



A Fantastic Half Term!

We hope you all have a safe, relaxing half term break. We have had an incredibly busy six weeks at Mossley Hollins. Here are our best highlights.



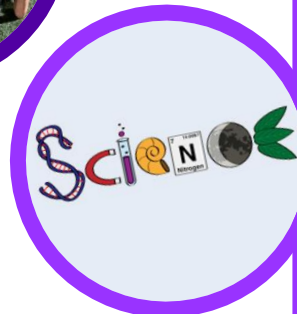
Daniel's Fundraising Walk

Over the weekend Daniel took part in a memory walk for what would have been his Auntie's 40th birthday. Daniel helped to organise, fundraise and even took part in the memory walk. He has helped raise over £1000 for the hospice that cared for his Auntie and where Daniel spent a lot of the summer.



Reading Badges

Miss Judge, who many of you know from our school office has not only earned her reading champion badge, but has now earned her reading ambassador badge too! Who will be the first student to join her?



Scientist of the Week!

Erin Gower – Year 8

Erin consistently shows fantastic commitment in her science lessons – Keep up the great work
Erin

Awarded by Miss Lea

Information & Contacts

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.

Blind Date with a book



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

For the whole of February, the Library is hosting blind date with a book. A selection of books have been chosen and wrapped to hide its cover and identity. Not knowing what the book is and only giving students a small clue is sure to hook our most reluctant readers. Our aim is to create a buzz around which book to choose and to broaden our readers literary horizons.

Will you like the date you chose???

Design your own Book Cover

Calling all students! Do you think you could reimagine the cover of your favourite book? The Mossley Hollins Book Cover Design competition is your opportunity to take on the role of a book cover designer. As part of this year's World Book day celebrations we are asking students to redesign the front cover of their favourite book.

Entries will be displayed around the school and those whose designs have been shortlisted, will be invited to library for an exclusive party, where the award winners will be announced and their prizes presented to them. We will use some of the designs to cover the books in the library and will share your design with the publisher.

All years can enter. It can be hand drawn or designed using an art package like Canva. The design must be your own and submitted by the closing date. Please put your full name and form on the inside cover. Closes 2.00pm Friday 1st February

Student Librarian recommendation:

Wonder Woman

She will become a legend but first she is Diana, Princess of the Amazons. And her fight is just beginning ...

Diana is desperate to prove herself to her warrior sisters. But when the opportunity comes, she throws away her chance at glory and breaks Amazon law to save a mere mortal, Alia Keralis.

With this single heroic act, Diana may have just doomed the world.

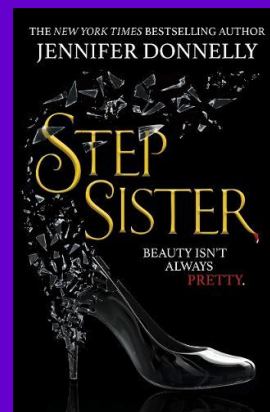
Alia is a Warbringer - a descendant of the infamous Helen of Troy, fated to bring about an age of bloodshed and misery. Diana and Alia will face an army of enemies, mortal and divine, determined to destroy or possess the Warbringer.



The Power of Language

Recommended this week by our Librarian:

Step Sister



An ancient city by the sea, three sisters - a maiden, a mother, and a crone - are drawing maps by candlelight. Sombre, with piercing grey eyes, they are the three Fates, and every map is a human life...

Stepsister takes up where Cinderella's tale ends. We meet Isabelle, the younger of Cinderella's two stepsisters. Ella is considered beautiful; stepsister Isabelle is not.

Others have determined what is beautiful, and Isabelle does not fit their definition. Isabelle must face down the demons that drove her cruel treatment of Ella, challenge her own fate and maybe even redefine the very notion of beauty.

Cinderella is about a girl who was bullied; Stepsister is about the bully. We all root for the victims, we want to see them triumph. But what about the bullies?

Is there hope for them? Can a mean girl change? Can she find her own happily ever after?

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Dear Parent / Carer

The UK Health Security Agency have declared a Measles national incident following a very extensive outbreak in London and the Midlands and further outbreaks of infection are expected across country. You may have seen the national media coverage on the BBC and other news channels.

Measles is extremely infectious and spreads very easily to people who have no immunity. The illness can be serious. The best way to prevent measles is through vaccination (2 doses of the MMR vaccine).

What is measles?

Measles is a disease which spreads very easily. People with measles can get a cough, runny nose, rash and fever. Measles can be serious, particularly for people whose immune system is not working normally. In some people it can cause complications, including ear infections, chest infections, and pneumonia. In very rare cases, some people who get measles can develop serious complications which can be fatal.

How do you catch measles?

The measles virus lives in the nose and throat of infected people. A person with measles can infect other people from 4 days before their rash appears until four days after the rash appeared.

Most older children and adults are immune to measles – either because they had measles as a child or because they have been vaccinated – and so are unlikely to catch measles.

How do you prevent measles?

Measles can be prevented by 2 doses of a highly effective vaccine.

All children and adults born after 1970 should receive **2 doses** of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination. This is part of the UK routine immunisation schedule (dose 1 typically given at 13 months of age; dose 2 at 40 months of age, before the child starts school).

The MMR can also be given to older children, teenagers and adults if they have missed out on vaccination. **If you / your child have not had 2 doses of MMR, contact your doctor to discuss vaccination.**

What if you become unwell?

If you or your child become unwell and think it could be measles:

- Seek medical advice – ***call*** your GP / NHS walk in centre / NHS 111 for advice
- **It is important to inform the GP / walk-in centre before attending so that you can be seen in a separate area to prevent spread to other patients.**
- Do not go to school, nursery or work for the four days after the rash first appeared
- Limit your contact with other people and avoid those who:
 - are pregnant
 - are under 12 months old or have not had the MMR vaccine
 - have a weakened immune system
- **Inform your school or employer**

Further information can be found on the NHS website at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/> and in the measles information leaflet from the NHS [MEASLES - Don't let your child catch it - Schools version \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#).

Kind regards



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