

Moorfield News

Responsibility Perseverance Compassion Thankfulness

10th - 16th May

Classes of the Week: R/KS1: 1H KS2: 6G
House of the Week: WOLF
Pupils of the Week: R/KS1: Ella B KS2: Sophia H



13th - 17th May

KM Olivia B/Nico F KP Oscar W REC Sauleha M/Harvey A
1C Theo T 1H Brooke L 2J Bella L 2GS Quinn Mc
3B Bruce L 3H Sienna B 4C Hattie L 4MC Alice C
5C Kylah B 5SR Rio D 6G ArchieM 6M Whole Class



Pen License



Star Bonds

Moorfield Tables
Oliver B



29th April - 3rd May

Rec 97%, Year 1 91%, Year 2 98%, Year 3 98%,
Year 4 97%, Year 5 96%, Year 6 100%



Headteacher Award

KS1 Frankie R - Compassion
KS2 Luc T - Responsibility



MHSA EVENTS UPCOMING EVENTS

We have some exciting events coming up over the next few months. Here are some key dates:

Thursday 23rd May - Summer Disco

Friday 24th May - Doughnut Day & Non Uniform (Chocolate donations for the Fair)

Tuesday 11th June - Summer Fair Meeting (This will be done virtually at 6pm)

Friday 12th July - Summer Fair

Tuesday 23rd July - Annual General Meeting

MHSA EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK

Tickets for the disco and pre-orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts are now available via our PTA-Events page: www.pta-events.co.uk/moorfieldprimary

MHSA SUMMER FAIR

In order to hold our Summer Fair this year, we need your help with planning and helpers:

1) Planning

The Fairs are events that take a huge amount of planning and time, and the MHSA committee are thin on the ground. To organise the Summer Fair this year, we're going to need more help. Whether it's helping to organise external stalls or simply doing a store run, we'd love your support. We'll be holding our Summer Fair meeting next month where we'll run through the planning and discuss responsibilities that we need help with. If this is something you can get involved with, please indicate on the questionnaire (link below) or contact one of the MHSA team on - Moorfield.mhsa@gmail.com.

2) Fair helpers

In the past, we've always struggled to get enough volunteers for the fairs which can lead to us not running all the stalls / games that are planned. To make things more manageable, this year we're asking you to volunteer just half an hour of your time at the event, so that everyone gets time to enjoy the fair for themselves.

