

Moorfield News

Responsibility Perseverance Compassion Thankfulness

13th - 16th January 2025

Classes of the Week: R/KS1: 2GS KS2: 6H

House of the Week: Wolf

Pupils of the Week: R/KS1: Cassian KS2: Aaron J



13th - 17th January

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| KP Leo M | REC Raiya P/Elijah B | | |
| 1H Aria S | 1E Myrna Mc | 2C Jessica A | 2GS Cian O'S |
| 3J Amelia D | 3H Grace C | 4G Holly A | 4C Ollie D 5M |
| Eddie H | 5SH Isabel Mc | 6R Nieve L | 6H Aaron J |



Pen License



Star Bonds

Madden R-T

Moorfield Tables

Noah A, Simran J, Luca H, Albert M



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Rec 93%, Year 1 94%, Year 2 99%, Year 3 95%,
Year 4 94%, Year 5 96%, Year 6 96%

Attendance Matters



Headteacher Award

R/KS1 - Theo D - Respect

KS2 - Annabelle R - Respect



ANTI-RACISM PROJECT

We are working with Stockport Ethnic Diversity Service (EDS) on an anti-racism project and we would like our school community to be involved.

We are putting together a working party of school staff, governors and parents/carers to create an anti-racism policy.

If you would like to be part of this and help shape this policy then please email headteacher@moorfield.stockport.sch.uk



CHESTER ZOO

The children and staff had a great time at Chester Zoo on Monday. Here are some photos of the day. For those children who haven't visited the zoo before, it was a truly amazing experience.

Thank you to Ms Ditchfield - mum of Poppy for providing this opportunity. For those who don't know, Poppy's mum entered a competition to win a free visit to Chester Zoo for a school of her choice. That of course was Moorfield!



PTA

Have you got any unwanted gifts from Christmas or left over chocolate/sweets?

Open Donation

*Unwanted gifts and
Chocolate donations*

Did you get a gift this Christmas that you won't use?

Or did you get too much chocolate and you doubt it'll get eaten?

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Then please consider donating to Moorfield PTA
We are collecting new, unwanted gifts and chocolate in preparation for our
Summer fair
We have a collection box in the school reception

AND FINALLY... CLOTHES DONATIONS

Thank you for the huge number of clothing donations this week for the charity 'Donate Clothes 4 Sammy'. It also helped raise £200 for school.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson
Headteacher





Picture News

TAKE HOME

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Should YouTube have more rules for younger users?

An app made just for kids.

YouTube Kids was created to give kids a more contained environment that makes it simpler and more fun for them to explore on their own, and easier for parents.

In the news this week

The UK government's culture secretary, Lisa Nandy, has written to video-sharing platforms, such as YouTube and TikTok, asking them to actively share more educational content for children. Nandy stated that while YouTube has improved children's content on its platform, it is not doing enough to make sure the content is easily seen by children.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Tell someone at home about the type of things you enjoy watching and where you like to watch them. Ask someone older what they watched as a child. Ask about the choice of programmes, and where and when they were able to view them.
- Do you believe there should be more checks or rules for what people can watch online?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's Following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, For You is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app *could* potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.



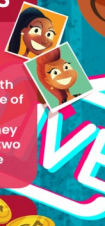
CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables anyone to download or comment on them.



BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.



MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the app; that's twice as much as in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.



BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.



DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.



READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.



Meet Our Expert

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Learn to swim at Life Leisure

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to inform you about a fantastic opportunity for your child to start swimming lessons locally with Life Leisure. A New Year is the perfect time to help your child improve their swimming skills, build confidence in the water, and stay active in a fun and supportive environment.

Life Leisure swimming lesson programme includes:

- 1x 30-minute lesson per week. Junior lessons priced at £36.00 per month
- Lessons run for 50 weeks of the year, providing consistent, year-round training
- Free public swimming during suitable sessions
- 20% discount on swimming holiday courses
- Discounted rate of £54.00 per month for two lessons per week
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Life Leisure swimming lessons cater to children of all skill levels, from beginners to more advanced swimmers. Our experienced instructors work to ensure each child gets the individual attention they need to grow in confidence and skill, while also making the lessons enjoyable.

Why choose Life Leisure?

With a choice of five convenient pool locations around Stockport, and a flexible weeknight or weekend timetable, it's easy to fit swimming lessons around busy family schedules. Track your child's progress through CoursePro, our user-friendly system that provides regular updates on development. With qualified and experienced teachers, Life Leisure are dedicated to helping every child gain the most from their lessons, building confidence and skills in the water.

If you're interested in signing up your child or would like more information, please visit www.lifeleisure.net/swimminglessons/ or contact the team via email on swimming@lifeleisure.net

Thank you for considering Life Leisure, and we hope to see you in our pools soon.

