



Congratulations to our Pumpkin Decorating finalists. Winners are holding the cauldrons. (Daisy G absent.)

PSFA Update

The PSFA will be meeting on Wednesday 8th November in the Cooking Room (room between the gates by the field and the KS2 corridor door), after school. Refreshments will be provided and children can attend.

We will be reviewing the Halloween Discos and finalising plans for Christmas events which include Santa's Grotto, Secret Santa Gift Room, Christmas Bingo and Christmas Chocolate Tombola.

Recently the PSFA have funded the Y6 Leavers' Books, purchased new outdoor play equipment for the Y1 outdoor learning area and end of year book for every child.

Miss Turnbull has now completed the Gift Aid paperwork from the sponsored walks and our final fundraising amount is an amazing £2,664! Special thank you to Miss Turnbull for all her work and of course to those who donated.



Changes to class names and rooms

You will have hopefully noticed that we are increasingly referring to the different classes using their new name rather than Year 1, Year 6 etc. Back in the summer term, the children voted for their favourite trees and we used the results to decide on the new class names which are listed below.

Reception – Elm	Year 3 – Holly	Year 6 – Oak
Year 1 – Maple	Year 4 – Rowan	Mrs Taylor's Group – Sycamore
Year 2 – Willow	Year 5 – Beech	

We have also changed the way in which we use some rooms in the school to increase the space for meetings and for staff to work with small groups of children.

- The **library** has now moved to the KS2 corridor. (Hopefully you saw this during the parents' evening and Mossgate Portrait Gallery.)
- Mrs Taylor's group (**Sycamore** class) are now based in what was previously the library.
- The front office has been renamed the **Meeting Room** and will be prioritised for meetings with parents and other agencies.
- Our **Cooking & Community Room** was previously the Breakfast Room and is located between the KS2 corridor door and Y6 classroom with an external door next to the double gate by the field. This room is used by classes when cooking, for PSFA meetings and for small group work.
- My office has moved upstairs and is shared by other senior leaders. My old office, opposite the Quiet Area on the playground, is now known as the PPA Room and used by teachers when they have time out of class to plan their lessons. In the mornings, it is also used by small groups and for 1:1 work.

Earrings Reminder

Please can I remind all parents that small stud earrings are allowed as part of our school uniform - not loops or larger studs. On PE days, children should come to school with earrings removed to minimise the risk of injury from increased physical activity during PE lessons.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me through the school office.



Parking Safety

Following a number of parking complaints recently from residents and parents, Lancashire Constabulary are increasing their patrols before and after school at Mossgate. Please can I remind parents to:

- ✗ Not park on the zig-zags or coned areas outside of school
- ✗ Not to park at junctions
- ✗ Not to double park
- ✗ Not to park close to private driveways so residents can use

Please be respectful and courteous to other drivers, residents and families by parking slightly away from school to keep the local area as safe as possible for our children.



Non-Uniform Day – Friday 17th November

Children are encouraged to bring in chocolate items and wear non-uniform on Friday 17th November. Donated chocolate will be used for Christmas PSFA fundraising events (chocolate tombola and bingo) in the coming weeks. This date is also the national Children in Need day so children are of course welcome to wear Pudsey merchandise.



Curriculum Newsletters – Autumn 2 2023

Curriculum newsletters for this half-term will go out this week by School Spider and email. They are also available on our website under 'Curriculum'.

Our curriculum newsletters detail the key areas of learning by subject area. If you have any questions about what is being taught, please contact your child's class teacher via the office.



Children in Need

Our Mossgate Parliament, made up of our recently elected House & Vice Captains, have decided to organise a cake sale and 'Decorate Pudsey' competition (sheets will be going out this week).



The **cake sale** will take place on **Thursday 16th November**, after school, so we can sell any leftover cakes the following day. The children are asking for cake donations to be brought to school on Wednesday 15th or Thursday 16th. Families can make financial donations through our ParentPay account or by scanning the QR code here.

Costs for visits and visitors

All of our educational visits and visitors are now listed on ParentPay to help parents budget for the year ahead. Parents can pay in instalments and if you need any support, please contact me at school in confidence, and we can agree a way forward. If your family are, or have been in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be classed as 'Pupil Premium', which means they may be eligible for subsidised visits.

We have been reinforcing good hygiene messages with the children.

- ✓ Catch-it, Bin-it, Kill-it (catching it in our elbow and not hand)
- ✓ Sanitising hands after coughing/sneezing, playtimes and after sharing equipment
- ✓ Washing hands before eating

If you need to cough or sneeze:



**Catch it
with a tissue**



Bin it



Kill it
by washing your hands
with soap and water, or
hand sanitiser

Volunteers Needed

If you have any time available to volunteer at our school, please do get in touch by either phoning the office or sending a private Facebook message. All volunteers will need to complete a criminal record check to comply with our safeguarding obligations. Training will also be provided relevant to the role.



Wed 08/11	Y6 WWI and Y1 Toys Workshops with 'The History Man'
Fri 10/11	Y3 Stone Age Workshop
Mon 13/11	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 13/11	Remembrance Assembly led by Y6
Thurs 16/11	Y5&6 'Be the Change- Democracy' day at Lancaster University
Thurs 16/11	Children in Need Day cake sale after school
Fri 17/11	PSFA non-uniform day – chocolate donations please
Tues 21/11	Y5&6 Rule of Law and Democracy Day at Lancaster Town Hall (Cancelled by the Town Hall)
Wed 29/11	PSFA Chocolate Tombola after school in the hall
Thurs 30/11	PSFA Christmas Bingo, 6-8pm
Mon 04/12	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party Menu
Wed 06/12	Rowan (Y4) to Dukes Theatre
Thurs 07/12	Elm (Reception) & Willow (Y2) to Lancaster Grand Theatre
Wed 13/12	KS2 Christmas Concert to parents, 1:40-2:40pm
Thurs 14/12	KS2 Christmas Concert to parents, 6-7pm
Fri 15/12	Elm Class (Reception) to Kingsway Court to sing songs to residents
Mon 18/12	No after school clubs this week
Mon 18/12	Christmas Dinner themed menu
Tues 19/12	Infant Nativity for parents at 1:45pm
Wed 20/12	Infant Nativity for parents at 1:45pm



Fri 22/12	School closes for Christmas
Mon 08/01	School closed – INSET Day
Tues 09/01	School reopen for all children