



“Learning Together”

Respect, Kindness, Tolerance, Responsibility, Co-operation

# Great Moor Junior School Newsletter

22nd March 2024

## Happy Holidays

This is the last newsletter before the Easter holidays. We hope you have a lovely break and the sun shines!



## On Time To School

Thanks to everyone who brings their child into school for 8.45am when school starts. It really is so important that children are here by that time so that they don't miss the start of lessons.

## Stockport's Poetry Festival

### Congratulations Emmy

Emmy Malinson entered Stockport's Poetry Festival with a poem she wrote called Climate Change. She was then picked from 300 entries to be in the final 30 and invited to perform her poem at the festival in front of Stockport's Mayor and special guest Michael Rosen! She was then handpicked personally by Michael Rosen as a top 10 winner! Well done Emmy, she did amazingly well reciting her poem off by heart in front of a large crowd .



## Climate Debate

Bea and Maya from our School Council were invited to Stockport Town Council to take part in a debate on issues related to Climate Action. There were lots of schools from all over Stockport there representing their school councils. The debates were lively and interesting and both girls spoke with passion and confidence about the issues facing our community and the wider world. At the end of the debates the children were asked to vote on the issue they felt was most important. It was great for them to experience how democracy works. Well done Bea and Maya, you were great ambassadors for our school!



## Library Visits

This half term Year 4 visited Great Moor Library. Pupils were able to become members if they weren't already so that they could take books home with them and hopefully start visiting on a regular basis. We were shown around the library and given a talk on the services they offer and all of their books. We had a great time and look forward to going again soon.

## Y4 St Saviours Church Visit

Year 4 had a lovely morning at St Saviour's Church where we worked through different activities to understand the importance of the Easter story for Christians. We learnt about the events that took place on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday over 2000 years ago. Thank you to St. Saviour's for hosting us.



## Coffee Afternoon

We've had another fantastic coffee afternoon today! Thank you to all of you who came to school for a cup of tea and slice of cake. The School Councillors did a brilliant job and enjoyed serving and keeping things in order. Thank you also to everyone who donated cakes so that this afternoon was possible - it is really appreciated.



## Choir at Stockport Town Hall

Our brilliant choir joined local songs to perform at Stockport Music Service's Disney 100 showcase this week. It was an amazing night filled with wonderful performances! Well done everyone!



## Secrets of Success

We work hard in school on our approach to learning, focusing on the Secrets of Success - these are 8 things that will help children become successful learners, successful friends and successful in their adult life:

- Trying New Things
- Working Hard
- Concentrating
- Pushing Themselves
- Imagining
- Improving
- Understanding others
- Not Giving Up



Each half term we choose a different 'secret' to base our weekly award on. This half term it has been 'Understanding Others'



## Red Nose Day

Thanks so much to everyone who sent in donations for Red Nose Day. We raised a fantastic £304.

## Easter Egg Raffle

Our Easter Egg Raffle will now be taking place on the last day of term so there is still time to buy tickets. Thanks to all who have sent eggs in.



# THANK YOU FOR BEING AMAZING

Together we have raised an incredible

## £304.00

for Red Nose Day 2024

Get more posters at [comicroelief.com/downloads](http://comicroelief.com/downloads)

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Red Nose Day is an initiative of Comic Relief, operating on behalf of Charity Projects, registered charity in England & Wales (208695) and Scotland (SC039529) and company limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales (208695).  
Registered address: The White Chapel Building, 10 Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 1RN.  
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COMIC RELIEF  
**RED NOSE DAY**  
 FRIDAY 15 MARCH



## Clubs

This half terms clubs are now on Parentpay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DATES SUMMER 1 2024							
CLUB	YEAR	DAY	April	May	Sessions	Tutor	Room
BASKETBALL	4, 5, 6	Monday	15, 22, 29	13, 20	5	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
ART	5 & 6	Monday	15, 22, 29	13, 20	5	Miss Campbell	50L
DRAMA	ALL	Monday	15, 22, 29	13, 20	5	Mrs Ogden/Miss Morrey	HALL
CRAFT	ALL	Monday	15, 22, 29	13, 20	5	Miss Moston	5M
SINGING	ALL	Tuesday	16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21	6	Miss Doogan	3G
SPANISH	ALL	Tuesday	16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21	6	Laura	4B
CODE	ALL	Tuesday	16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21	6	Mr Breckwoldt	4M
FOOTBALL	5 & 6	Tuesday	16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21	6	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
GARDENING	ALL	Tuesday	16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21	6	Mr Brading	3B
KARATE	ALL	Wednesday	17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22	6	Chantelle Unsworth	HALL
TAG RUGBY	ALL	Wednesday	17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22	6	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
TENNIS	ALL	Thursday	18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	6	Ben Bush	DLTC
KEYBOARD	ALL	Thursday	18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	6	Miss Taylor	SEN room
ART	3 & 4	Thursday	18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	6	Mrs Campbell	5M
ICT & TTRS	ALL	Thursday	18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	6	Mr Gill	ICT Suite
FOOTBALL	3 & 4	Thursday	18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	6	Mr Cannon/Mrs Almond	FIELD
DANCE	ALL	Thursday	18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23	6	Mrs Meecham	HALL

**LSC**

Tuesday 2nd - Friday 12th April  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm or 8 am - 6 pm

Reception to Year 6

Childcare vouchers & tax-free childcare schemes accepted

Every Wednesday!

**EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMPS**

**Marple Hall High School**  
Hilltop Drive, Marple SK6 6LB

From **£22.50**  
A Day

Scan to book

[www.wearelsc.co.uk/Easter](http://www.wearelsc.co.uk/Easter)  
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info@wearelsc.co.uk  
@WeAreLSC

## Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies are now available to purchase online through the following link:

<https://www.pfpshop.co.uk/shop/>

Cost of the hoodies are £21.00 and available in blue, green and black.

Hoodies will be delivered to school during the last term and children will be able to wear them during the last week of school.



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

### SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

### NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert: potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, make them reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

### GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

### AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

### 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.



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