Behaviour:

Well done to all our March Angels!!!

Olivia Porter,  
Harry Humphries,  
Abbey Townson,  
Amelia Riley,  
Rhiannon Owens,  
Daisy O'Shaughnessy,  
Ethan Kaye

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## MARCH'S NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

I do hope that you enjoyed the long Easter weekend break—and didn't overindulge too much with chocolate treats!!!!!!

Just to clarify once again, in relation to when the two week break is occurring, we DO NOT BREAK UP TOMORROW (1.4.16) but are in school all next week and BREAK UP at 1.30p.m. on Friday 8th April for a 2 week break returning to school on MONDAY 25th APRIL.

What a great March we have had with lots of fun events taking place—I've thoroughly enjoyed reflecting it in this month's newsletter. Read on to find out more!

Mrs. P. France

### ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target this year is : 96+%

Whole school attendance for the year so far: 94.9%

Although below our target there was a 0.1% increase last week and Reception & Year 1 had 100% attendance. In addition, no penalty warning letters were issued last week.

So lets keep this up and we can creep back to 96%!



### WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

#### Enterprise Week



Huge thanks, as in previous years, for all your support during our hugely popular Enterprise Week.

Each class was a hive of industry as they competed to make their initial £10 investment grow as much as possible. Classes came up with an array of entrepreneurial ideas including: cake sales; milkshake & lemonade sales; named door plaques, key ring sales and book marks!!!! Money is still being counted this week but we banked almost £550 on Thursday and considering it was a 4 day week we are really impressed. Individual class totals, the overall winning class and the school total will be announced once all money has been counted. collected in.

#### WORLD BOOK DAY

To tie in with our Good Little Wolf work (see over), it was hilarious seeing the children dressed as Mrs. Boggins, Rolf (the Good Little Wolf) or the Big Bad Wolf!

Well done for all your efforts and congratulations to our individual class winners and the overall school winners:

Mrs. Boggins: Connie Burns (Y6) & Rolf: Jack Doran (YR)(YR)



#### Easter Bonnet Parade

This Tuesday showcased all your family crafting efforts in the annual

Easter Bonnet Parade. As ever, we were blown away with the fun, clever and imaginative designs!

Congratulations to each class winner and to every child and family who took part.

Look out for photos in the entrance hall soon.

### EXCITING SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENTS!!!!



Miss. Cushion has been super busy in her role as Geography and Forest School Leader and has been working with the Woodland Trust to secure the school a bid for some environmental improvements. The bid was successful and as a result we now have the most amazing Forest School outdoor learning area at the back of the school. This will be an area where tree planting; den building; campfire making and general outdoor learning can take place. We will have an official opening ceremony in the Summer Term.

## UNIFORM REMINDERS



As the weather begins to improve (fingers crossed!) - you might begin to consider summer uniform options. So, just to remind parents of our

uniform policy (all details on our website):

**BOYS:** grey shorts; pale blue polo shirt ( pale blue short sleeve shirt and tie for Y6 ); burgundy jumper/sweatshirt; grey socks; black school shoes/plimsolls

**GIRLS:** pale blue check summer dress; burgundy cardigan/ jumper/ sweatshirt; white socks; white sandals or black school shoes/plimsolls; burgundy/pale blue/grey hair accessories only.

I have also noticed that a few aspects of school uniform have slipped as the year has progressed:

- \* Could I ask that Year 6 parents ensure their children are wearing school ties every day (new ties can be purchased from the office)
- \* As school shoes have worn out or become a bit small, the school shoe situation has slipped with a number of pupils wearing trainers rather than shoes. Can I remind parents that this is not our school uniform policy and would ask parents to redress the situation. If school shoes are a bit pricey to purchase could I suggest parents buy black plimsolls for their child to wear—a smart and affordable alternative which is quite acceptable for school wear ( trainers or alternative more sturdy footwear can be worn for travelling to and from school and at break times if required).

## PARENTS' EVENING

Spring Term's Parents' Evening took place on Tuesday 8th March, following a repeat of the workshop for parents which explained the changes that have occurred to the National Curriculum and how Mosscroft is responding to the new assessing without levels approach. Many thanks to the parents who attended and how well they contributed to the session. It was also pleasing to hear lots of positive feedback following parents' evening as you were updated on your child's progress and attainment.

Attendance this term was as follows:

Nursery: 69%	Reception: 95%
Year 1: 64%	Year 2: 69%
Year 3: 75%	Year 4: 81%
Year 5: 71%	Year 6: 72%



Well done Reception parents with only 1 parent unable to attend. In some other year groups still 1/4 or more parents are not taking advantage of this opportunity to praise and support your child.

Please do try to make every effort to attend the Summer Term and next year's appointments.

## THE READING CORNER:

### Good Little Wolf Themed English Work



Both the staff and the children absolutely loved our innovative approach to English planning earlier this month when every class used the picture book 'The Good Little Wolf' as the inspiration for English work that grew

from this quirky story. So, for a period of at least 2 weeks, all classes, right across school, were using the same book to explore writing ideas and writing styles!

We are currently putting together a display in the corridor opposite the library to showcase all the work and hope you will take time to look at what has been achieved when you next visit school.

The range and quality of work has been impressive and the children have commented positively on how they have loved all looking at the same story at the same time ... so we think this will be an approach we repeat next year too.

Here's an overview of the fantastic work produced:

**Nursery:** character portraits

**Reception:** character webs

**Year 1:** thought & speech bubbles

**Year 2:** story predictions **Year 3:** book reviews

**Year 4:** acrostic character poems

**Year 5:** writing in the role of a character

**Year 6:** author biographies



## FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 1.4.16: Y1 & Y2 trip to Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery
- 8.4.16: Break up for the 2 week Spring Break holiday at 1.30p.m.
- 25.4.16: Back to school: Summer Term
- 2.5.16: May Day Bank Holiday
- 9-13th May: Year 6 SATs week
- 27.5.16: Break up 3.05p.m. for the Whit holiday
- 6.5.16: INSET DAY : school closed
- 7.5.16: Back to school
- 8.4.16: Break up for Spring Break at 1.30p.m.
- 13.6.16: Year 6 swimming block begins
- 13-17th June: Y1 phonic screening test week
- 27.6.15: Year 2 swimming block begins
- 27.6.15: Children's University Graduation (a.m.)
- 22.7.15: Break up for the Summer Holidays at 1.30p.m.
- Note: Shine Week date is to be confirmed. This week will definitely be in July and will have Sports Day, the Talent Show and Parents' Open Afternoon occurring within this week.