



Moss Road Academy Newsletter

October 2022

A family of learning!

As we approach the end of the first half term of the new school year, we would like to share with you some of the highlights of the past seven weeks, together with a reminder of some of the main dates for your diary in November.

All the children have settled so well into their new classes and met new friends. This is something that we pride ourselves in at Moss Road, we are 'A learning family'. So far, the children have participated in Harvest Festival assemblies and 'join-in-sessions', a football tournament, gardening and football clubs. The children have enjoyed participating in 'Black History Month' activities and thoroughly enjoyed learning how to braid hair with one of our parents.

I would like to say a big thank you to all our dedicated staff who have worked so hard this half-term to ensure our pupils benefit from high quality teaching and learning every day.

Have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school in Monday 31st October.

Kind regards,

Carol Ann Turner, Executive Head Teacher



KEY DATES

Monday 31st October: Special Halloween-themed lunch

Wednesday 2nd November: School photographs

Friday 11th November: Y2 children to attend Remembrance Day Service at Alexander House.

Monday 14th November: Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 16th November: KS1 basketball competition.

Friday 18th November: Children in Need Day

Please refer to the calendar on our school website for details of more events.

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- Parents' reading workshops were held for all year groups
- Dave Gibson from Skip2Bfit launched our daily skipping challenge.
- Football and gardening clubs are underway.
- Harvest celebrations held for all year groups and these sessions were very well attended by parents. Donations were received for the Doncaster Food Bank.
- Macmillan Coffee Morning held in school and £147 raised.
- Leger Catering now provides us with delicious meals each day and our special Burger Bonanza Day was extremely well received!
- Y2 children participated in a KS1 football competition at Campsmount Academy.

Moss Road Five Non-Negotiables:

1. Children arrive on time, wearing their school uniform.
2. Children bring their book bag and water bottle to school every day.
3. PE kit is brought to school on a Monday and remains in school until Friday.
4. Children read at least 3 times each week.
5. The Seesaw app is accessed at least weekly.





OTHER NEWS:

Attendance: Pupils with higher attendance at school achieve better qualifications. We will be working closely with families over the next term to improve attendance rates.

Attendance Ladder		
0 days	100%	Perfect
4 days	98%	Impressive
7 days	96%	Good
9 days	95%	Nearly There
11 days	94%	Needs to Improve
20 days	90%	Concerns
30 days	85%	Serious Concerns

At Parents' Evenings, parents will be informed of their child's attendance figure. It is so important that we work in close partnership with our families to ensure that children attend school as regularly as possible.

We have launched a number of incentives to promote school attendance including holding a weekly raffle for children who have 100% attendance that week, sending a congratulatory text to parents of their child has achieved 100% attendance and also awarding certificates and prizes to children with impressive attendance for the half-term.

Remember: Every Day Counts! Be in it to win it!

Governing Body: Have you ever thought of becoming a school Governor? Being a Governor can be an extremely rewarding experience and you will develop different transferrable skills which is great for your personal development. Please get in touch with the School Office for more information.

ASPIRE

Personal development within our curriculum is a large factor in the work of our successful school. The children have been introduced to our Golden Rules which form a key part of our behaviour policy and can be found on our school website. www.askernmossroad.com

Our character education is known as our **Aspire Curriculum** and we have an Aspire focus session each week. This half-term our KS1 children have taken part in balance bike and street dance sessions.

Our School Council has also been set up and this comprises of a group of elected children who meet regularly to discuss key issues.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Our F2 children have completed their Reception Baseline Assessments and we were very pleased with their willingness to engage with the activities assessed.

It is so important that teachers and families work in close partnership to support children's learning and our Seesaw app is the main way in which learning tasks are shared between home and school.

Parents evening will take place on **Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd November**

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