



# Moss Road Academy Newsletter

October 2023

## We are officially a 'good' school!

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.

We started the year sharing our Ofsted Report (July 2023) with our school community. The inspectors rated Moss Road as a good school in all areas; a judgement of which we are extremely proud.

All the children have settled so well into their new classes, with our F2 children enjoying full-time school and working hard.

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 the children back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Kind regards,

**Carol Ann Turner**

**Executive Head Teacher**



## KEY DATES

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October:** Children return to school with a carved pumpkin.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November:** Skip2Bfit workshops

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Y2 children to attend Remembrance Day Service at Alexander House.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Odd Socks Day

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need Day

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November:** Flu Immunisations

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** Parents' Coffee Morning

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



## #TEAMMOSSROAD

- Parents' reading workshops were held for all year groups.
- Dave Gibson from Skip2Bfit launched our daily skipping challenge to Y1 children and delivered skipping workshops to all classes.
- Streetdancing and PE clubs are now underway for KS1 children.
- Harvest celebrations have been held for all year groups and these sessions were very well attended by parents. Donations were received for the Doncaster Food Bank.
- A Macmillan Coffee Morning was held in school and £165 was raised.
- KS1 children participated in a KS1 football competition at Campsmount Academy; the first of several tournaments throughout the school year.

## 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.





## NEW LIBRARY OPENING

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we officially opened our new school library in the centre of school in memory of our former governor and parent, Lucy Grimes who tragically passed away last December. Lucy's family purchased this special reading tree in her memory, and it is a wonderful place for our children to sit and enjoy reading.

Lucy was an avid reader and was keen that all children develop a love of books. This is such a fitting tribute to a lady who gave up so much of her own time to support Moss Road.

Lucy's daughters were thrilled to cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony, and they know that they are welcome to visit our library at any time.



**Governing Body:** Are you, or any of your friends or family, interested in being 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

We have appointed new members to our School Parliament who have been voted for by their peers.

We have also appointed our Sustainability Champions who meet with our Staff Sustainability Lead, Miss Tarry, on a regular basis.

One of our main areas for development this year across school is a well planned and progressive Sustainability Curriculum.



## TEACHING AND LEARNING

We have held Parents' Evenings this week for parents and carers of F2, Y1 and Y2 children. It was wonderful to welcome families into school to discuss their children's progress and achievements to date.

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.



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