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House of the Week: Buffalo

Pupil of the Week: Poppy B 3B



TRACKIT LIGHTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

With one week left of the half term we are looking forward to our Jubilee week next week. Please remember Friday is a non-uniform day and we are asking that your child comes to school wearing the colours red, white and blue and you donate £1 which will go to the MHSA.

The deadline has now passed for the consultation on the slight amendment to the start and end of the school day. Thank you for those who shared their thoughts. This will now be discussed further with governors.

Our young singers are taking part in Young Voices at the Manchester Arena next Thursday. I hope they all have a great time and a big thank you in advance to the staff who are attending.

And finally.... It is class photograph day on Tuesday next week so please ensure your child is full school uniform on this day.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson
Headteacher

It has been a great few days for our sports teams. The boys and girls football teams played this week with the boys beating Vernon and the girls beating Disley and St Peter's. The Year 5 boys team played last Friday at MCFC and the Year 6 boys played this Friday and got to the final! The rounders team are through to the Stockport finals having beaten Alexandra Park, Queensgate and Pownall Green. They play the final next Wednesday at Bramhall High School. We look forward to more competition in the coming weeks.





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TAKE HOME



In the news this week

Buckingham Palace has unveiled the full line-up of celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. Street parties, a concert with some of the world's biggest entertainment stars, a chance to see the Queen's homes and a street parade are just some of the formal plans. Many will take place during the upcoming special four-day Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. 2022 marks 70 years of the Queen's service – the first British monarch ever to reach the milestone.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Is your community or school doing anything to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee? Are there any events or activities that you are looking forward to?
- The Queen has held her role for 70 years! Do we think this is a long time? Talk about any roles and responsibilities you all have in your household, e.g., feeding pets, preparing meals, tidying rooms etc.

How important is it for us to have a sense of duty?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RATING

13+

Servers and channels marked as 'NSFW' require users to be 18 or older to join.

Discord is a free app which allows users to communicate in real time via text, video or voice chat. Available on desktop and mobile devices, it was originally designed to help gamers cooperate – but has evolved into a more general networking platform for a range of online communities, discussing topics like TV series, music, Web3 and more. Discord is organised around closed groups, referred to as 'servers'. To join a server, users must be invited or provided with a unique link. It's a space for users to interact with friends, meet others with shared interests and collaborate privately online – but it's also a place where young people can be exposed to risks if the right precautions aren't taken.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CYBERBULLYING

Discord's easy accessibility and connectivity, unfortunately, makes it an ideal place for cyberbullying to occur – especially as audio and video streams disappear once they've ended, meaning that bullying could take place without leaving any evidence. Closed groups can also be created, giving young people the opportunity to exclude their peers or send cruel messages without adult oversight.

DIFFICULT TO MODERATE

Like many private communication apps, Discord's real-time messaging can be difficult to control. The system enables content moderation through each individual server – so different groups can set their own rules for what's acceptable, and some groups may not monitor for unsuitable content. Anything that happens in an audio or video stream is also virtually untraceable once the stream has concluded.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Discord mainly hosts private groups, making it easier for unsuitable or explicit content to be shared on channels. Pornography, racism and inappropriate language can be found in some groups. Server owners are required to add an age-restriction gate to channels where 18+ content is being shared – but this solution isn't foolproof, as the platform doesn't always verify users' ages when they sign up.

ACCESSIBLE TO PREDATORS

On many chat platforms, users can lie about their age or true identity – and Discord is no exception. Predators have attempted to abuse the platform by using it to contact and communicate with underage users – by initially chatting with a child on an age-appropriate channel, for example. While Discord has improved its safety settings, some users will still try to bypass them for malicious reasons.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Discord does have strict Terms of Service and Community Guidelines to protect its users – but, sadly, not everyone adheres to them. Criminal activity including grooming, hate speech, harassment, exploitative content, doxing and extremist or violent material have all been found on Discord servers over the last two years. In 2020, Discord received almost 27,000 reports of illegal activity on the platform.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SAFETY SETTINGS

Discord has a series of safety settings, enabling users to choose who can direct message them or send them friend requests. Your child's experience on Discord will be much safer if the app's privacy and safety settings are configured to only allow messages or friend requests from server members. This will minimise the chances of potential predators from outside the group contacting them.

EXPLAIN AGE FILTERING

While Discord requires users to be at least 13 to sign up, many servers geared towards older users are flagged as NSFW (not safe for work), which indicates they probably contain material that's inappropriate for children. It can be easy to click through settings without properly reviewing them, so ensure your child understands why age filtering is important and that it's there to protect them.

SCREEN OUT EXPLICIT CONTENT

In the privacy and safety settings, Discord users are offered the ability to filter direct messages for inappropriate content: a setting that should be enabled if your child uses the platform. Discord automatically tries to flag images that are explicit, but the setting must be manually enabled for text. If a young user is sent explicit content in a direct message, Discord will scan and (if necessary) delete it.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's wise to regularly review your child's activity on Discord. This can include checking their safety settings to ensure they're correctly enabled, talking about which servers they've joined and reviewing some of their friends and direct messages. Ask if anything has made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Things can change quickly online, so plan routine check-ins and follow up frequently.

DISCUSS GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

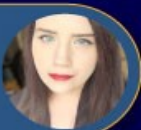
The anonymity offered by the internet often leads people to communicate more openly online and behave differently than they would at school or home. It's crucial to bear in mind, though, that every internet user is still a real person. Talk to your child about the severe and lasting consequences that cyberbullying or exchanging inappropriate material online can have in the real world.

HAVE CANDID CONVERSATIONS

It can sometimes be awkward to discuss topics like grooming, pornography, racism or explicit content with your child – but it's important to ensure they're aware of the harms these things can pose. Talking openly about these subjects is a great way to help your child feel more comfortable about coming to you if they experience an unwanted encounter on Discord (or anywhere else online).

Meet Our Expert

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MAY DAYZ

Practically Family's May Dayz Holiday Club is jolly well nearly here and it promises to be totally Ah-MAY-zing!

With fun-filled royal activities thanks to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, old school garden games to soak up the warmer weather and of course our fantastic forest adventures, we're ready and raring to go, with lashings of strawberries and an extra dollop of cream on top!

- ★ Flexible – book short days, full days or the whole week!
- ★ Funded places with Childcare Vouchers | Tax Free childcare

Everyone's in for a royally good time! Book now to secure your place:

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Venue: Moss Hey Primary School
Dates: Monday 30th May - Friday 10th June (excluding bank holidays)
Times: 8am-6pm = £30, 9am-3pm = £18, 9am-1pm = £12

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If you're looking for local childcare this May Half Term, then Practically Family will be back with MAY DAYZ, their popular Holiday Club at Moss Hey Primary School between 30th May and 10th June (excluding bank holidays).

Think village fete meets Jubilee Party awash with a mud kitchen afternoon tea, Secret Seven style forest adventures and even a May pole! Perfect for children aged 3 to 11 years old, with flexible sessions to choose from:

Morning Sessions - 9am-1pm

Short Days - 9am-3pm

Full Days - 8am-6pm

Payment is also accepted via Childcare Choices, Tax Credits and Childcare Vouchers.

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