

Moorfield News

Responsibility Perseverance Compassion Thankfulness

15th - 21st September

Classes of the Week: R/KS1: 2J KS2: 3B

House of the Week: WOLF

Pupils of the Week: R/KS1: Felicity H 2J KS2: Harriet D 5SR



TRACKIT LIGHTS

15th - 21st September

KT -	KM -	KP Bethany C	RS Harper L/Leo M
1C Florence B	1H Corey C	2J Cooper H	2CS Sam F
3B Ciara H	3H Freddie F	4C Cerys H	4MC Liam O'D
5C Luke F	5SR Matthew F	6G Joshua O'D	6M Owen S



Pen License



Star Bonds

Moorfield Tables



Monday 18th - Friday 22nd September

Rec 98%, Year 1 93%, Year 2 97%, Year 3 95%,
Year 4 98%, Year 5 93%, Year 6 95%

Attendance Matters



Headteacher Award

R/KS1 Camilia G 1C Thankfulness
KS2 Yahya U 4MC Thankfulness



Dear Parents and Carers,

PARENT DROP-IN

It was great to see so many of you attend the drop-in on Thursday. I hope you found it useful to see the classroom and to have a chat with the teacher? Apologies to those drop-ins we have moved to next week due to unforeseen circumstances.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

As per the yearly calendar last week, we will be holding our autumn parent consultation meetings on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th October. The 'live' booking process will be available from next Monday.

However, if your child is on an SEND support plan or has an EHCP, these meetings/reviews will instead take place in the first couple of weeks after the half term break. This will allow both the class teacher and the Inclusion Lead, Mr Swire to meet with you to discuss your child's plan and targets moving forward. Mr Swire will be communicating with you early next week with more information.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a tea and coffee morning on Friday in the KS2 hall from 9.00am, with all proceeds going to MacMillan Cancer Support. If you can attend please enter the school via the main school entrance between 9am and 10am where tea, coffee, and biscuits will be on sale.

More news on the next page

MOORFIELD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (MHSA)

On the next three pages of this newsletter, our newly elected MHSA are introducing themselves and some of the events for the school year. They would welcome any help or ideas so please feel free to contact them on the email address provided. Please be mindful that some of these dates and events may be subject to change.

AND FINALLY...

We need LEGO!!! If you have any Lego at home that is gathering dust in a cupboard and you would be happy to donate it to school, please bring it to the school office. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson
Headteacher

Moorfield Home & School Association



Hi everyone,

We hope your little ones are all settling into the new school year well and you're back into the full swing of parent routine again. With that we wanted to reach out, as the new members of our Parent Teacher Association.

Firstly, we'd like to say a huge thank you to our previous team, who I'm sure you'd all agree have done a fantastic job of managing the committee over the past 13 years - none of the events within that time would have been possible without their hard work and commitment. They've certainly left us with some big shoes to fill but we're excited to continue and build on the great events they've established.

WHAT IS THE MHSA?

We are the Parent Teacher Association at Moorfield. Our purpose is to raise extra funding for the school to benefit all our children. The funds we raise are used to buy textbooks, subsidise school trips, fund school repairs and much more. It is run entirely by volunteers and any parent, carer or relative of a child attending the school can join.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED!

The money raised by the PTA is an important source of income for the school and volunteers only need to donate a few hours of their time a year. The PTA is rewarding, a great way to meet other parents and, above all, fun (most of the time!). Volunteers are under no commitment whatsoever and we would encourage anyone who is interested to get in touch.

If you're able to help, please email us at PTA@moorfield.stockport.sch.uk – we are always short of volunteers!

MEET THE TEAM

Now that responsibilities of each role have been fully handed over, we thought it would be a great time to introduce ourselves and share a little bit about what we are most looking forward to.

Paul Attenborough – Chair

Hello! My name is Paul and I took over as Chair of the PTA at the end of last term. I currently have two kids and my eldest child is now in year 1. After seeing how hard the staff work (often in their own time) I decided that I had to do my bit and give something back to the school. In response to feedback from the recent parent and carer survey we are looking to make a few changes this year so stay tuned! If anyone – parent or teacher – has any feedback or fundraising suggestions please let me know.



