



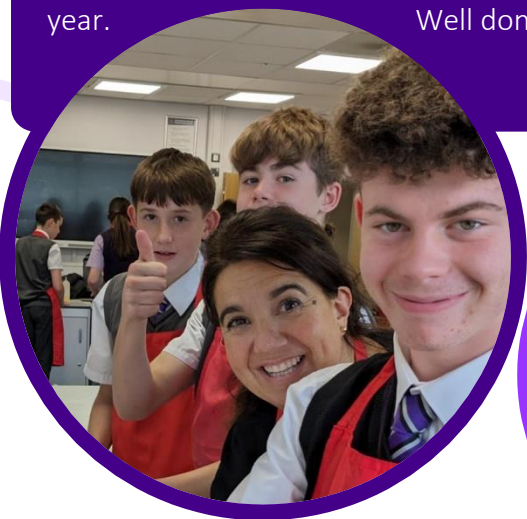
Year 10 Spanish Cooking

11 students joined their Spanish teachers in a cooking experience after school. This was to recognise the brilliant start they have had in their GCSE Spanish lessons.

They made a 'cheat' version of Tortilla Española (which is made with crisps instead of potatoes) Miss Montero's recipe!

As well as showing off their culinary skills, students enjoyed some Spanish meats, breads and a very special treat of palmeritas de chocolate.

Thank you to all the Year 10 students who participated for their hard work so far this year. Well done!



Special Jass Assembly for Awards

Over 20 Year 8 students were presented their Jass awards following the completion of the award at the end of Year 7.

As a part of Jass, students learn a new hobby, skill or interest, have regular involvement in a sport, complete a nature-based project and must be involved in an outdoor activity.

Congratulations to everyone who received their awards. For more information about the award, visit www.jassschools.org.uk



Violin Distinction for Maia!

Maia Cojocarui in Year 8 has received a Distinction from the University of West London in the Graded Examination in Music Performance for Violin - Grade 1.

We are incredibly proud of her outstanding achievement and wish her all the best as she continues playing. Fantastic work Maia and huge congratulations!



Information & Contacts

Our purple Newsflash celebrates the recent successes of our students both in and out of school. If you would like to access the blue monthly Information & Contacts, visit our website for the November edition.

Jacob tries out driving steam engines!

Jacob from Year 7 and his family were asked if he'd like to steer a 1914 steam traction engine called Avellana.

Jacob steered the 12-tonne machine along the road like a pro, so much so that he got to drive another engine later on too. The second engine is Oriana, and is also about 12 tonnes. Not bad for an 11-year-old!!

These machines are over 100 years old and were used to tow heavy loads or machinery. They need two people to drive them - the driver operates the steam valves and the power and the second driver does the steering. Jacob showed a real talent for the steering and can't wait to have another go one day.



3 Gymnastic Medals for Ollie

Ollie competed in the Nottingham Open gymnastics competition. He won 3 bronze medals on rings, vault & high bar.

He also gained a place on the North West squad in September to compete nationally at Telford international centre. Ollie came first at his level in the North West and came 21st overall at his level in Great Britain.

Fantastic achievement Ollie. Congratulations and well done.



Football Results this week

Year 11 Vs Laurus Rycroft

They put in an outstanding performance to get their first win of the season. Goals from Elliot Lawrence (3) and Finn Jones secured a 4-1 win.

Congratulations to; Jaidon Roper, Kian Fadries, Leighton Mounsey, Layton Charlton, Ben Warburton, Harvey Platt, Luke Bent, Finn Jones, Leo Moreland, Jamie Uttley, Max Beasley, Alex Favario, Elliot Lawrence and Claudiu Oprea.

Year 8 Vs Laurus Rycroft

It was a very entertaining game with both teams scoring 4 goals with the game finishing 4 - 4. Outstanding goals from Ryan Kirby, Jamie Ell (2) and Kai Holden maintained their unbeaten start to the season.

Congratulations to; Luke Whittington, Luke Hewitt, Nico O-Edwards, Toby Beedham, Jayden Morgan, Ryan Kirby, Zach Farrington, Jamie Ell, Jack Riley, Harry Rudol, Kai Holden, Rowan Dewsnap, Zak Needham and Ollie Lord.

Year 7 Vs Laurus Rycroft

The year 7 football team played in their first match for Mossley Hollins against Laurus Rycroft on Thursday. They put in the perfect performance and played some outstanding football. They won the game 6-0 with goals from Eddie Moreland (3), Harvey Joyce (2) and Charlie Cooke (1).

