

PASTORAL MATTERS

The definitive guide to Pastoral Matters at Mowden Hall School

Feb '23

This month has been a very busy one, pastorally, with a great range of topics and issues being covered in assembly, form period and focus weeks.

Sadly, the area of online safety continues to dominate our lives and there are a few facts and figures that I would like to share with you, specifically highlighting the Capture video below. Through their wellbeing surveys, our children are saying that they are a happy group on the whole, however, should you have any concerns or worries about any pastoral issues, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mr P. Sturt

I must thank Mrs Knight (Designated Safeguarding Lead) for passing on this 15 minute video. I would very strongly recommend watching it for a frank insight into what we possibly allow our children to do online... just click on the picture.



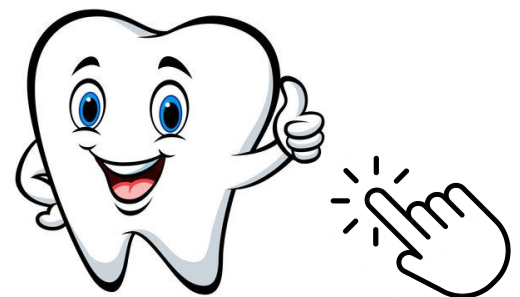
"Children are being exposed to online pornography from as young as nine, according to a study for the children's commissioner for England." This online article (found [HERE](#)) explains the current threats to children and the realities of life online for young people. We continue to work to protect children online and teach them how to be safe.



"Talk Pants" is an initiative being run by the NSPCC (hence the underwear at the top of this page). Pre-Prep have been learning the importance of knowing their body is their own and what to do if they are worried.

Click the poster for lots of parent support from the NSPCC.

Children's Mental Health Week was a great success across the whole school, with children considering ways that they could get better connected to each other. They proved to be very creative in ways that they have common interests with each other!



Would you believe...

"**Tooth decay** is the most common reason for hospital admission in children aged six to 10."



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

THIS IS OKAY :)
OF COURSE
YES!
I LIKE THAT
ABSOLUTELY

Respect and Consent

Think carefully about each question and choose the answer you think is correct.

The area covered by our underwear is private. Who has the right to touch us here?

- a Parents and carers
- b Adults
- c Only me
- d Doctors



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Think carefully about each question and choose the answer you think is correct.

My friend has set up an online chat account and used my picture for their account. Is this OK?

- a Yes
- b No
- c Not sure



In Thursday Form Period last week we asked the children to focus on what they understand of "consent". In an age-appropriate manner, they worked through scenarios helping them to better-understand where boundaries are and what the difference is between consent and respect.

News from Pre-Prep

In the Pre-Prep, children have not only been working through the NSPCC "Talk Pants" programme, but they have also been helping the children to stay safe online - I invite you to look through the guidance from the Internet Watch Foundation. Each letter of TALK links to specific advice - just click.

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Coming up in March...



Acceptance
Autism Awareness Week

27 March - 2 April 2023

north-east autism society



Here are some of the topics we will be covering during March - exciting times!