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Friday 9th February 2024

A Fantastic Half Term!

We hope you all have a safe, relaxing half term break. We have had an incredibly busy six weeks at Mossley Hollins. Here are our best highlights.



















Daniel's Fundraising Walk

Over the weekend Daniel took part in a memory walk for what would have been his Auntie's 40th birthday. Daniel helped to organise, fundraise and even took part in the memory walk. He has helped raise over £1000 for the hospice that cared for his Auntie and where Daniel spent a lot of the summer.



Reading Badges

Miss Judge, who many of you know from our school office has not only earned her reading champion badge, but has now earned her reading ambassador badge too! Who will be the first student to join her?



Scientist of the Week!

Erin Gower - Year 8

Erin consistently shows fantastic commitment in her science lessons – Keep up the great work Erin

Awarded by Miss Lea

Information & Contacts

Our Newsflash celebrates the recent successes of our students both in and out of school. If you would like to access the blue Information & Contacts, visit the school's website. This updates every half term.



For the whole of February, the Library is hosting blind date with a book. A selection of books have been chosen and wrapped to hide its cover and identity. Not knowing what the book is and only giving students a small clue is sure to hook our most reluctant readers. Our aim is to create a buzz around which book to choose and to broaden our readers literary horizons.

Will you like the date you chose????

Design your own Book Cover

Calling all students! Do you think you could reimagine the cover of your favourite book? The Mossley Hollins Book Cover Design competition is your opportunity to take on the role of a book cover designer. As part of this year's World Book day celebrations we are asking students to redesign the front cover of their favourite book.

Entries will be displayed around the school and those whose designs have been shortlisted, will be invited to library for an exclusive

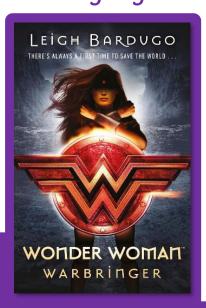
party, where the award winners will be announced and their prizes presented to them. We will use some of the designs to cover the books in the library and will share your design with the publisher.

All years can enter. It can be hand drawn or designed using an art package like Canva. The design must be your own and submitted by the closing date. Please put your full name and form on the inside cover. Closes 2.00pm Friday 1st February

Student Librarian recommendation:

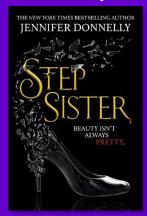
Wonder Woman

The Power of Language



Recommended this week by our Librarian:

Step Sister



An ancient city by the sea, three sisters - a maiden, a mother, and a crone - are drawing maps by candlelight. Sombre, with piercing grey eyes, they are the three Fates, and every map is a human life...

Stepsister takes up where Cinderella's tale ends. We meet Isabelle, the younger of Cinderella's two stepsisters. Ella is considered beautiful; stepsister Isabelle is not.

Others have determined what is beautiful, and Isabelle does not fit their definition. Isabelle must face down the demons that drove her cruel treatment of Ella, challenge her own fate and maybe even redefine the very notion of beauty.

Cinderella is about a girl who was bullied; Stepsister is about the bully. We all root for the victims, we want to see them triumph. But what about the bullies?

Is there hope for them? Can a mean girl change? Can she find her own happily ever after?

She will become a legend but first she is Diana, Princess of the Amazons. And her fight is just beginning ...

Diana is desperate to prove herself to her warrior sisters. But when the opportunity comes, she throws away her chance at glory and breaks Amazon law to save a mere mortal, Alia Keralis.

With this single heroic act, Diana may have just doomed the world.

Alia is a Warbringer - a descendant of the infamous Helen of Troy, fated to bring about an age of bloodshed and misery. Diana and Alia will face an army of enemies, mortal and divine, determined to destroy or possess the Warbringer.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Also known as Monkey Cool, this platform aims to fill the gap left by Omegle (which has now shut down) by placing users in random video chats with strangers. Participants use their mobile number and Snapchat username to connect to the service, where they can make matches, message other people and join group chats. The mobile version has been removed from the App Store due to safety concerns, but iPhone owners can still access the site via their web browser. The app remains available on Google Play, where its listing claims that Monkey has more than 30 million users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE

WHAT ARE

THE RISKS?

The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. app – including those aged under

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However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the

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The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connection.

IN-APP SPENDING

able to do so.

While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of 'Knock Knock chat' (Monkey rather than the app's
Chatroulette-style random video
calling feature, will need to pay to be

INTRUSIONS ON

According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-contributed content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third

will see on their next connection. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

CENSORED Monkey states in the safety section of its site that "people are given the power" and that, to a large extent, Monkey is "self-governing." If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the 'police' emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and

RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING

If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you do allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in approach for this such as this.

SPOT THE SIGNS

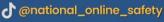
If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.













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Dear Parent / Carer

The UK Health Security Agency have declared a Measles national incident following a very extensive outbreak in London and the Midlands and further outbreaks of infection are expected across country. You may have seen the national media coverage on the BBC and other news channels.

Measles is extremely infectious and spreads very easily to people who have no immunity. The illness can be serious. The best way to prevent measles is through vaccination (2 doses of the MMR vaccine).

What is measles?

Measles is a disease which spreads very easily. People with measles can get a cough, runny nose, rash and fever. Measles can be serious, particularly for people whose immune system is not working normally. In some people it can cause complications, including ear infections, chest infections, and pneumonia. In very rare cases, some people who get measles can develop serious complications which can be fatal.

How do you catch measles?

The measles virus lives in the nose and throat of infected people. A person with measles can infect other people from 4 days before their rash appears until four days after the rash appeared.

Most older children and adults are immune to measles – either because they had measles as a child or because they have been vaccinated – and so are unlikely to catch measles.

How do you prevent measles?

Measles can be prevented by 2 doses of a highly effective vaccine.

All children and adults born after 1970 should receive **2 doses** of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination. This is part of the UK routine immunisation schedule (dose 1 typically given at 13 months of age; dose 2 at 40 months of age, before the child starts school).

The MMR can also be given to older children, teenagers and adults if they have missed out on vaccination. If you / your child have not had 2 doses of MMR, contact your doctor to discuss vaccination.









What if you become unwell?

If you or your child become unwell and think it could be measles:

- Seek medical advice <u>call</u> your GP / NHS walk in centre / NHS 111 for advice
- It is important to inform the GP / walk-in centre before attending so that you can be seen in a separate area to prevent spread to other patients.
- Do not go to school, nursery or work for the four days after the rash first appeared
- Limit your contact with other people and avoid those who:
 - are pregnant
 - o are under 12 months old or have not had the MMR vaccine
 - o have a weakened immune system
- Inform your school or employer

Further information can be found on the NHS website at: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/ and in the meales information leaflet from the NHS MEASLES - Don't let your child catch it - Schools version (publishing.service.gov.uk).

Kind regards

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