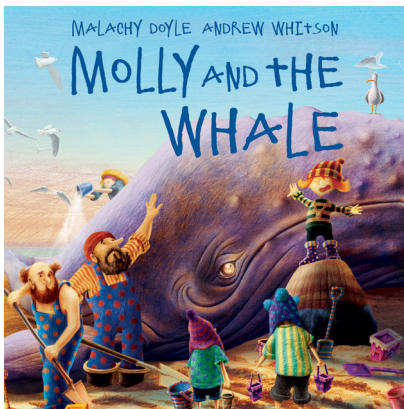


Molly series

# Molly and the Whale



Author: Malachy Doyle  
Illustrator: Andrew Whitson  
Age: 5-7  
Format: Hardback  
Language: English  
Size: 250 x 250mm  
Publication date: July 2019  
Price: £12.99

## Front cover

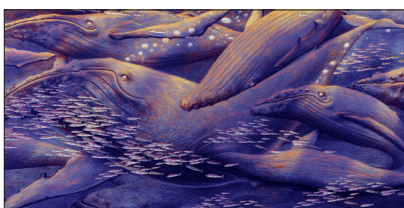
### Discussion

Discuss the title, author & illustrator. Introduce the information about them (page 34)

Look at the cover – what is happening?

Who can you see?

What are they doing?



## Inside spread

### Discussion

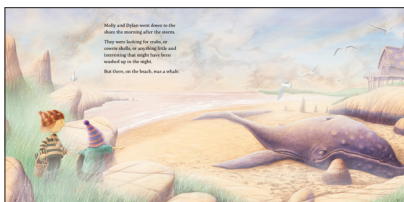
Whale – whales (minke species)

Pod/herd – collective word.

How many can you see?

### Activities

Listen to whale song.



## Pages 6 & 7

### Discussion

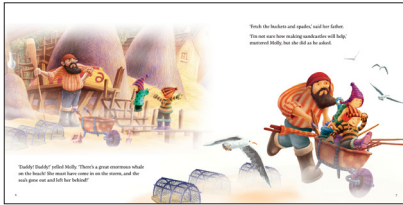
Have you been to the beach?

Did you collect anything?

What did Molly and Dylan see?

### Activities

Create postcards from the different beaches the children have visited – display them.



## Pages 8 & 9

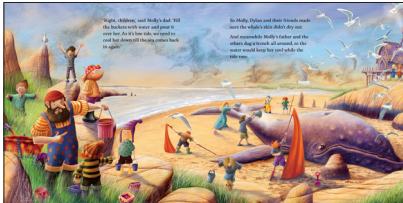
### Discussion

In what did Dad carry Molly and Dylan to the beach?

Wheelbarrow – where do we usually use a wheelbarrow? For what?

### Activities

Create a game – moving bean bags from one place to another – tag team.



## Pages 10 & 11

### Discussion

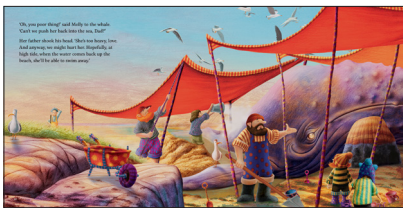
How many people have come to help?

Can you see Molly?

What is everyone doing?

### Activities

Create hand-prints – write on them ways of helping others.



## Pages 12 & 13

### Discussion

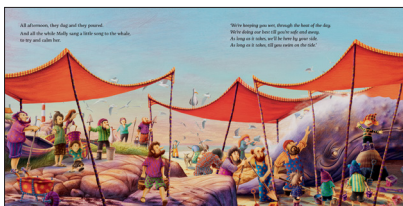
Why are they unable to carry the whale back into the sea?

How heavy is the whale? About the same as 8 buses.

Why is it important to give the whale shade?

### Activities

Weighing using blocks or non-standardised units...more than/ less than/ the same as.



## Pages 14 & 15

### Discussion

What did Molly do?

Do you enjoy singing? What is your favourite song?

### Activities

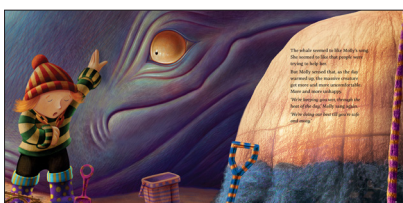
Tune 'Lawr ar lan y môr'

Molly saw a giant whale.

