



Y3 children carrying out a fair test in science.



KS2 children performing at Ashton Hall – Music Festival.

Easter Fair

On Wednesday 3rd April at 2:50pm → 4pm, we will be holding our Easter Fair after school. We plan to have as many stalls as possible outside – weather permitting. We will be organising the following stalls:

- Y4 will be organising and running a café with hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits on sale.
- Y3 will be creating and selling Easter themed products.
- The Friends of Mossgate will be running the chocolate tombola which proved very popular at Christmas.
- Y3 and staff will be running various games including: Pin the Tail on the Rabbit, Hook a Chick, Water or Wine, Design an Egg and more...
- Staff will be running the Book Fair with books priced at £1 each. Every child will receive a book token on Wednesday 3rd, which they can exchange for a book of their choice. Thanks to the Friends of Mossgate PSA who have paid for the free books for every child.



School Clubs Reminder

All clubs which are organised by school staff (including Keep Fit Friday and Change for Life) have now finished. Judo and Music clubs will continue until we finish for Easter. Please sign up now using the School Spider app for new clubs – deadline Friday 5th April. All clubs and Keep Fit Friday, will start the week commencing 29th April (week 2 of the new term).

Accelerated Reader

Years 5 and 6 have now started reading the new Accelerated Reader scheme books which we hope are more appealing to them. Once they have read their book, they will complete a comprehension quiz in school which provides the class teacher with important information about your child's comprehension skills.

Every book has a sticker on the spine which shows the reading level (MY 5.3). The code MY shows that the book is aimed at years 5 and 6 with the decimal indicating the book level. Inside the cover, every book has a sticker.

Children log-in online at school and complete the comprehension quiz linked to the book they have just read.

Book Level showing difficulty

Points earned by reading and completing the quiz.

Quiz No 226477	
The Apollo 11 Moon Landing: 20 July 1969	
Yomtov, Nel	
B.L.: 5.3	
Points: 1.0	MY

Our hardworking and dedicated team of volunteers are currently organising the new books for years 3 and 4, and we hope to move these classes onto the new system before we finish for Easter.

Bikes and Scooters

Please can we ask parents and children not to cycle or scoot on the school grounds for safety reasons. If your child cycles to and from school, parents are responsible for their safety at all times. Children should wear a cycle helmet and need to lock their bike/scooter in the bike shed. School does not accept any responsibility for lost or damaged bikes / scooters.



Parent Governor Vacancy

Schools need a good mix of people from their local community, from all walks of life, who can bring different viewpoints, experience, skills and fresh ideas with them. They can be parents, staff at the school, resident in the locality or representatives of local churches and businesses. You don't need to be an expert. What's really important is that you have energy, enthusiasm, time and a real desire to help provide children with the best possible education.

Some governors are elected by parents, some are appointed by the governing body itself or the local authority; this is to help governing bodies reflect the communities they serve. **We currently have a parent Governor vacancy and if you are interested then please contact me at school either by email (head@mossgate.lancs.sch.uk) or contact the school office and I can arrange a time to chat.**

What do governors do?

The governing body works with the headteacher and the staff at the school to make sure the school provides good quality education for all its pupils, and constantly strives to improve. Governors don't need specialist skills, just an ability to listen, think through new ideas, and decide what's best for the school as part of a team. They need to set high expectations and ask challenging questions, but are not expected to make day to day decisions about how the school is run - that's the job of the headteacher and senior staff.

The three key roles of a governing body are to:

- provide strategic direction for the school;
- support the headteacher, but constantly look to raise standards;
- ensure accountability.

This means that as a governor, you may get involved in:

- deciding how the budget should be spent and ensuring good value for money;
- making sure the curriculum provides for and stretches all pupils;
- making sure the school buildings are welcoming, safe and well used;
- setting and monitoring the school's values, aims and policies;
- appointing staff and making sure the right development and reward arrangements are in place.



How much time does it take?

The term of office for a school governor is normally four years. You'll need to be able to give some time to go to meetings (2 – 3 every term) and read the paperwork before the meeting. We have a Full Governing Body meeting once a term (about 2 hours) and committee(s) which also meet once a term.

Mossgate Primary School and Lancashire County Council Governor Services will give you all the support and training you'll need. New governors will have access to a mentor and are encouraged to attend induction training – essential to help them understand their role.



6-8pm on Thursday 4th April (moved from Wednesday 3rd April). Please pay on the door. Exciting hamper prizes for a house and smaller prizes for a line. Refreshments and raffle tickets on sale.

Diary Dates

Wed 27 th March	Full Governing Body Meeting at 5:15pm
Thurs 28 th March	Y5 visiting Fulwood High School – Building Bridges project
Fri 29 th March	Y3 visiting County Hall Preston to record their Roman song
Mon 1 st April	Y5 litter pick with Emma Garston (Heysham Nature Reserve)
Mon 1 st April	School Spelling Bee Competition
Wed 3 rd April	Easter Themed Lunch
Wed 3 rd April	Easter Fair 2:50pm
Thurs 4 th April	Y6 Road Safety workshop with the Fire Service
Fri 5 th April	Last day of school – Easter break
Tues 23 rd April	School reopens after the Easter break