Congratulations and well done to, Charlie Hitch, Elliot Krystek, Harry Lawton, Zach Preger, Igor Nosewicz, Kyle Hodgkinson, Charlie Cooke, Oscar Earlam, Isaac Fish, Eddie Moreland, Teddy Welch and Harvey Joyce.



The PE department would like to say thank you to all parents, carers and family members who came to watch the games this week. Your support is much appreciated by both the pupils and the PE faculty.



We went all out for Halloween in our School Library this week, from spooktacular displays and decorations to Mrs Taylor, the Library Co-Ordinator, dressed as Wednesday Adams.

We celebrated with our big Halloween reading event. We read 'The Evil Within - How young Henry Jekyll became Mr Hyde' - the perfect read for Halloween. Students gave up part of their lunchtime to join us in the library to listen to the book reading and were treated to some tasty Halloween treats.



Year 7 Student Librarians

We are looking to recruit two Year 7's to join our current team.

Our Student librarians provide valuable input into the library development and raise the profile of the library among their peers by positive role modelling and are a vehicle for student voice within the school library.

A skills-based and age-appropriate training programme is offered to all our student librarians, they work towards undertaking high levels of responsibility – staffing the library desk, renewing, returning and reserving books, shelving, stock rotation and using their book knowledge to make recommendations to our students.

One of the key responsibilities of a pupil librarian is to promote reading and literacy across the school.

To apply, please collect an application form and job description from Mrs Taylor in the library, the closing date for all applications to be returned is 3pm 27th November.

We can't wait to welcome our new student librarians to the team!



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LIBRARIAN**



Recommended this week

We Played with Fire

This is the true and bizarre story of the Fox sisters; a family of spiritual mediums who became rich and famous off the promise that they could speak to the dead.

15-year-old Maggie has been accused of an awful crime, and her family have had to move to a new community to escape the scandal. Bored and frustrated in their cold, draughty new house, she and her younger sister Kate begin to play tricks on their parents – little knocks on the walls and scratches on the floorboards to make them think the house is haunted. The trick works, and their new neighbours become convinced Maggie and Kate are mediums.



Recommended this week

The Evil Within

What transforms an ordinary Edinburgh boy into the most infamous split personality of all time? This vividly imagined diary of the young Henry Jekyll examines the contradictions within us all

and teases out one possible backstory for the character in Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. A haunting and atmospheric imagining of a classic tale. Particularly suitable and a very good read for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers.

New Character Pillars Form Now Online

Would you like to be able to share some of the wonderful activities your child is doing to develop their character?

There is now an online form on the website in the Parents menu or you can access it via this link:
www.mossleyhollins.com/parents/character-reporting/

You can add details and photos to the form. We are very excited to see what everyone has been up to!



Jóvenes en acción

Year 9 have been learning about 'Jóvenes en acción' in Spanish which includes the rights of young people, Fair Trade and what we should do to protect the environment.

They have thought carefully about the key things we should be doing to become a greener school and a greener community. As such, we have created posters to advise people on how to be eco-friendly!



Year 7 Poetry

Mrs Matthews would like to say how proud she is of her Year 7 English class who have produced amazing poetry as part of engagement with World Poetry day.



Want to be featured?

If you have some news to share and would like to be considered for a future edition of the NewsFlash, email us at:
newsflash@mossleyhollins.com



MCSP Year 6 Maths Battle

Teams of students from our 5 partner primaries (St George's, Livingstone, Micklehurst, Milton St John's and St Joseph's) came up to Mossley Hollins on Wednesday 1st November to compete in the annual Maths Battle. There were some excellent answers and teamwork displayed.

The first round was to try and find a mathematical word for each letter of the alphabet - we had some wonderful answers - Mr Frost's favourite was 'Justify' (J is notoriously difficult in this challenge).

The second round was a speed quiz where the teams had 20 questions to split up between them. There were some simple questions, but there were also lots of tough, problem solving questions. The teams worked extremely well and came up with some good strategies for trying to work through the questions.

The third round was your classic Countdown numbers game, where each member of the team had their own individual numbers game to complete.

The final round was the Maths Battle - each team had to nominate a captain who would deliver the answers. The questions came up on the screen and they were given 30 seconds to a minute to come up with an answer as a team.

It was a close game with teams jostling for positions throughout. Livingstone ran away with it at the end winning by an impressive 18 points. Congratulations!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

X

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

BLUE TICK SALE

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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