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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final few weeks of the autumn term, we are delighted to share our November newsletter. It has been another busy and exciting period at New Moston, filled with wonderful learning experiences, new opportunities and achievements to celebrate.

Our vision, *Focused on Growth, Rooted in Pride*, continues to underpin everything we do. We want every child to achieve well, feel a strong sense of belonging and benefit from the opportunities available to them at New Moston.

In this edition, we share some of our highlights since October half term, alongside exciting developments and important reminders for the weeks ahead.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mr Stewart
Headteacher

Learning and Achievement

Standards Curriculum

Leaders at New Moston have designed our own Standards Curriculum, focusing on the essential knowledge and skills children need to secure by the end of Year 2. This curriculum has been specifically designed in response to the needs of our children, recognising that strong foundations are essential for future learning and achievement. Parents can now visit our school website and download an overview of all six strands of the Standards Curriculum. These resources will help families understand our expectations and support learning at home.

We also encourage Key Stage 2 parents to explore these resources, particularly where children may benefit from further practice of their foundational knowledge and skills.

Reading

We have had a fantastic response to our new BoomReader app, with so many families regularly reading with their children and recording their reading at home. Reading remains a key priority at New Moston. Regular reading at home helps children develop their fluency, confidence, understanding and enjoyment of books. Every time you read with your child, you make a difference. Please continue to support us with this important priority. If you need help accessing BoomReader, please contact school.

Tea and Tales

It has been wonderful to welcome parents, carers, grandparents and friends into school for our Tea and Tales sessions. Sharing a book, enjoying a brew and spending quality time together has been a lovely way to celebrate reading across our school community. These sessions are part of our commitment to developing a love of reading and strengthening the partnership between home and school. Thank you to everyone who has joined us!

Phonics Picnic – Celebrating Progress!

On Monday 14th December, from 9am to 9:30am, we will be hosting our first special Phonics Picnic in our brand-new Reading and Phonics Hub. A small number of Key Stage 1 children will be invited, alongside a parent or carer, to celebrate their effort, commitment and progress in phonics. Our Phonics Picnics will take

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place every half term, providing regular opportunities to recognise children's achievements and share their learning with families. We look forward to sending out our first special invitations!

TTRS Launch day!

In order to improve the profile of times tables through school Miss House embraced her inner rock star and the children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed a fabulous Times Table Rockstar Day. Times tables are essential and we are challenging all our children this year to become as fluent as possible! You can help too, at home. Ask your children what times table they are currently practising and at home – practise, practise, practise!!

Opportunities and Experiences

Enrichment – An Entitlement for Every Child

At New Moston, we believe that education is about so much more than what happens in the classroom. We want every child to discover new interests, develop talents, build confidence and broaden their experiences. Enrichment is an entitlement, not an optional extra, at New Moston. Our weekly enrichment programme provides children with a wide range of opportunities, including drama, football, British Sign Language, Duolingo, art, choir, Harry Potter Club, Nature Explorers, clothing design and much more.

Through these experiences, children develop friendships across year groups, discover new interests and build important life skills.

What our children say:

"Sometimes I'm not confident, but at the end I feel much more confident."

"I've made new friends in other year groups."

"It has helped me become more confident around new people."

"It makes me happy and I look forward to it each week."

"I've learnt skills to work with others."

We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes our children demonstrate each week. We want every child to leave New Moston with strong academic foundations, alongside the confidence, skills and experiences to thrive in the wider world.

Year 6 Residential – An Adventure at Ghyll Head!

Our Year 6 children recently enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to Ghyll Head, creating fantastic memories and enjoying new experiences. Throughout the week, children stepped outside their comfort zones, challenged themselves and developed their independence, resilience, teamwork and problem-solving skills. We were particularly proud of the way our children supported one another, demonstrated positive attitudes and persevered when faced with new challenges. A huge thank you to Miss House, Mr Collins and Mrs Everett for giving their time to make this experience possible. A very special thank you also goes to Mrs Waddell, who gave up a week of her retirement to return and support our children! These opportunities would not be possible without the dedication, commitment and generosity of our wonderful staff.

Sporting Success

This academic year, we have significantly increased the opportunities for children to represent New Moston in sporting events and competitions. Our mixed football team recently took part in the Premier League Primary Stars tournament, finishing in fifth place overall. Participating in sport provides children with valuable opportunities to develop teamwork, resilience, healthy lifestyles and pride in representing their

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school. Well done to all the children who have represented New Moston this year. You should be very proud of yourselves!

The HIVE visit Old Trafford

This month, a select number of children from our Hive classroom visited Manchester United as they tested out their inclusion facilities including a tour around the stadium and their brand new sensory room! They had a fabulous experience!

Manchester United, Manchester City and Manchester Storm

Through our partnerships with the city's sports teams, we have managed to give out to parents a number of tickets for children to go and see professional sport, this includes a couple of our children being mascots at a Champions League match! Through this, we have managed to ensure that children get experiences for the first time such as watching the return of Manchester Storm at the AO Arena! As soon as we get any tickets in the future, we will be sure to let you know.