Leah Power – Vice Chair

Hi everyone, I'm Leah – it's nice to meet you! I have one child, Arthur, who's just started year 3 (eek!) My Mum chaired the PTA when I was at Moorfield and I have so many fond memories of the school events, so I'm excited to create some amazing experiences for your children, which will hopefully form part of their school memories. I'm also looking forward to getting to know all the other Moorfield parents so if you see me about, please do say hi!



Hayley Crouch – Treasurer

Hello! I'm Hayley,

With having my two boys in Moorfield currently and being a former pupil myself, I wanted to join the PTA to give back to the school. I have such fond memories of the different events that were held and I attended. I wanted to be on the team that creates those memories for my children and for yours. I am really looking forward to being involved, working alongside the school and newly appointed members of MHSA to bring some fantastic fundraising occasions



Lauren Bielby – Secretary

Hi, I'm Lauren, I currently have 2 children in Moorfield and 1 still to come. As a mother of 3, I understand the importance of our involvement in our children's school, and I know my children love the extra activities and events at school and I cannot wait to be a part of organising and being involved in it all along with the other members of the MHSA. This is my first year on the PTA and I am very excited. If you see me around, please say Hi! :) I look forward to meeting you all.



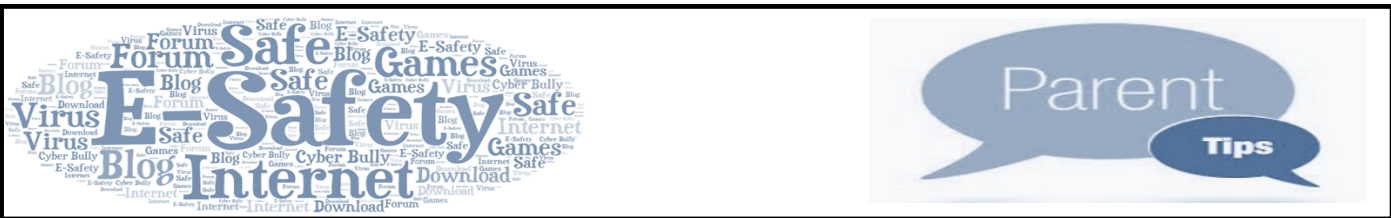
WHAT'S NEXT?

We have lots of exciting events planned for you over the next couple of months, starting with our Halloween costume sale on the 5th October which will be followed by our Halloween disco on the 13th October. We look forward to sharing further dates with you over the coming weeks.

MHSA Event Dates 2023/23



Month	Date	Event	Detail(s)
October	Thu 5 th	Preowned Costume Sale	Sent email to confirm communication in Newsletter
	Fri 13 th	Halloween Disco	Venue: KS1 Hall Timings: 4:45 to 5:45 KS1 / 6:15 to 7:15 KS2
	Fri 20 th	Halloween Non-uniform Day	Dress in black or wear a Halloween accessory Bring bottle for fair
November	Weds 1 st	AGM/Christmas Fair Meeting	Provide parents with hot drinks and pizza
December	Thu 7 th	Preowned Christmas Jumper Sale	
	Fri 15 th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Fair	Bring in cakes (KS1) and chocolate (KS2)
January	Fri 19 th	KS1 Back to school party	Off-site event: Let Loose if available
	Fri 26 th	KS2 Back to school party	Off-site event: Jump Heaven if available
February	9 th to 16 th	Grow £1 (week-long Challenge)	Challenge over half term. Results announced on 23rd Feb
March	Fri 8 th	Family Bingo Night	External venue TBD
	Mon 25 th	Egg Competition	Entries in by this date
	Thu 28 th	Break the Rules Day	Check best day for non-uniform days
April	Weds 17 th	Summer Fair PTA Meeting	Venue TBD
	Fri 19 th	Fund-Raisin	Raisin boxes to be in by 26 th April
May	Fri 17 th	Summer Disco	Times to be agreed based on Halloween disco feedback
	Fri 24 th	Donut Day	Krispy Kreme charity offering
June			
July	Fri 19 th	Summer Fair	
	TBD	Yr6 Leavers Party	
	TBD	Donate old school uniform	



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

...MSG ME...