On the sandy beach...

We then heard Molly sing a song.

On the sandy beach...

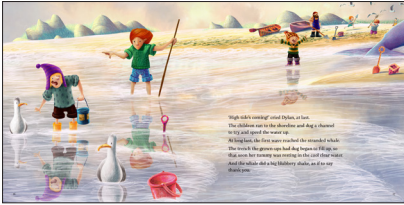


## Pages 16 & 17

### Discussion

Molly was trying to help.

Poor whale – what else would you have done to help?



**Pages 18 & 19**

**Discussion**

The tide is coming in.

Can you see the reflection?

What is floating in the water?

**Activities**

Experiment with objects –which will float / sink?



**Pages 20 & 21**

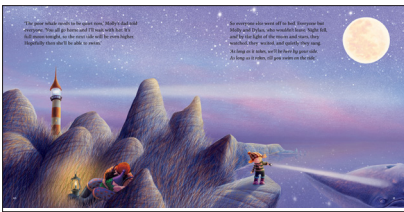
**Discussion**

O no! What is the matter now?

How does everyone look? Worried? Frightened?

**Activities**

Create a mood board... happy/ sad/ scared –drawing pictures to match the feelings.



**Pages 22 & 23**

**Discussion**

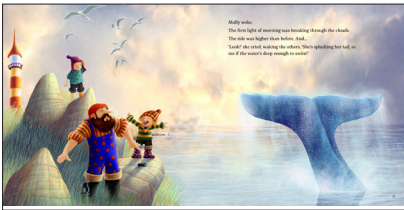
Who stayed with the whale all night?

Would you like to sleep under the stars?

Have you stayed in a tent camping?

**Activities**

Create a tent or shelter with the children outdoors for play or reading.



**Pages 24 & 25**

**Discussion**

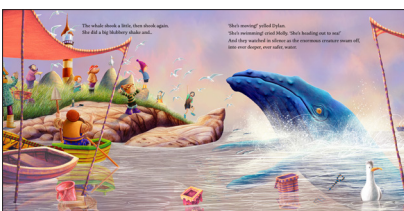
What happened?

Whose tail can you see in the water?

The whale is diving.

**Activities**

Create a 'who's tail'? game.



**Pages 26 & 27**

**Discussion**

Hurray! The whale was swimming.

Who is able to swim?

Where do you go to swim?



**Pages 28 & 29**

**Discussion**

He is blowing water through his blow hole.  
Then...what do you think the whale did next?

**Activities**

The smallest to the biggest – compare sizes, order, group items.



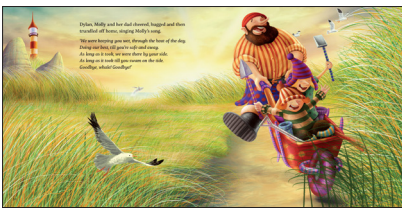
**Pages 30 & 31**

**Discussion**

Wow! He jumped over the boat!  
What shape did he make? An ark or rainbow shape.

**Activities**

Singular & plural game:  
Cup- cups  
Bucket – buckets



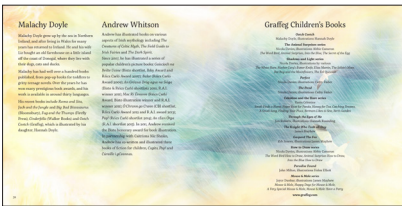
**Pages 32 & 33**

**Discussion**

They are going home happy.  
Can you see the whale?  
What is he doing now?

**Activities**

Discuss looking after beaches–collecting rubbish/ plastic pollution.



**Pages 34 & 35**

**Discussion**

Information about the author/ illustrator – where are they from?



**Back inner spreads**

**Discussion**

What do you see in the picture?  
How many seagulls are there?  
Who's in the boat?

**Activities**

Practice relaxing (Mindfulness)





## Back cover

### Discussion

What can you see on the cover?

Where does it tell us who published the book?

What are those bar lines for? ISBN number (like a fingerprint)

### Activities

Collect other books published by Graffeg and create a display.

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