

# Moorfield News

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Class of the Week: 3B

Pupil of the Week : Sebastian 3B



## TRACKIT LIGHTS

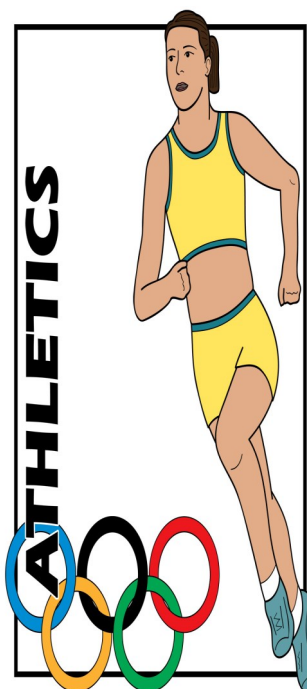
## Moorfield Houses

The Primary Leadership Team (School Council) have been discussing the introduction of houses at Moorfield. Houses are like teams and are used often for intra school competition but can also help support transition, a sense of belonging, friendship and collaboration.

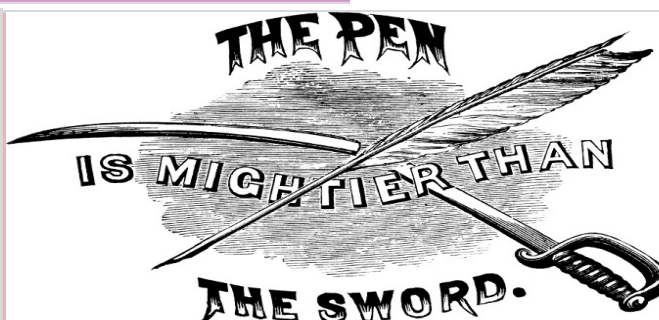
The school councillors will be discussing house names with their own classes and you are welcome to get involved. Please have a chat with your child and provide some ideas of names which your child can pass onto their class representative. There is a list below of possible themes but you may have ideas and thoughts of your own:

- Key historical figures
- Key inspirational figures from different walks of life
- Key people representing subjects, spanning a range of areas
- Saints or other religious figures
- Cities and streets, ancient and modern, local and national
- Names of ships, aircrafts, trains
- Prominent local people past or present
- Rivers, forests, mountains and other geographical features
- Birds and other animals – real and mythical
- Flowers and trees
- Royal households
- Objects in space
- School/British values

Our athletics team took part in an indoor athletics competition at Aquinas College last week and we were pleased to hear they had qualified for the Stockport wide finals in 2022. Well done to all the boys and girls who took part and good luck in the finals.



This week has been anti-bullying week with the focus on 'One Kind Word'. The children have engaged in a number of activities this week, many provided by the Anti-bullying Alliance. We hope we can share many a kind word with one another not only this week but every week of the year.



We have had handwriting expert Martin Harvey in school this week and he has spent time with the children and the staff showing us the correct way to sit and hold a pencil to support good presentation and handwriting. The intention is to ensure we have a consistent handwriting style that can develop across the school and for the children to think consciously about how they form and join their letters, as well as writing for purpose and enjoying and being proud of what they write. Ask your child if they can remember what BBC and TNT stand for!



After sharing information previously about the Netflix series 'Squid Game', we thought it was worth sharing this information sheet about Netflix in general. We hope this will support you in ensuring the content of what your child is watching is age appropriate. We hope you find it useful.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Netflix is a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and movies on any internet-enabled device that supports the software, such as smart TVs, phones and tablets. The pandemic saw a surge in children consuming on-demand content as many families relaxed their screen-time rules. Netflix's diverse range of programming caters for all age groups – so it's important for parents to recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures to help their child enjoy a safe streaming experience.

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**

Netflix produces and curates an extensive catalogue of content that can provide hours of entertainment. If they share the same user account as an adult, this can potentially lead to children accidentally viewing all manner of inappropriate content, including nudity, profanity and extreme violence. This can happen easily on shared accounts, as Netflix cannot establish who's watching.

## BINGE-WATCHING

Netflix allows users to view shows and movies quickly and easily without adverts or interruptions, making excessive screen time a concern. Binge-watching has become more common during the pandemic, due to Netflix's regularly updated content and algorithms which recommend content very similar to what's previously been enjoyed. Marathon viewing sessions can lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the next day.

## SCREEN ADDICTION

From TVs and phones to consoles and tablets, Netflix is available on almost any device with an internet connection – making it extremely difficult to manage children's screen time. The service is now adding games to its mobile app, tempting users to spend even more time on the platform. Screen addiction can distract children from important activities like schoolwork and socialising, and can impact their health by reducing their exercise and sleep.

## KEEP ACCOUNTS SECURE

**Netflix doesn't use two-factor authentication, so a strong password is vital. Your child's Netflix password should be unique (not one they've used elsewhere) and contain a minimum of eight characters with a mix of letters, numbers and symbols. Emphasise not to share their login details with anyone and remind them to always log out after using the app – so their account remains inaccessible, even if their device is lost or stolen.**

## SET UP PROFILE PINS

Netflix account holders can lock profiles using a four-digit PIN. Doing this can prevent your child from accessing the wrong account and viewing content that isn't appropriate for their age. Try setting a PIN for each account on your Netflix app – ideally avoiding numbers that would be easily guessed, such as dates of birth. Remember not to share these PINs with anyone, including family.

### CHECK MATURITY RATING

Netflix warns about content that includes violence, sex, profanity and nudity. These warnings form part of the show or movie's 'maturity rating'. Users can restrict age ratings to avoid children viewing age-inappropriate content. On their profile, open the Profile and Parental Control settings and choose the maturity level for the shows and movies you want to allow.

### SWITCH OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a show or movie concludes, Netflix's algorithms select content with similar themes that it thinks your child will enjoy next. This new content starts automatically after a 10-second countdown. Disabling this auto-play feature reduces the possibility of your child being shown something inappropriate and provides a natural break to help prevent them becoming too immersed in Netflix.

## CREATE A KIDS' PROFILE

Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means your child can only access content which is suitable for children aged up to 12 years. All other content is automatically blocked. This rating can be further restricted via the child's profile settings. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile will help to prevent your child from viewing age-inappropriate content.

## CHECK VIEWING HABITS

Netflix has tools which enable parents and carers to monitor what their child has been watching. Selecting 'Viewing Activity' in each profile's account settings displays a list of what content has been viewed (and when). This can reassure parents that their child is watching age-appropriate content and can open avenues for discussing your child's favourite shows and movies, and why they like them.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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# Picture News

*at Home*



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What's going on this week?



Travel company, Expedia, has banned the sale of holidays involving dolphins and whales. The decision follows calls led by public figures such as Joanna Lumley and the Prime Minister's wife, Carrie Johnson, for an end to holidaymakers swimming with captive creatures or watching them perform tricks.

*Things to talk about at home...*

-  Share what you know about dolphins. Have you ever seen a dolphin? This could be either on television or in real life.
-  Talk about the recent decision to ban holidays where dolphins and whales are involved in shows or for holiday makers to swim with. Why do you think they made this decision?