



Congratulations to our School Band

Our school band had an incredibly busy schedule at the end of last term. They played at Sandon House, various wards within Tameside Hospital, IKEA, Ashton Arcades as well as our own internal Christmas lunch and Christmas Carol Service in school.

All of our band members played exceptionally well under the direction of Miss Lundberg and represented the school admirably. Parents and carers of those in the band should be very proud. Students performed in school time as well as their own time after school.

For some in the band, this was their first time playing publicly and representing Mossley Hollins – we hope they have enhanced their skills and their confidence. A huge well done to everyone in the band and Miss Lundberg.



Year 10 Girls Football

Ava Hanson and Gracie Naggs played for Greater Manchester County Under 16's.

They played against Merseyside and both put in outstanding performances on the night to help the team to victory. They managed to win the game 5-3. Congratulations to both girls and the rest of their team mates. Well done!!



Technology Dept - Foodbank Charity Sales

Before Christmas, students have been collaborating to design, make, promote and sell Christmas Decorations to help raise money for Mossley Foodbank.

A huge thank you to everyone who bought a decoration, as they helped to raise £118.40. We also held a staff Christmas earring and badge sale organised by Mrs Walch, which raised a further £127.00 for the Foodbank. Thank you again to everyone as the £245.40, was converted into much needed food supplies in time for Christmas.



Information & Contacts (Updated)

Our Newsflash celebrates the recent successes of our students both in and out of school. If you would like to access the blue Information & Contacts, visit the school's website. This updates every half term.

Key Dates this Half Term

Monday 8th January
Year 11 Life Skills Day

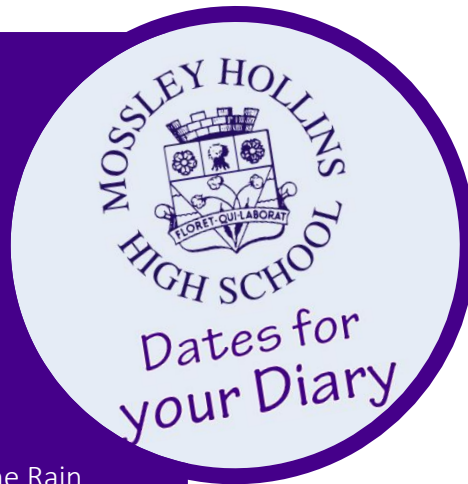
Thursday 11th January
Year 8 Parents Evening

31st January – 2nd February
School Production – Singin' in the Rain

2nd February
1st visit to Careers Fair at Trafford

8th February / 9th February
'Respect Me' tour for Years 7-10

Friday 9th February
Last day of Half Term



Do you have any Lego you don't use anymore?

LEGO can be used as a therapeutic tool in play therapy and counselling to help strengthen relationships, provide sensory stimulation, improve social skills, and build resilience. Miss Mecurio is Lego play trained and will be doing work with small groups of students. If over Christmas you've cleared out old toys and have come across some Lego in good condition, please consider donating it to school, so we can repurpose it for these interventions.

Donations can be dropped off at the OBC. Thank you in advance.



Want to be featured?

If you have some news to share and would like to be considered for a future edition of the NewsFlash, email us at: newsflash@mossleyhollins.com

Christmas Jumper Day Donations

On the last week of half term, when we collected donations on Christmas Jumper Day – we thought you would like to know where your donated items or cash went!

£114.45 was received in cash which was donated to Emmaus, a homeless charity based in Mossley.

We received hundreds of donated items which were distributed to Mossley Food Bank – just in time for Christmas.

In addition, the donated Pet food was distributed to Mossley Food Bank, Reach Church in Millbrook and 'Hog Manor' – a rescue centre for Hedgehogs.

A huge thank you to everyone who was in a position to donate these items or cash to help our local community last half term.





Happy New Year from the Library!
Why not make a new year's resolution to read more books this year?
By reading one more book than last year you will have the satisfaction of achieving your goal. We have lots of exciting events planned for this year in the library to motivate, inspire and empower all of our students.

Advent Draw Winners

Congratulations to our winners of the 12 days of Christmas Advent Draw. The proud winner of Heartstopper 5 - only released that day, jumped with delight on opening her prize!



Read aloud

In the last week of term, we held a Christmas Read aloud in the Library - this shared experience, helps build a community of readers in our school. It enhances students listening skills, motivates them to read on their own, promotes critical thinking and lets them discover and enjoy new books. It's a perfect way for reluctant or struggling readers to improve their skills.

A Read along helps to develop positive attitudes to reading and forges a link to reading for pleasure. Our aim by holding these regular Library events is to foster a lifelong love of reading and provide students with memorable experiences. Listening to student feedback, it is increasing lending rates and having a positive impact on our school.



Recommended this week by our Librarian:

Scared to Death: Ten Sinister Stories



This chilling collection of ten nightmarish and fiendishly funny short stories is a perfect read for fearless children.

From a train journey straight to hell, out of control robots with a murderous streak and even a television show where death is the penalty - these terrifying tales display the dazzling wit and wicked humour of master storyteller Anthony Horowitz, and are guaranteed to make your blood curdle and your spine tingle.

The Power of Language

Library induction – Tucking into a book

All of our Year 7 Students have now had a Library Induction lesson.

We wanted to give Year 7 a Library induction lesson to remember and one that was a little different, so we welcomed them to tuck into a book in our very own Mossley Hollins book bistro!

We set the library up in the style of a French bistro, with chequered table cloths, menus and placemats - each table offering a different genre.

The students spent 10 mins at each table sampling the books on offer then completed a short review of the book. There was a real buzz in the Library and even the most reluctant readers got involved, they enjoyed it so much they wanted to do another one!