Molly series

Molly and the Whale

Author: Malachy Doyle
Illustrator: Andrew Whitson
Age: 5-7
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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?

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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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