

Moulton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st June 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Thank you to those of you who were able to come along and support our sports day events this week, we look forward to the final one with our EYFS children next week.

To top our sporty week off, we have had our 3 Junior Strictly groups getting in their last rehearsals this week ahead of their Regional Final Competition at The Derngate this weekend. On behalf of the school, I'd like to wish both Year 4 and Year 6 the very best of luck and commend all children involved in their hard work, continued effort and resilience as they have trained this year.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Jones

A huge well done to Grace B, Annie L and Meg B who have been successful in their auditions for pantomimes! Grace will be taking on the role of Tinkerbell and Annie and Meg are looking forward to being part of the performance team at The Deco later this year. We are so proud of you all for this amazing news, well done! We'd also like to congratulate Maile and Lily A for recently starring in Sleeping Beauty over in Kettering! Do let us know if your child has some special news for us

to celebrate 🎉

Sports News

Sports Days

After the awful start to the Summer weather we finally had some delightful sunshine. This week we managed to squeeze in three sports days. This year we included more races to allow the children to participate in a greater range of activities to demonstrate their PE skills.

Year 5 and 6 kicked things off with their competitive sports day on Monday afternoon. They did not disappoint. The children showed off their fantastic athletic skills across the track and field events. It was a tight affair with the lead changing hands between Spencer and Tull all afternoon. It all went down to the final Tug of War pull, but it was Crick that emerged as champions.

On Tuesday afternoon, it was the turn of Years 3 and 4. It was a new experience for Year 3, but they jumped straight in and we had to add in additional heats to meet the demand to compete in many of the events. Again it was a tight contest between the families, but this time Spencer pipped Crick to be crowned champions.



Finally, it was the turn of KS1 on Wednesday. The children were so excited to demonstrate all the skills they have been learning throughout the year in PE. We were lucky enough to see great balancing of quoits and eggs, accurate throwing of bean bags, super reactions to collecting objects and even a few wonder goals. To finish the morning, KS1 treated everyone to a fine display of running in their races. Brilliant PE KS1!

It was great to see the children demonstrate not just their athletic skills, but the fantastic learning behaviours. I saw children clapping and cheering their teammates, super determination of children to get up and finish even when they fell. Well done Moulton!

Thank you to everyone that came along and gave support and encouragement to all of our children.



Terrific Trampolining

This week 10 of our pupils took part in the Primary Schools Trampolining competition at Benham Sports Centre. The group of girls had a fantastic time and had been learning a routine including twists, pikes and straddle jumps.

5 of the team won individual medals and Daisy, Scarlett and Freya won the overall group and won a Trophy for the school. Well Done Team!



Online Safety

This week's online safety tips are around the app TikTok, a free social media platform for children aged 13+ that lets you create, share and watch short clips. This app has been very popular over recent years since it was established in 2016, having over 1 billion active users! Being the fifth most popular social media platform in the world, it is vital that both parents and children are aware of the content that can be created and viewed on the app, as well as safety tips and controls around it.

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

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

TikTok Safety Center (containing topics, guides and safety & privacy controls) - <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/>

Internet Matters (TikTok app safety- What parents need to know) - <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

NSPCC (Is TikTok safe for children?) - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/child-safe-settings-tiktok/>

If you have any questions or worries regarding TikTok or online safety, please speak to your class teacher.

Thank you,

Mr McAvoy 😊

The Classroom News

Reception

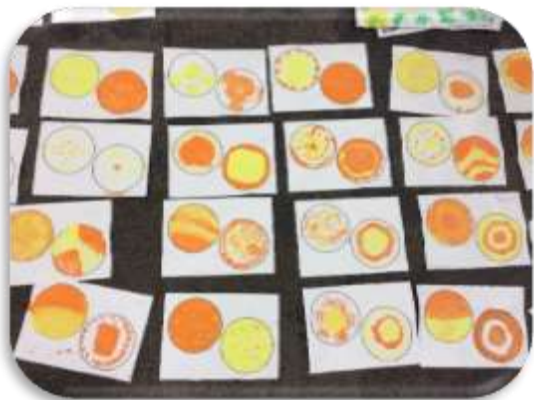
We have been invited to a wedding!

In the Early Years the children have started talking about celebrations as part of their Understanding of the World topic, and we have begun to make preparations for attending a special wedding ceremony at Moulton Parish Church on Tuesday 16th July. This lovely role play event is an excellent way for the children to learn all about a Christian celebration, dress up in their finest outfits, and experience the excitement of being in a church.



Year 3

This week the children in Year 3 have been perfecting art techniques that they have learnt throughout the year to create a final collaborative piece to represent this famous quote: "so powerful is the light of unity, that we can illuminate the whole earth". We have revisited techniques such as tonking, sgraffito and printing. We think the children have really embraced the message and created some powerful pieces ready to fit together.



Dates in the Diary

DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	TIME
23d June	Year 4 Strictly Juniors	Strictly Juniors	2:00 PM
23d June	Year 6 Strictly Juniors	Strictly Juniors	6:00 PM
25th June	New EYFS intake	Stay and Play	9.25 - 10 / 10.10 - 10.45
26th June	EYFS	Sports Day	9.15 - 11am
27th June	Year 2	Storytime	2.45pm
3rd July	Year 5	Science Day	Normal School Hours
8th July	Whole school	Transition Day	Normal School Hours
8th July	Whole school	Meet your child's new class teacher	3.30 - 4.15pm
9th July	Whole school	SEND Learning Plan Review Drop in sessions	Crick - 8.30 - 9.30. Spencer 9.30 - 10.30. Tull 10.30 - 11.30
10th July	Whole School	Summer Spectacular	3.30 - 4.30pm (Gates open at 3pm)
11th July	Year 6 Cast A	Dress Rehearsal - Leavers Production	Normal School Hours
12th July	Year 6 Cast B	Dress Rehearsal - Leavers Production	Normal School Hours
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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, set children may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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