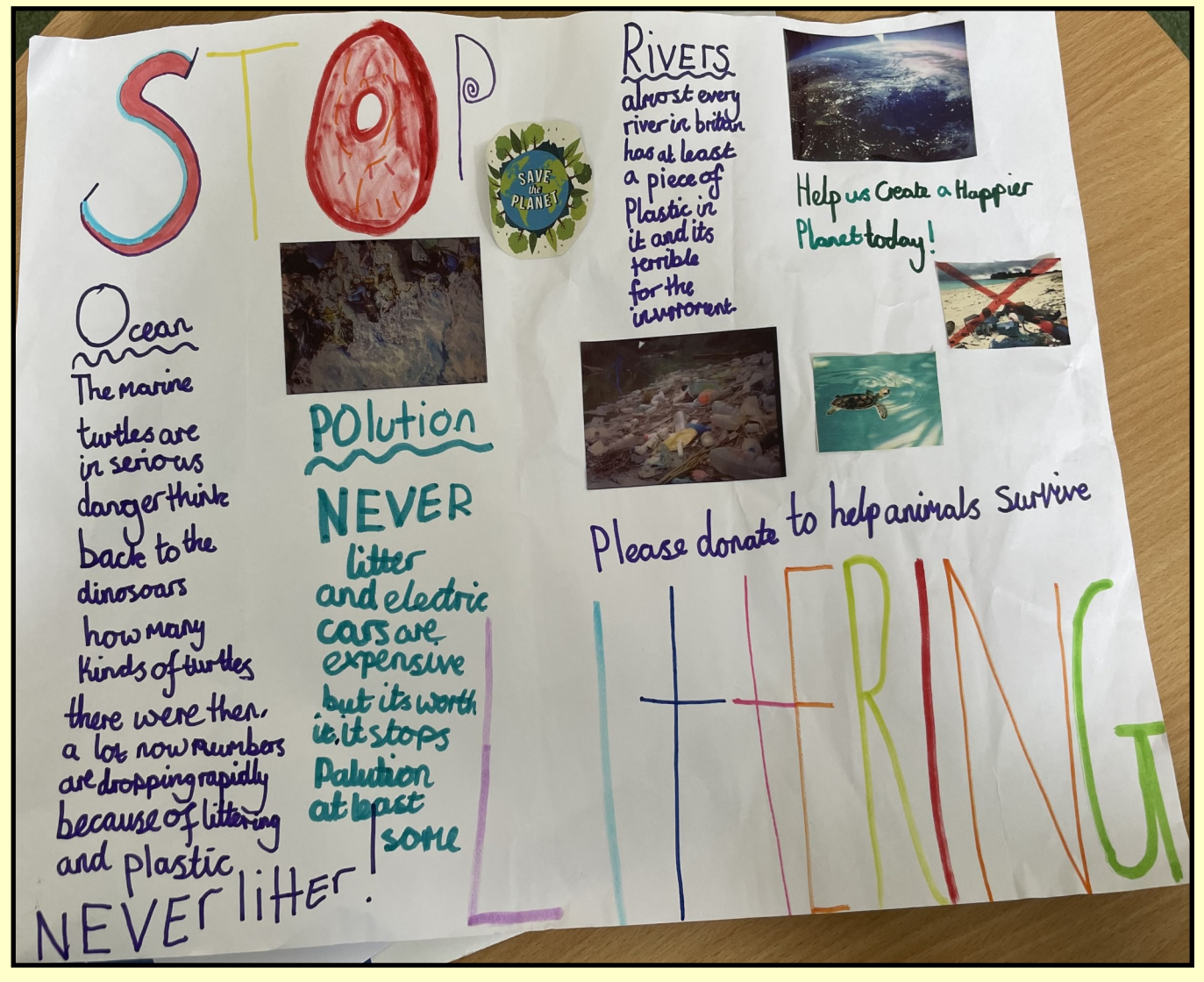
Alternatively, we need lots of hands on deck to set up the event and/or cleaning up.

Please fill out the form to let us know if you'll be able to volunteer with the planning or at the event.

[Summer Fair Volunteers \(google.com\)](#)

CONSERVATION

Both Sienna and Charlotte in 4MC are passionate about conservation and green spaces. They would like to share their interest in a campaign called #TeamSeas. TeamSeas is a global campaign with the aim of removing 30 million pounds of plastic and rubbish from our oceans, rivers and beaches. You can find out more and donate (if you wish to), following the link here. <https://teamseas.org/>



PENALTY NOTICE CHANGES

I hope you have found the time to read the letter that was emailed to you on Tuesday regarding unauthorised absence from September and in particular holidays in term time. If you haven't, I urge you to read it at the earliest opportunity. There are key governmental changes that include increases in fines and potential prosecution with unauthorised absence over a three year period.

AUTISM IN SCHOOLS PARENT COFFEE MORNING

A reminder we have our parent coffee morning on Wednesday at 9.00am in the KS2 Hall for those interested in our Autism in Schools Project.

END OF SUMMER 1 ASSEMBLY

You will have received an email from the school office if your child has been chosen for our end of half term assembly. Please check your spam/junk folders as school emails sometimes end up here. This will take place on THURSDAY 23RD MAY at the following times:

R/KS1 9.15am - 10am

Yr3/4 10.00am -10.30am

Yr5/6 10.30am -11am

END OF SUMMER 1 HALF TERM

A reminder, that we have one week left of summer 1 and finish for the end of this half term on Friday 24th May. We return for summer 2 on Monday 10th June.

AND FINALLY ...

Sophia Hilditch in 5SR and her mum, raised £700+ in the 5K 'Race for Life' last weekend, raising money for breast cancer research. Well done to the both of you.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson
Headteacher



Picture News

TAKEHOME 20th - 26th May



Is it fair to judge others based on first impressions?

In the news this week

An all-girls football team has won a league dominated by boys' teams, after going unbeaten for an entire season. The Queens Park Ladies U12s finished top of their table with eighteen wins in the group of eleven boys' teams. They were the only girls' team in the Bournemouth Youth Football League, playing in its third division for under-12s. The players, who train twice a week, have now proved themselves against the other teams.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on why you think some other teams pre-judged the Queens Park Ladies U12s.
- > Have you ever experienced a time when someone has made an assumption about you that has been wrong or unfair?