AGE RESTRICTION
16+
In UK and Europe, rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients - not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS
WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly - whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content - but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location - potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

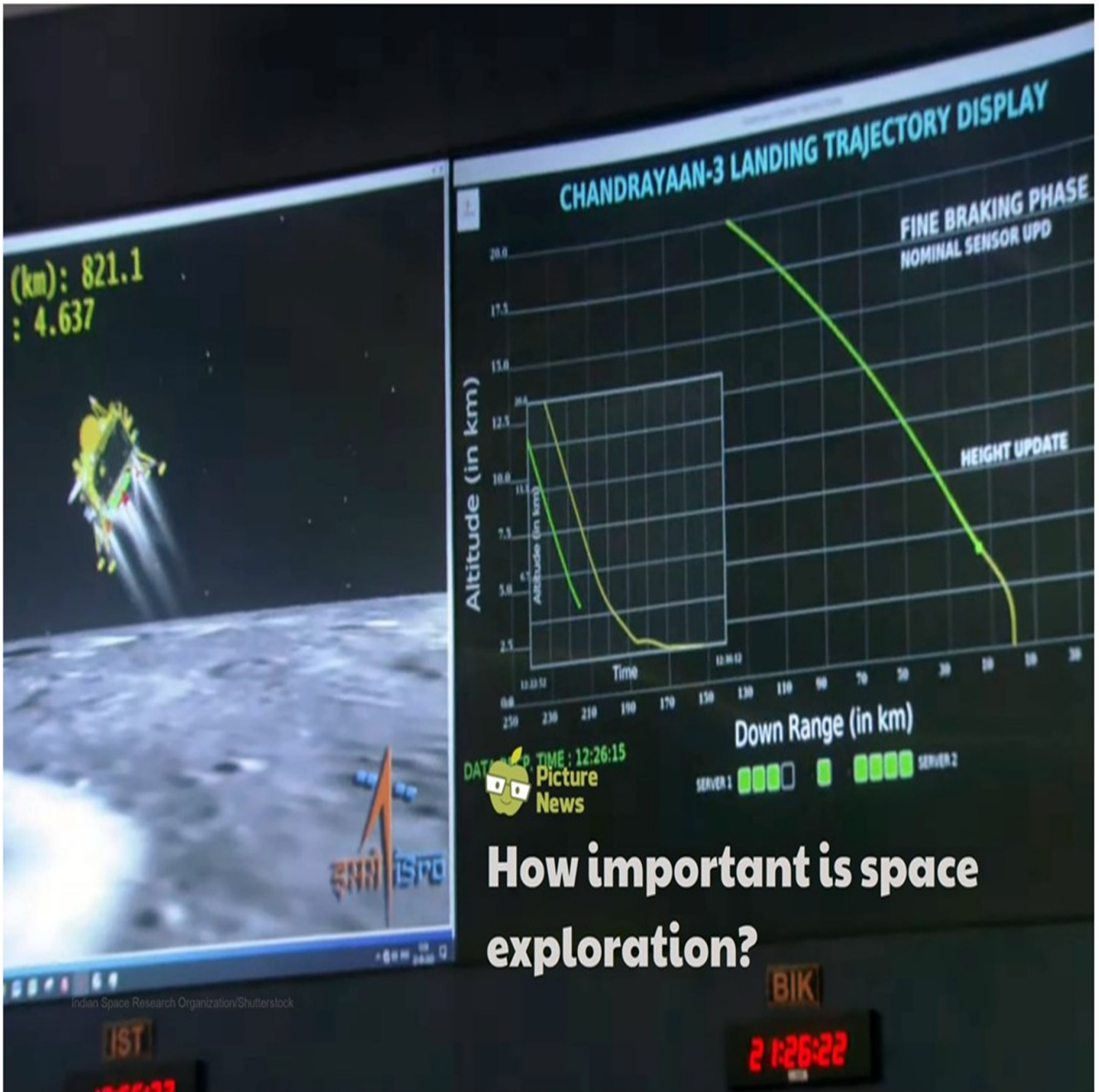
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour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

...HEY OSCAR...

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#WakeUpWednesday



Picture News



How important is space exploration?