

# Moorfield News

Responsibility Perseverance Compassion Thankfulness

## 28th - 31st October

Classes of the Week: R/KS1: 1H KS2: 6H

House of the Week: Dolphin

Pupils of the Week: R/KS1: Ava C KS2: Amelie H



TRACKIT LIGHTS

## 28th - 1st November

KP Thomas B	REC Sienna W / Harry T		
1H Ava C	1E Harry A	2C Evie C	2GS Millie A
3J Noah A	3H Georgia H	4G Dexter B	4C Emelia S
5M Isabella O'S	5SH Amelie H	6R Andrew Mc	6H Jules C



### Pen License

Nieve L



### Star Bonds

2GS - Molly K, Sierra B, Ryan S, Lucy H

Moorfield Tables



## 28th - 1st November

Rec 98%, Year 1 95%, Year 2 97%, Year 3 96%,  
Year 4 95%, Year 5 95%, Year 6 98%

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts...



### Headteacher Award

R/KS1 -Daisy Mae H - Compassion

KS2 - Jonah J - Responsibility



## AUTUMN 2

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you all had a wonderful time and enjoyed the Halloween fun on Thursday if you took part in it.

We move into the second half of the autumn term and look forward to, what I'm sure will be, an amazing half term. The Year 6 children are off on their PGL residential, we have Anti-Bullying Week, Curriculum showcase, Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day as well as Nativities, Christmas carols and Christmas parties. I can't believe we are talking about Christmas already but you know December will be with us in only a few weeks.

On the next page is the timetable for our showcases, Christmas performances and Christmas parties.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day will be on Friday 13th December. Please make a note of these key dates for your diaries.

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
<b>Curriculum Showcase</b> (3:00pm)	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>Christmas Performances - Reception Christmas Songs</b> KS1 Nativity, KS2 Christmas Carols	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec (am only) 9:15am	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec Y1 parents 9:15am	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec Y2 parents 2:00pm	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec Y3 parents 2:45pm	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec Y4 parents 9:15am	Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec Y5 parents 2:45pm	Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec Y6 parents 9:15am
<b>Christmas Parties</b> No food required	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec pm	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec pm	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec pm	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec pm	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec pm	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec pm	Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec pm

Reception will perform their Christmas songs with a link to the Christmas story. Our Year 1 and 2 pupils will perform a traditional Nativity and our Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols will take place indoors, as of last year but with a slight change. Year 3 are pairing up with Year 4 and Year 5 are pairing up with Year 6. You will see above there are different time slots organised for parents of children in different year groups.

**ONLINE SAFETY - Date for your diary confirmed**  
**Parents/ Carers Awareness session online - 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2024 - 6.30 -7.30pm**

Stockport LA are totally committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of their students. As part of this, the LA are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents and carers understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents and carers can do to help. Please join for this hour-long workshop in which Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at Smoothwall will provide you with lots of valuable insights and tools. Including:

- Information on the latest themes and trends your children may be accessing
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## **FAMILY HELP CO-ORDINATOR**

Our Family Help Co-Ordinator , James Butterworth, will be holding a drop in session on Thursday 21st November from 9am-12pm. James can provide support and guidance as well as signposting to agencies who can offer family support. If you would like to make a 15 minute appointment please contact the school office.

## **AND FINALLY... PARENT CONSULTATION**

A reminder that it is parent consultation evening on Monday and Wednesday next week in the KS1 and KS2 Hall. Reception and KS1 will enter by the hall doors off the KS1 playground and KS2 will enter by the main entrance.

For those parents of children with SEND, you will receive a 30 minute appointment at a time in the next two weeks to review your child's current plan. If you've booked an appointment through School Cloud please cancel it.

For those with children in Kaleidoscope, Resource Base teachers will be in touch with meetings planned later in the month.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson  
Headteacher

## Be Bright, Be Seen

As daylight hours get shorter it's ever more important to take care when out and about crossing roads. To help drivers see you, think about wearing something bright or having a bright tag on your school bag. If cycling, check your lights are working and use them.

Look for safer places to cross roads such as puffin or zebra crossings. Try and cross where there is plenty of street lighting. That will help you to see and be seen by drivers.





# Picture News

## TAKEHOME

4th - 10th November



### How can our hopes and dreams help us to succeed?



## In the news this week

A 23-year-old British climber has become the youngest woman to summit the world's fourteen highest mountains. Adriana Brownlee reached the 8,027m peak of Shishapangma in Tibet, at around 8am on 9<sup>th</sup> October. She is only the second Briton to complete the feat, after quitting university to begin a career in mountaineering.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to Adriana Brownlee's achievement. Talk about some of the challenges she will have faced and sacrifices she will have made to reach her goal.
- > What goals and aspirations do you have for the future? Ask someone older at home about theirs. Have their dreams changed over time? Have they fulfilled any of them?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# FORTNITE



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That’s partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as ‘chapters’ – and within these sit shorter ‘seasons’.

### ALWAYS ONLINE

There’s no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you’re out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

### IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic ‘skins’, music tracks and LEGO items – which don’t really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game’s store for real money.

### POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite’s appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

### CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

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Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. ‘Crossplay’ lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they’re on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the ‘party chat’ feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there’s no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there’s no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

### FREQUENT UPDATES

The game’s developers release content in ‘seasons’ that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment’s map and a different over-arching theme (such as ‘medieval’, ‘pirates’ or ‘party’). These regular renewals help to hold players’ interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child’s social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they’re getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

### SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite’s rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

### USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite’s seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a ‘battle pass’, unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

### BE WARY OF SCAMS

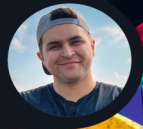
The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there’s no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite’s loading screens, they never ask for a player’s account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child’s friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they’re playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRacon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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