Molly series

Molly and the Lockdown

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Front cover

Discussion
What is the title of the story?
Malachy Doyle is the author—he has written the story.
Andrew Whitson has created the pictures—he is the illustrator.
Who is on the cover?
Where are they?

Activities
Where were you during the lockdown?
How did you feel?

Inside spread

Discussion
What can you see here?
What is everyone doing?

Activities
Did you phone anyone during the lockdown?

Page 4 & 5

Discussion
To whom is the book dedicated?
Why?
To whom would you dedicate your story?

Activities
Undertake a ‘people who help us’ or ‘our superheroes’ project.
Pages 6 & 7
Discussion
What was Dylan shouting?
What/ who is in the sea?
Does Dylan look happy?
Activities
Wellington boots – create your ideal wellies with patterns on them.

Pages 8 & 9
Discussion
Molly’s Dad was on the mainland.
Remind them that Molly and Dylan live on an island.
How do you think Molly was feeling?
Molly was helping her Mum – do you help your Mum? To do what?
Activities
If you were in lockdown anywhere in the world where would it be?
Find out about different telephones.

Pages 10 & 11
Discussion
Can you see Molly’s chickens? Can you count them? Are there more than three? She has nine chickens.
What do you think Molly is cooking?
Activities
Organise a cake bake fund raiser for a local charity or for the lifeboat.

Pages 12 & 13
Discussion
O no! What is the matter with Mary Kate?
Discuss the pictures / patterns.
Have you been in bed unwell?
Activities
Create a what goes where game – in which room does each item belong- spoon, towel, teddy.

Pages 14 & 15
Discussion
How will Mary Kate get to the hospital from the island?
In an ambulance? Car? Boat?
Activities
Caring - who cares for us?
Create a flower – place a picture or write the different people who care for us in the petals.

**Pages 16 & 17**

**Discussion**
O no! There wasn’t much toilet paper left?
What are the men wearing?
Have you seen a lifeboat? Where?

**Activities**
Show a video of a lifeboat going into the water.
The emergency services – who will come if there’s... a fire, an accident, thieves have stolen something?

**Pages 18 & 19**

**Discussion**
The virus has reached the island!
They must wash their hands carefully and often? why?
Getting rid of the germs.

**Activities**
Place paint or glitter on hands and wash them clean.

**Pages 20 & 21**

**Discussion**
Molly was very busy – what did she do?
Have you been busy helping?

**Activities**
Practice fine motor skills sewing cards – wellies shapes, hats shapes.

**Pages 22 & 23**

**Discussion**
O no! They didn’t have much food left. Why?
No ships were coming from the mainland.
Some people were very unwell – where did they need to go?

**Activities**
Create a hospital role play area.
Pages 24 & 25

Discussion
Where did we see this picture?
Yes, the cover.
Who is Molly missing most?
Who did you miss most during lockdown?

Activities
A picture of them in their bedroom window – talk about what or who would be in their picture?

Pages 26 & 27

Discussion
Can you see Molly talking on the phone? With whom? Who’s in the picture with Dad?
What is Uncle Ed doing?

Activities
Learn about different instruments – listen to the different sounds they make.
Bagpipes, Irish drum, harp, trumpet.

Pages 28 & 29

Discussion
What instrument does Molly have?
Is the dog enjoying the sound?
What about the chickens?

Activities
Create a sound orchestra using their bodies – clapping, stamping, clicking, blowing etc.

Pages 30 & 31

Discussion
What is happening now?
Mum is getting a vaccination jab to keep safe from getting very unwell from the virus.
You had vaccinations when you were very small.
Who is giving the jab?

Pages 32 & 33

Discussion
Hurray! Who has arrived back on the island?
Where are the family? At the quayside.
Activities
Create keep safe/ healthy posters.

Back inner page spread
Discussion
Try to remember which part of the story was this... and this... what about this one (point to the pictures)

Back cover
Discussion
Can you remember what a blurb is?
A short description of the story.
What else is on the back cover?
The price/ ISBN.
Activities
Create their book covers of their own lockdown story.

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