

# Moorfield News

Responsibility Perseverance Compassion Thankfulness

2nd-6th October

Classes of the Week: KS1: 2J KS2: 5C  
House of the Week: Wolf  
Pupils of the Week: R/KS1: Grace C KS2: Annie P



2nd-6th October

KP Frankie-Joe F/ Joseph C	RS Frankie R/ Albie F
1C Ella S            1H James C	2J Logan W        2CS Charlie S
3B Oliver F        3H Ollie D	4C Freddie M    4MC Freddie S-L
5C Sumayah G    5SR Tate O'H	6G Miya S        6M Jaziah S-K



Pen License



Star Bonds

Moorfield Tables

Him W



2nd - 6th October

Rec 98%, Year 1 90%, Year 2 96%, Year 3 98%,  
Year 4 94%, Year 5 97%, Year 6 96%



Headteacher Award

KS1 Marlie B - Responsibility  
KS2 Fletcher W - Responsibility



Dear Parents and Carers,

## OFSTED INSPECTION

We won't be able to share the outcome of the inspection for a few more weeks yet. Once we have the official report back we will share it with you and it will be accessible via the Ofsted website. Thank you to the parents and carers who completed the survey and spoke to the inspectors on the playground.

## YEAR 6 PARENTS

Stockport Admissions Team have asked we share this information with you. They are now operating an advice line for parents of current Year 6 pupils applying for secondary school places starting Year 7 in September 2024.

**Is your child due to start Year 7 in September 2024?**

**Are you unsure about the application process?**

The Stockport School Admissions team have an advice line available weekdays from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 10am to 6pm, to help parents & carers with the application.

Some examples of information admissions can help with are:

- Advice on your catchment school
- Allocation of places for Year 7 at Schools in Stockport last year
- Preferences
- Understanding oversubscription criteria
- Supplying evidence for faith schools or highly exceptional reasons
- General support with applying for Year 7

Year 7 application advice line phone number- **0161 521 8871**

Alternatively, please email us any time for advice at [admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk)

**The closing date to submit an application for 'Year 7 in September 2024' is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.**

More news on the next page

## **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT**

Please have a look at the last three pages of the newsletter where you will find support groups/activities available in Stockport if you have any concerns or feel you need support with regard to your child's mental health or well-being. We use Turn the Page Counselling as our child counselling provider and they offer a support service for parents and carers. Stockport also provide online courses which you can access and there is an event next Tuesday for any children 11+ as part of Stockport's Art and Health Week.

## **MOORFIELD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (MHSA)**

Our MHSA have a new website with information of upcoming events. They have also set up a payment scheme for events which you will find on the website. Tickets are currently on sale for the Halloween Disco on Friday 13th October. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/moorfieldprimary/index.cfm>

Both disco's will be held in the KS1 hall and the KS1 playground will be open to allow you to bring the children around to the hall doors.

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Thank you to those who were able to attend the coffee morning last Friday. We raised £50.

## **AND FINALLY...**

Stockport Music Service offer string instrument music lessons in school, if you are interested please see the link below for more details.

<https://www.stockportmusicservice.org.uk/lessons-instrument-hire/lessons-in-school>

Have a lovely weekend, it could be the last of the warm weather for while.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson  
Headteacher



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 games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 80 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as *The Traitors*, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

#### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

#### CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

#### GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.



## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

#### CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

#### DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

#### AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

#### STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

#### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Colomes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site *Gamezeal* and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including *IGN* and *TechRadar*.





# Picture News

## TAKEHOME 9 - 15 October

## In the news this week

October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' - highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities in the UK. Commemorations will feature Black women, who have made outstanding contributions to many areas including music, literature, fashion, sport, business, politics, and health care.

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

- > Share what you already know and understand about Black History Month in the UK.
- > This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters'. What are some of the ways that you think we could do this?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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MHSA PRESENTS...

# HALLOWEEN DISCO

RECEPTION, YR 1 & YR 2 - 4:45 - 5:45PM  
YR 3, YR 4, YR 5 & YR 6 - 6:15 - 7:15PM



## KS1 HALL



DROP OFF AT THE INFANT GATE (KALEIDOSCOPE END)  
COLLECT FROM THE KS1 PLAYGROUND

**WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS  
SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

FRIDAY  
**13TH**  
OCTOBER

TICKETS  
**£3.50**  
INCLUDES DRINK, SWEET  
CONE & FACE PAINT

Tickets available via the MHSA website

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/moorfieldprimary/index.cfm>

PLEASE NOTE: WE ASK THAT ALL RECEPTION PARENTS STAY AND SUPERVISE  
ON THIS OCCASION

\*FANCY DRESS IS OPTIONAL\*



# TURN THE PAGE COUNSELLING



## 'EMPOWERED PARENTS'

**A Support Group for all parents and carers concerned,  
worried or struggling to support their child.**

We know that parents can often feel stressed, alone and like all their efforts aren't quite good enough. As parents and Therapists we believe that meeting other parents with similar worries, and sharing these within a supportive, non-judgmental group could bring some much needed reassurance, off loading and maybe advice or even new tips.

After receiving enquiries from parents and carers wanting to know what could help them to support their children's mental health we have decided to launch 'Empowered Parents' support group.

Parents will be allocated a group that suits theirs and the therapists availability, with a max of 6 parents per group. The groups will run for 1 hour, once a month with a Qualified and experienced Therapist at our Cheadle offices in Stockport.

The best part...the groups are solely run on a DONATION BASIS...so, no pricey therapy fees to pay. Attend a group when you can and feel free to contribute what you can. (That could be from £10, £20. We simply want to involve as many parents as possible).

If your interested and think this could be helpful for you, please get in touch for more details.

Tel: 07746-217-066

Email: [Hello@ttpcounselling.com](mailto>Hello@ttpcounselling.com)

Website: [www.ttpcounselling.com](http://www.ttpcounselling.com)



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



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# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

*EXCITED, NERVOUS, ANXIOUS?  
NOT SURE HOW THEY'RE FEELING?*

EMOTIONAL HEALTH CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE  
TO CHILDREN'S PROSPECTS IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

In Stockport, we believe in supporting children's emotional health development, and that's why we've invested in online courses in understanding your child for parents.

By understanding how your child's brain develops and responds emotionally, you can better support their needs as they navigate the big milestones in school.



- Learn to better read and understand behaviour
- Help them to communicate how they feel
- Gain psychologist-informed ideas to support your child



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AND ENTER THE CODE REDROCK  
FOR FREE ACCESS TO THE ONLINE COURSES



# Youth Arts & Mental Health Showcase



Feel better through creativity!

**#StockportArtsandHealthWeek**



Drop in to find out about creative community groups & support services for young people (11+) in Stockport.

Relaxed and informal, with free creative activities and refreshments.

**16:00-19:00**  
**Tuesday October 10th**



**Arc Centre,  
Hat Works,  
Stockport,  
SK3 0EU.**

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*This is my favourite part of the week!*

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