

# Moulton Primary School Newsletter

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## The Classroom News

### Year 6

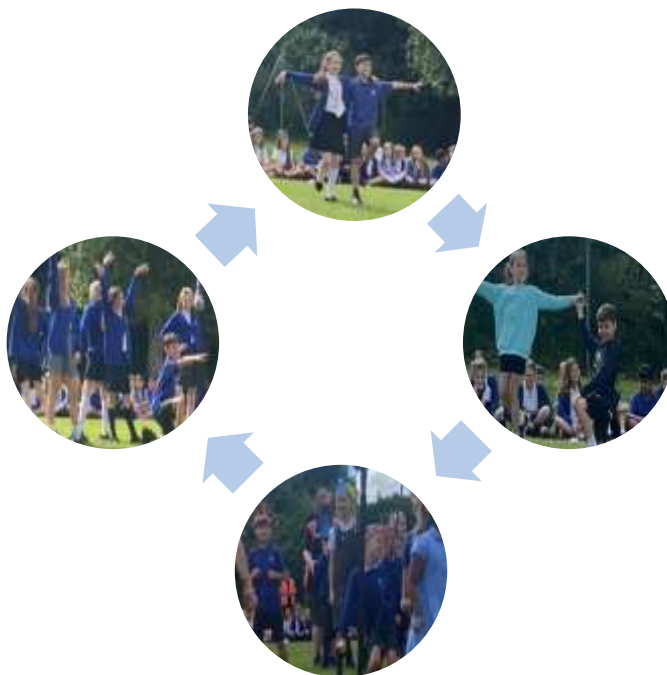
Year 6 have very excitedly been preparing for their production of Mary Poppins this week, which has culminated in two wonderful dress rehearsals performed in front of the rest of the school. Feedback from the younger years has been fantastic and all the adults watching have been incredibly proud of Year 6's performance skills and singing talents. They cannot wait to share their production with everyone at home!



### Summer Spectacular Success!

Thank you for all of your amazing support with this week's Summer Spectacular Concert. It was wonderful to bring the whole school together for an end of year performance. With over 500 children performing we were very proud of what they achieved. It was full of singing, dancing and absolute energy! We were showcased with such talent from Moulton Primary School children. Our sign language performance of True Colours was superb too and was a great way to finish off such a great event! For many children in our school this was the first time they have performed to an audience and they did very well considering we had over 1000 parents on site to watch them. A huge thank you to Eamon for supporting us with such a fantastic sound equipment for the event. Well done to everyone and I can't wait to plan next year's event.

Miss Ludlow



## Online Safety

This week's online safety tips are around the platform YouTube, one of the most popular websites accessed globally. Being the number one platform for viewing live content, parents/carers and children must be aware of how to access this platform safely.

YouTube is a video sharing platform where you can watch, create and view videos. Although it is different to other platforms in terms of being able to send private messages, you can still communicate with others via comment sections of content shared. To create an account on YouTube, you need to be **aged 13+**. However, you don't need an account to watch videos on the platform, meaning that anyone can access this live/created content.

Please see the end of our newsletter for a safety poster for parents/carers that provides both some information about YouTube and lots of key tips to help keep children safe on the platform.

For more information or guidance/safety tips about YouTube, please visit the links below:

Internet Matters (YouTube: Tips and tricks to keep your children entertained and safe) - <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/youtube-tips-and-tricks-to-keep-your-children-entertained-and-safe/>

NSPCC (Six features to help keep your child safe on YouTube) - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/how-to-keep-your-child-safe-on-youtube/>

As always, if you have any questions or worries regarding YouTube or online safety, please speak to your class teacher.

Thank you,

Mr McAvoy 😊

## Dates in the Diary

DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	TIME
16th July	EYFS	The Wedding	Normal School Hours
16th July	Year 6	Leavers Production - Mary Poppins	2pm & 6pm
17th July	Year 6	Leavers Production - Mary Poppins	2pm & 6pm
17th July	Year Reception - Year 5	Summer Fun	End of school - 5pm
18th July	Year 6	Leavers Party	5 - 7pm
19th July	Year 6	Leavers Assembly	2:00 PM
19th July	Whole School	Mufti	

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate content. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

## CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to binge-watching and screen addiction – especially if 'auto-play' is active. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

## RADICALISATION

YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that's getting the most traffic – a lot of which can be quite extreme. This can be fine for harmless topics, but YouTube isn't regulated like television, and that means that conspiracy theories, fake news and hateful ideologies can occasionally surface to warp impressionable minds all too easily. Remember – the more they watch, the more they'll be recommended.

## CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as message other users directly. Connecting with strangers online can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and – in the worst cases – online predators. If a child is creating content themselves, this can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

## TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may cause physical or emotional harm. Children who watch or copy them. The painful 'salt and ice challenge' – where people use these two ingredients to burn their skin – is just one of many examples.

## SNEAKY SCAMMERS

The comments sections of popular content creators regularly have scammers posing as that influencer, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and often offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users aren't who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

For older children, Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate material (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence, and sexual content) to underage viewers. To prevent children from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that they use to access YouTube. It's worth also turning the auto-play feature off, to prevent YouTube's algorithm automatically recommending something inappropriate.



### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows parents and carers to monitor what their child is watching, uploading, and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches, and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives a parent or carer oversight of how their child uses sites like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.



### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them under 18. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course. You may want to keep an eye on how children interact with this material – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand what they're interested in. Remember that creators often share content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence elsewhere!

