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# Moorfield News

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Class of the Week: 3B

House of the Week: Dolphin

Pupil of the Week: Phoebe C



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Sports Week

I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy the glorious weather we have had this week? We couldn't have asked for a better week to participate in National Sports Week. A big thank you to our PE Lead Miss Quinn for organising the week and a thank you to all those who helped set up the games and challenges. Don't forget we have sports day planned for Tuesday 5th July. Let's hope the weather is kind then too!

## School Uniform

If you've not seen the email sent on Thursday yet with regard to the Draft School Uniform Policy, then please try to find the time to have a read. As stated there isn't a great deal of change to the current uniform but the governing body and I felt it was extremely important that we made it clear that our uniform policy moving forward caters for all families and all budgets. Thank you to those who have already shared thought and opinions. We will certainly look to add some of these suggestions to the final policy. If anyone would like to share their thoughts please do so before the end of the consultation period.

## Governor Survey

The governors would like to thank the 200 parents who completed the survey they sent out to you recently. We will discuss this with governors and with staff and inform you at a later date as to our next steps.

And finally.... Hot off the press we have the results of the potato growing competition. The R/KS1 winners were 2Q with an impressive 733g of potatoes. The KS2 winners were 5SR with a weight of 823g. Well done to all the classes and I'm sure it will be chips for the winners!

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson  
Headteacher

Some of our Year 4's took part in a competition at the Manchester City Academy this week. After 2 wins and 1 loss in the group stage they made it to the quarter finals where they unfortunately went out on penalties! They did however, have a great time and scored some wonderful goals in the process.





# Picture News

## TAKEHOME

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### How important are appearances?



## In the news this week

A new study, from the University of Montpellier in France, has found that less attractive species of fish are more likely to be threatened with extinction than their more attractive counterparts as they lack public support. People are more committed to saving more colourful fish such as Nemo (Disney's colourful orange and white striped clownfish), than ensuring the survival of other, duller species. Speaking about the study, senior research scientist, Dr Nicolas Mouquet, said, "We found that less beautiful fishes are those recognised as threatened".

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

- Share your meaning of the word 'beautiful' and ask others at home to share theirs. Are they the same?
- Can you think of times when appearances do matter and times when they don't? E.g., wearing smart clothes for a special event.
- Do you agree with the phrase, 'never judge a book by its cover'?

### Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ESPORTS

British Esports describes 'esports' as "competitive gaming, human-v-human, usually with a spectator element to it". In recent years, the esports industry has grown significantly – and is expected to reach an overall worth of \$1.2 billion, with around 30 million monthly viewers, by the end of 2022. This rapid evolution has presented even more opportunities ... but, of course, opportunities usually come with a risk. Here, we've highlighted some of the potential hazards within the esports arena and suggested ways to help young people stay safe so they can make the most of this exciting space.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions are in-game purchases that unlock new features or give players special abilities, characters or content. These can cost anything from 99p to £99 (and sometimes more!). The topic of microtransactions in gaming is heavily scrutinised – with cosmetics, pay-to-win features and loot boxes all being a source of contention for gamers and governing bodies in recent years.

### MENTAL HEALTH

Studies show that esports competitors face the same level of mental health issues as athletes from traditional sports, along with some specific additional demands. Like mainstream professional sport, esports is an incredibly tough industry – requiring countless hours of practice. Competing at the highest level can lead to pressures such as handling setbacks, stressful situations and facing criticism.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT & BEHAVIOUR

Only 22% of gamers globally are aged between 10 and 20 – meaning the majority are adults, who might not always act or talk in a way that's appropriate for children. Like traditional sport, esports has many athletes and 'personalities' to look up to. However, it's important that your child stays aware of how influenced they are by the people they follow, and whether the athlete is age appropriate.

### TROLLS & TOXICITY

An internet troll is someone who tries to offend people and cause trouble by posting derogatory comments. Toxicity, as in the real world, refers to negative behaviours like harassment, verbal abuse and inappropriate conduct, which all impact on wellbeing. Trolls and toxicity are an issue within esports, perhaps due to its pressurised, extremely competitive and high-stakes nature.

### POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

The revenue in esports is potentially vast. Organisations often look to professionals and content creators to help grow their brand, in exchange for the organisation's backing, a salary, and marketing and sponsorship benefits. However, the industry is still in its infancy – and so is its regulation. In some countries, esports isn't regulated at all, so things can get sticky if players don't know what they're doing or who they're working with.

### PHYSICAL EFFECTS

The common perception of esports involves a sedentary lifestyle, an unhealthy diet and very little physical activity – which has obvious health implications. It's certainly true that players sit at their desk for hours, looking into bright screens and not getting regular exercise. Some professional esports players have nutritionists, personal trainers and dieticians specifically to protect their health.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENCOURAGE BALANCE

Dedicating oneself intensely to any activity – including esports – can be harmful, both mentally and physically. Make sure your child's gaming routine is balanced with exercise, regular breaks, healthy food and plenty of water. If your child spends long hours gaming, using a chair with the proper supports and taking the time to practise good posture will help protect their lower back, neck and wrists.

### UNDERSTAND GAMING

Chat to your child about the games they play; ask to watch or even take part to get an idea of how appropriate they are. This will give you an awareness of the phrases esports players and content creators use, helping you understand young gamers' slang. If you find some of the games unsuitable, talk to your child about why. You can also explore age-specific settings on apps like YouTube and Twitch.

### GET EXPERT HELP

If your child *does* start on the road to becoming a professional, get in touch with an esports-specific agency who are experienced in industry terminology and loopholes. Do due diligence on any team or organisation offering your child a contract: a key point is how long your child would be contracted to them – the esports industry changes quickly, so there might be better and more secure offers out there.

### BLOCK TOXIC USERS

Monitoring in-game chats, or disabling them altogether (either through the console or in the game itself), is a comprehensive way to avoid negative experiences and reduce the risk of toxic messaging. Your child also has options to block messages from particular players and only interact with their friends; this can also help to prevent them from encountering the blocked users in future games.

## Meet Our Expert

Nathan David is an experienced gamer, teacher and athlete. He is Course Leader for the BTEC Esports programme at Salisbury Sixth Form College. Nathan has more than 10 years' experience working in schools and colleges, and holds a Masters degree in Sport Psychology.



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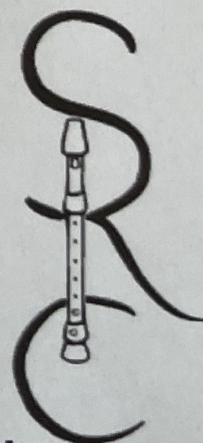
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