

# Moss Park Junior School October 2017 Newsletter



*"Be the change you want to see in the world"* Mahatma Gandhi

As we come to the end of our first half term it is a chance to reflect on our many achievements so far at Moss Park Junior School. We have shown our generosity as a school community for what we have through our generous giving to Macmillan Cancer and the Food Bank. We've continued to open up school to parents by launching our Open Week. Our Governors have financed, and continue to finance improvements to the school and its grounds. Working together with your support from home, the staff (and pupils) continue to strive for excellence in learning. We really have lots to be thankful for. I hope that you will vote in our election to choose the School Motto. Please take some time to think about which phrase sums up what you think we stand for. The School Council will announce the winner in Celebration Assembly and we can start publishing this around school, the local community and globally on our website.

## **Magic Moments at Moss Park Junior School**

### **Harvest Festival**

Year 5 led our Harvest Festival Assembly again and it was really well attended by family members. All donations have been distributed within the community through Stretford Food Bank. Some pupils from the Ethos Team visited the Food bank earlier in the month and presented everything they had learned to the rest of the school. Thank you for your generosity as always.

### **Open Week**

I am delighted to announce that we had 105 parents visit this week to learn alongside their child in Maths and your verbal and written feedback was unanimously positive. We've contacted parents individually if they had any questions or asked for further information.

### **Around School**

- ✓ In Science, Year 3 have been busy making chocolate rocks to show how different rocks are formed. It was tricky to show all the different layers of the rocks using the white and dark chocolate but we had fun trying. We became palaeontologists for the week and studied different fossils, and then made our own 'pretend' fossils which were amazing!
- ✓ Year 3 have been practising their football skills and working with the Football Association each week.
- ✓ NSPCC visited us to help explain what we can do if we are worried about something. We learnt the Child line phone number and talked about how others could help us if we needed it.
- ✓ Y3 and 4 Hockey Club went to the School Hockey Festival at Brooklands Hockey Club.
- ✓ Some of our Y6 Play Leaders went to Old Trafford for a Primary Leaders Workshop.

### **Coming Soon**

#### **Freddy Fit**

Always a hit with the children and staff - a very active, entertaining day. Children need full PE kit to be able to take part – without exception. There is no cost to parents as we fund this event via the PE and Sports Funding grant.

**Judo Education** are doing workshops for anti-bullying week and the School Council will visit the People's History Museum

**Visit from Trafford Magistrates** Year 6 pupils will be visited by Trafford Magistrates the second week back; they talk to the two classes about the British Justice system, what happens to offenders and then answer the children's questions. This is part of our Citizenship and Fundamental British Values curriculum for our older pupils.

**Manchester Storm Ice Hockey Team** (top of the national league) are visiting us Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - PM. The team will run assemblies for lower school then upper school.

**Cinema Visits – throughout November**

A couple of years ago we asked our children what they would like to do before they left our school; one of their requests was to visit a cinema so Miss Higson has arranged the following visits, which form part of National Film month. All transport is funded by school this year.

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November** (am) Year 5 go to the AMC Manchester to see Rock Dog

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November** (am) Year 4 visit the Printworks to see Sing!

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November** (am) Year 3 visit the Printworks to see Beauty and the Beast

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November** (am) Year 6 visit the Home Manchester to see Phantom Boy

Trailers for all these films can be found by going on the British Board of Film Classification website: <http://www.bbfc.co.uk/search/releases>

**Individual/Family Photographs – Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Children will have their individual or family photographs taken on this day. We are trying something a bit different this year. As well as our usual photos of children in their school uniform, pupils have the option to wear a top from home to give a more casual feel to the photos. I've taken this idea from my daughter's primary school. It was nice to try something new after 5 years in the same uniform and the photos look great! If you decide to do this, please make sure school uniform is brought in to change into after the photos.

**Please will you help us with our Cloakroom Problem?**

As winter approaches, we are having huge problems hanging up winter coats, reading book bags, PE drawstring bags and huge rucksacks pupils are bringing in. Please will you either send pupils in with a book bag and traditional drawstring PE bag OR put everything into one rucksack including PE Kit and reading things? We are adding pegs but they just can't hold all the items and weight. Thank you so much for your support. I know that buying new school bags is a big thing with children but I'm worried about a trip or slip on the items on the floor.

**Dates for your Diaries (some new added)**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Back to School
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Freddy Fit
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 @ AMC Cinema Film Festival
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November/9 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Science workshops
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 @Printworks Film Festival
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3@Printworks Film Festival
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Individual Photographs
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y6@ HOME cinema Film Festival
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Decorating the School Christmas Tree in the hall - the youngest child in school will turn the lights on
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents Evening
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> /Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Christmas play
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper charity day
Friday/Monday/Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> December	Party Days
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Autumn Achievement Assembly and Break up
<b>Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 - SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SPRING 1 HALF TERM</b>	