



## Christmas Musical Evening

On Wednesday evening, Miss Lundberg and other members of staff organised our annual Christmas Musical Evening.

The brass band played with guitar groups, piano soloists, string Ensembles, choirs and singers who all performed to a full audience.

Musical numbers included Edelweiss, Walking in the Air, Pop rock, Smells like teen spirit and the evening finished with Shakin' Stevens' Merry Christmas Everyone.

A huge congratulations to everyone who performed to such a high calibre – you should be really proud of yourselves.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the event and thank you to the Royal George and Weaver & Wilde for donating prizes to our raffle.



## Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day at Mossley Hollins. We are delighted that the student leaders and the MCSP partner schools have chosen to donate to Mossley Foodbank & Emmaus.

If you would like to support, you may wear an item of Christmas clothing and donate items such as dry/tinned food, toiletries, gloves, scarves, hats, socks, chocolates, sweets, Christmas decorations, toys and books (all in perfect condition).

You will be able to drop off your donation as you enter school on Tuesday at either entrance - You may donate £1 instead of bringing in any of the above items.

You may choose to wear a Christmas jumper, Christmas T-shirt, Christmas socks or a Santa hat on this day (or a combination of these items). If you don't have any of these items, you may decorate a plain unbranded T-shirt, jumper, sweatshirt or socks, with tinsel.

Please note: Branded hoodies, sweatshirts, football tops etc will be NOT be allowed.

If you're wearing a Christmas Jumper, your blazer will be optional, you will still need to wear your school trousers and school shoes.



## Boxing matches last weekend

Amber, Belle and Hattie represented Cheshire against Merseyside last Sunday in a series of Boxing matches. They all gained an advanced skillset that they can use when they carry on to their next match and they fought with grit, respect and sportsmanship. Each girl had a challenging fight but they performed in a way that showcased their skills, knowledge of the sport and stamina.

Keep up the fantastic work girls and we can't wait to showcase more news about you all.

## Eddie wins the Tameside Championships

Eddie has been running for seven years and has played Football since a young age, he mostly trains at Stockport County twice a week.

Before he does any sports, he goes to bed around 9.15am and wakes up at 7.30am with a large breakfast to give him lots of energy.

Eddie said, 'It felt amazing when I won the Tameside Championships... the people who were cheering me on were fantastic and the PE staff are brilliant for giving me and other runners this opportunity.'

Eddie was in fifth position on the first lap but on the last 400 metres, he sprinted to the lead, making his win and rightfully collecting his gold medal.

We wish all the best to Eddie for February when he represents Tameside at Heaton Park. Congratulations!



## Year 10 Rotary Leadership and Management Cake Sale

We are holding a bake sale on **Thursday 14th December** in the drum at break, prices will range from 50p to £1. All the money raised will go towards gift bags aiding the homeless to transition into their new homes. Donations of cakes (homemade or bought) will be gratefully received at the main reception on Wednesday 13th or on the morning of Thursday 14th.

Many thanks for your support.

## Geography Field Trip

This week year 11 students have visited Salford Quays Media City, located along the Manchester Canal toward the west of Manchester, slightly south west of Mossley. It is an area that has undergone significant regeneration since the 1980s and closure of the docklands and their decline in the 1970s.

The area has been significantly improved with new commercial business, especially in the media sector such as the BBC and ITV decentralizing from London to Salford Quays, alongside the development of new flats and the University of Salford. Our aim of the trip was to investigate whether the regeneration of Salford quays is sustainable.

Students were asked to complete a research booklet where tasks on land use mapping, environmental quality assessments, pedestrian and traffic counts, questionnaires and finally some fact-finding tasks were completed. We used secondary data to inform our activities and research aspects of Salford Quays.

This information will be brought back to school where we will create a report outlining each aspect of our investigation. This will help us with the fieldwork aspect of the geography GCSE as we can link our own methods and limitations to other investigations that will appear on the 2023 Geography GCSE.



## Year 6 Cookery

Thank you to Tallulah, Sophia, James, Lydia, Isaac and Dylan for leading the lesson for Year 6 on Mayan Cookery this week. Livingston Primary School visited the Technology department and made a Mayan chicken stew and homemade flatbreads.





It's the season

# TO BE READING

## The Power of Language

The Christmas Library displays are finished, the Librarian and the students have had so much fun dressing our library for Christmas so come take a peek!



When its freezing outside, why not visit the library and get cosy with a good book. From a classic Dickens to scary Krampus, there is a book for everyone, it will get even the grinchiest into the Christmas spirit.



## Library Newsletter

Our first library newsletter - What's New, has been emailed to students and paper copies are also available in every Homebase. It will help students discover what's new in the library, new books and upcoming events.



## Recommended

### So, this is Christmas

Let It Snow meets Dash and Lily's Book of Dares in this new small-town Christmas romance. When Finley Brown returned to her hometown of Christmas, Oklahoma, from boarding school, she expected to find it just as she left it. Christmas hasn't changed much in her sixteen years. But instead she returns to find that her best friend is dating her ex-boyfriend, her parents have separated, and her archnemesis got a job working at her grandmother's inn. And she certainly didn't expect to find the boy she may or may not have tricked into believing that Christmas was an idyllic holiday paradise on her grandmother's doorstep. It's up to Finley to make sure he gets the Christmas he was promised. This is Finley's Christmas. It's about home and family and friends and finding her place, and along the way she also finds the best Christmas present of all: love.



## Recommended this week



### Krampus and the Thief of Christmas

Meet Gabrielle Greene, wrongly dubbed the "worst girl ever" by her peers, and now perched at the top of Krampus's naughty list. Krampus, the foreboding Winter King, prowling the shadows, hungry for mischievous children to whisk away to his snowy realm.

When Gabrielle's younger brother Percival mysteriously vanishes, she embarks on a desperate quest to save him. But little does she know her path will lead her into a mysterious otherworld. A place teeming with menacing trolls, bewitched forests, and ominous coal-black mountains.

As the clock ticks, Gabrielle must learn the truth and grapple with the repercussions of her past. For to rescue her brother and save the very spirit of Christmas itself, she must outwit the fiendish Krampus in an epic showdown.

Krampus & The Thief of Christmas' is an enchanting journey that will keep readers perched on the edge of their seats. This spellbinding tale is sure to captivate fans of The Nightmare Before Christmas, and The Chronicles of Narnia. Get ready for a festive adventure like no other!



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

## PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

## SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

## FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

## ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

## FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

## PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to [PlayStation.com](http://PlayStation.com) and search 'family account' for instructions.

## DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

## SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

## SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

## TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console: so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

## INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

## STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.

## Meet Our Expert

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