



Newsletter Week 35

Summer 2018

There has been news coverage this week of the role of YouTube stars promoting websites which encourage young people to pay for their essays to be written. It raises some interesting questions around the normalisation of cheating and the view that just because you can doesn't always mean you should. With many of our own children at Morley electing to watch YouTube over TV it's worth us all considering how we can handle some of the messages they are being exposed to.

Speaking of exposure I have spoken with parents on 3 occasions this week where we have been made aware of children from both KS1 and KS2 having potentially accessed inappropriate material. Thank you to those parents who came to speak to me but I worry that it is a much wider issue. Even with filters in place some children appear to be using devices to access horror film clips such as Child's Play which containing disturbing scenes of violence and murder or finding inappropriate material sometimes inadvertently through scrolling through YouTube or explicitly searching terms in Google. They are then coming into school and sharing these experiences with their friends. If you are worried about what your child is viewing talk to them and perhaps take a look at the browser history -especially with our youngest children who may not even understand what they have come across.

The internet has so many benefits but also the potential to be harmful and damaging. We will be covering this issue again as part of our regular E-safety but perhaps this weekend set aside 10 minutes to check the devices your children are using and turn on parental restrictions. It's simple and straightforward and takes minutes. Here are the instructions for [i-pad!](#)

Nikki Brown

Year 2 had a lucky break in the weather on Tuesday when children went to Coleridge for the bi-annual Multi-skills Sports Festival. Children joined other local schools in a rotation of skills based games and activities designed by the students on the Young Leaders programme – including some Morley Alumni! The sessions all focussed on the ABC of sport – Agility, Balance and Co-ordination. As always – thank you very much to the parents who walked with us and who stayed to enjoy the morning in the sun, encouraging and supporting our active Year 2s.

Year 5 had a visit from Harry Gray, a local sculptor, this week. On our walk, we had admired the stone lions that guard the Fitz, so with Harry, we had an opportunity to carve the mane of our own stone lion, and to work with wax.



Year 5 had a VERY soggy Victorian history walk last Friday. We followed a trail that had been thought out in partnership with the team at Historyworks. We learnt about 9 spots in Cambridge that have an important Victorian story behind them.



This class have impressed their teacher this week with their efforts to all come to school everyday, on time. We might not be there yet, but we are getting closer to getting a 100% certificate! They have applied themselves with focus to tricky fraction work in maths as well as tackling some interesting questions about time. They have shown great creativity and team work skills, thinking about how to share ideas and listen to each other in order to create fantastic DT models as well as write, rehearse and perform a fabulous play. It takes a lot of courage to perform your own script in front of all of Key Stage 2 and you did it brilliantly.

Well done Turquoise Class!

Well done to the following children who have impressed their teachers this week:

Crimson: Lolly Aariz

Lilac: Molly

Topaz: Marlow Aillie

Turquoise: Emme Vikram

Jade: Tayiba

Sapphire: Hailey

Scarlet: Faith Fenn

Burgundy: Robyn Luka

Ruby: Bethan

Amethyst: Louisa

Indigo: Joshua K Bella Muhsin

Violet: Sara

Dates for
the Diary:

14th May Y6 SAT's Week
18th-21st May Y6 Residential trip
28th May-1st June Half Term
9th June FOM Family Fun Run
15th June Bags to School
18th June Inset Day
27th June Early Years open evening for children starting school in September
5th July Key stage 1 sports day TBC
10th July Key stage 2 sports day at Coleridge 9am-12pm
14th July FOM Summer Fete
20th July last day of school for children