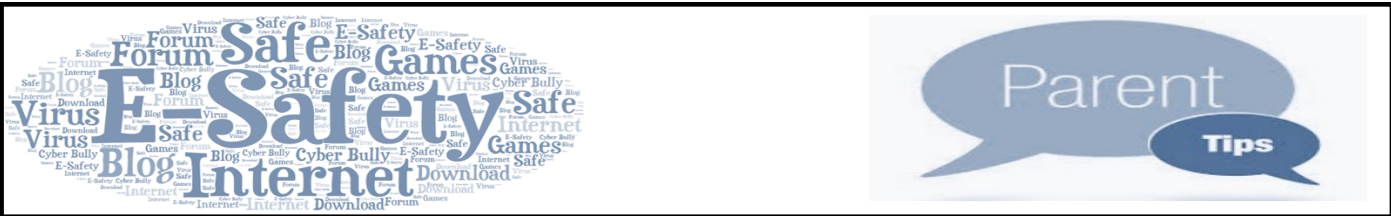
Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES

99% of 8-17s had regular access to the internet

65% of 13-17s prefer short videos to films and TV

34% experienced harassment or bullying online

11-18s felt more confident communicating online (71%) than in person (53%)

87% of 8-17s felt pressure to be popular on social media



POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Platform	Under-12s	Over-12s
YouTube	89%	88%
WhatsApp	37%	82%
TikTok	35%	78%
Snapchat	27%	73%
Instagram	22%	69%

ONLINE GAMING

68% of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?

74% played with someone they know

32% played with strangers

PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...

- 77% seeing age-inappropriate content
- 70% being harassed or bullied
- 68% seeing pro-self-harm content
- 62% having their data gathered by companies
- 59% being influenced by extreme views
- 55% having their reputation damaged
- 51% being pressured to spend money

ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

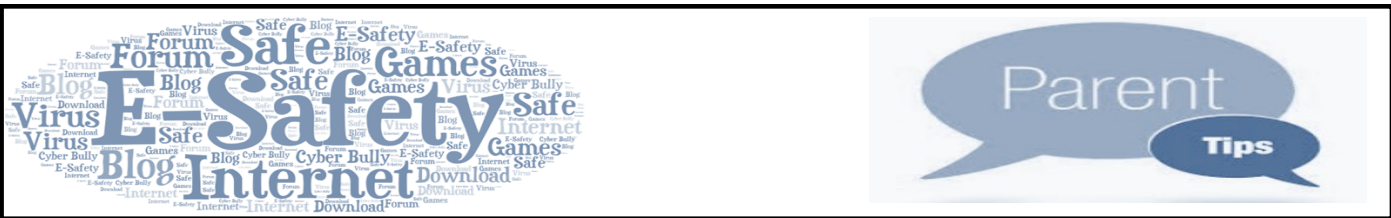
- 93% 8-17s had at least one lesson about online safety
- 93% of children are aware of at least one thing they can do to stay safe online
- 91% children found these lessons useful
- 78% of 8-17s were aware of age restrictions for apps
- 40% admitted to faking their age to bypass these limits

DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE

Age Group	Percentage	Device
3-4s	67%	use tablets
5-7s	77%	use tablets
8-10s	73%	use tablets
11-15s	95%	use phones
15-17s	97%	use phones



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, *Helldivers 2* had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

PEGI 18 RATING



Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, *Helldivers 2* carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to *Helldivers 2*'s appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In *Helldivers 2*, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

LACK OF ACCESS

The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as *Helldivers 2*.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST

Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS

At the time of writing, *Helldivers 2* costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether *Helldivers 2* is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

If playing on Xbox – where *Helldivers 2* isn't available – consider something like *Halo: The Master Chief Collection* as an alternative. One of its game modes – *Firefight* – replicates *Helldivers*' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted *Deep Rock Galactic*, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS

Many titles offer in-game purchases, but *Helldivers 2*'s are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS

Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to *Helldivers 2* as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

Meet Our Expert

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Heaton Mersey,
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Ages 5-11

Tuesdays
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Stockport
Sports Village,
Lambeth Grove,
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