Our School Community

Our High-Vis Team – Every Interaction Matters

A positive school day starts at the school gates. Our wonderful High-Vis Team continues to welcome children and families each morning, helping every child feel valued, welcomed and ready to learn. At New Moston, we place great importance on positive relationships and high-quality interactions. A friendly smile, a cheerful good morning or a positive conversation can make a real difference to a child's day. Our Senior Leadership and Pastoral Teams are also available each morning to answer questions, offer support and listen to any concerns families may have.

Staffing Updates

We are sad to share that Mrs Devenport will be leaving New Moston Primary School to pursue a new opportunity at another school. We thank her for her hard work, dedication and commitment to our children and wish her every success in her new role. We are also delighted to be welcoming two new Teaching Assistants, Miss Saxon and Mrs Smeaton, to our New Moston team. We look forward to them joining us and supporting our children's learning and development.

Your Voice Matters

As part of our upcoming Parents' Evening, we invite all parents and carers to complete a short questionnaire about their experiences of New Moston. As a leadership team, we are committed to listening to our school community and regularly seek the views of parents, children and staff. Your feedback helps us understand what is working well, identify areas for development and make informed decisions about how we continue to improve our school. We encourage all families to take a few minutes to share their open and honest feedback. Together, we can continue to make New Moston the best it can be for our children.

Supporting Our Children and Families

Attendance – Every Day Matters

Regular attendance is essential to children's achievement, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

Our attendance standards at New Moston are:

School Standard: 96%

Higher Standard: 98%

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We recognise that families can sometimes experience difficulties that affect school attendance. Our Attendance and Pastoral Teams are here to work in partnership with families, identify barriers and provide appropriate support.

If you need support with your child's attendance, please contact us at pastoral@newmoston.manchester.sch.uk.

Single Point of Concern (SPOC)

At New Moston, we are committed to listening to our families, understanding children's individual needs and removing barriers to their success. Your child's class teacher should normally be your first point of contact. However, our Single Point of Concern (SPOC) system provides an additional way for families to raise and record concerns about their child, including those relating to: Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) Emotional wellbeing and pastoral support, Attendance Other barriers to learning or school life. Concerns submitted through SPOC are directed to the appropriate team, enabling staff to review the information and identify appropriate next steps. We encourage families to raise concerns early so that we can work together to provide the right support at the right time. Our SPOC form is available through our school website www.newmoston.manchester.sch.uk/share-a-worry/

Library

A reminder that our library is open everyday from 8:15am until the start of school. Come and read one of our brand new books with your child and enjoy a break from the cold outside!

Breakfast Club

A reminder that the free universal breakfast club runs for families every day from 8:15am. You are more than welcome to book on your child for FREE through ParentPay.

SEND Drop in – Tuesday, Tea and Talk.

Every week, at 2pm – 3pm our SEND team have an open door policy to welcome parents' who want to discuss Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Sign in through reception and head to the library to grab a brew and discuss any concerns or to get advice from our SEND team.

Allergy Awareness and Medical Needs

Keeping our children safe is a fundamental priority. We have recently updated the medical and allergy information on our school website. Our Pastoral Team has also been working with families of children with allergies and complex medical needs to ensure that individual care plans are accurate and up to date. If your child has a medical condition or care need that we are not aware of, or if their needs have changed, please contact school as soon as possible.

New Moston is an allergy-aware school. Food products that clearly contain nuts must not be brought into school. Where these items are identified, staff will remove them to help protect children with allergies and ensure that affected children have access to suitable food. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all our children.

Winter Weather

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat and suitable footwear. Hats, scarves and gloves are also encouraged.

Please clearly label all items of clothing with your child's name so they can be returned if misplaced.

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Key dates

What?	Who?	When?
Christmas Pantomime – Middleton Arena	Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6)	Friday 27th November
Christmas Pantomime – Middleton Arena	Reception and Years 1 and 2	Thursday 3rd December
Fundraising Friday – Non –Uniform Day	Whole School	Friday 4th December
Christmas Fair	Whole School	Tuesday 8th December 3.30pm-4.30pm
Christmas Jumper day and Polar Express Day	Whole School	Thursday 10th December all day
Community Carols	Years 3-6	Monday 14th December 9.00am - 10.00am
Christmas Performance	Years 1 and 2	Tuesday 15th December 1.00pm
Christmas Show - Nativity	Reception	Tuesday 15th December- 10.00am
Community Carols	Years 3-6	Tuesday 15th December 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Christmas Performance	Years 1 and 2	Wednesday 16th December - 10.00am
Christmas Show - Nativity	Reception	Wednesday 16th December 1.15pm
Christmas Performance	Years 1 and 2	Wednesday 16th December - 3.00pm
Christmas Dinner	Whole School	Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Party Day - Party clothes	Whole School	Thursday 17th December - all day
School closes for Christmas	Whole School	Friday 18th December
Inset Day – School closed to pupils	Whole School	Monday 4th January
School re-opens	Whole School	Tuesday 5th January