

Melva Mapletree

and the Quest for Barnabas Boggle

An online, interactive storytelling game to support children's everyday worries and anxiety, designed for children aged 7-11 (Key Stage 2)

Ready to use in the classroom and at home from January 2021
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Melva is a mountain-climbing, sweet-eating, eye-rolling 'just-turned-11-year-old'.

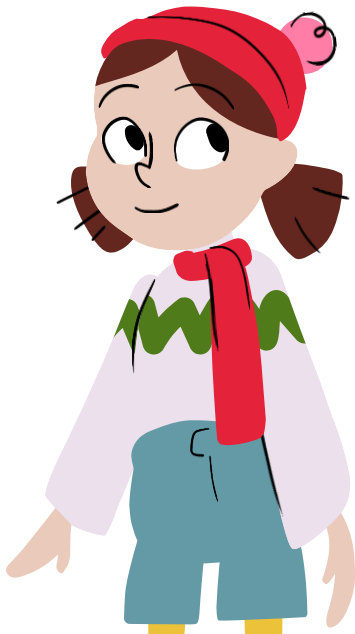
She's also had a bit of trouble battling with anxiety – or 'worrits' as she calls them – but has learned some ways to manage them, with help from her Grandpa, her niggling voice, Gideon, and some very unusual friends.

But then one day - just as life was starting to feel a bit less 'worryty' - Melva's best friend, Barnabas Boggle, doesn't turn up to meet her after school.

With Barnabas nowhere to be seen, Melva must follow the clues on her quest to get to the bottom of his disappearance. To do that, she's going to need some help.

Do you know children who have got what it takes to be the ultimate Worrit Warrior?

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Why MELVA, and why NOW?

This resource, along with the wider Melva programme, has been designed in response to the 2017 green paper **Transforming children and young people's mental health provision**.

Mental Health problems amongst children and young people were already on the rise prior to the global Covid-19 pandemic – with Public Health England estimating in 2017 that 1 in 8 had a diagnosable condition – and there are growing concerns about the impact that lockdown, fear of the pandemic and social distancing measures will have on children's mental health and wellbeing.

This online resource has been designed to offer a fun, engaging and creative way to support children, teachers and families during the challenging circumstances of Covid-19 and beyond.

"The writer has covered every single element of our mental health training, totally at child level"

Participating Headteacher

Key aims and outcomes:

1. To provide young people and the adults in their lives with child-friendly, accessible language to talk about mental health and wellbeing
2. To provide young people and the adults in their lives with practical strategies and resources for managing worries and anxiety
3. To address mental health stigma by encouraging open conversations between young people, their peers, and the adults in their lives about worries and anxieties

Do you ever have that feeling like you've got 341 worms wriggling about in your tummy?

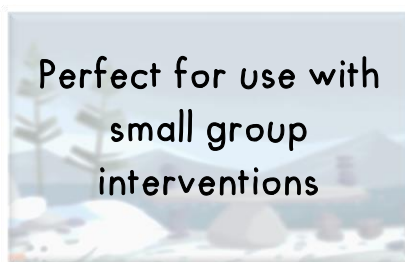


How it works:

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch a short video and see the game in action.

The game is suitable for us both in the classroom and at home. As they progress through the game, children will:

- ❖ Make decisions about what Melva says and does,
- ❖ Take part in practical activities to help manage and understand their worries and anxieties,
- ❖ Search for clues to help Melva find her friend, and better understand how he is feeling and why he has disappeared,
- ❖ Play fun, interactive, online games,
- ❖ And access loads of bonus content – *such as interviews with the Melva creative team discussing their own worries, and links to other creative and mental health resources.*



Purchasing the game:

Licences cost £350* per school (*introductory offer*).

For this cost, each school gets:

- ❖ 1 x school licence with unlimited individual user accounts (*until August 2021*)
- ❖ 1 x downloadable Teacher Pack, including resources and lesson plans to support delivery

**30% discount available for Northumberland Schools*

**20% discount for Trusts buying licences for 5+ schools*

Available for schools everywhere to purchase NOW

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