



Dear Parents and Carers

If you'd gone into Monken Hadley yesterday, you'd have been sure of a big surprise!

Instead of the usual sea of red and grey uniforms, you would have been greeted by bears, pigs, wizards, fairy tale characters and a whole host of other characters from the wonderful world of children's literature. World Book Day had certainly taken over Monken Hadley!

Book Week 2019 has not disappointed. On Monday, we started the week with Arts and Craft Day, which was organised by the wonderful Helen Garrett- Gunn. With environments being this year's theme the children all made book ends inspired by different environments. I am always in awe of how Helen manages to get the whole school to produce something so amazing in the time she has with each class. As always, she had huge support from other parents, and we would like to extend our thanks to Helen and her team for making this morning possible.

Throughout the week, we have been delighted to welcome many visitors into Monken Hadley. From scientific writing to storytelling, journalistic writing and script writing; the children have had a huge range of different opportunities and enrichment experiences. As always, we could not offer them the range of activities without parental support. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered to come in and talk to the children; Ms Aiston, Dr Pendergrass, Mr Gardham, Mr Vinnicombe.

Cedar and Oak classes were also lucky to have a wonderful workshop, led by Michael Kossew from Natural Born Storytellers where they worked on lots of speaking and listening exercises, sharing stories, giving constructive feedback and performance techniques.

Beech class have based their work on the book, Dear Greenpeace by Simon James. The children have written letters and found out all about how Greenpeace helps the environment.

Chestnut class have used the book, 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey. They have drawn story maps and became authors and written their own versions of the story.

Willow class chose the book 'Tiger child' by Joanna Troughton for the World Book Day. We also designed our own book covers and became authors of the day. Some coloured favourite book characters and some book marks. We made finger puppets and wrote our favourite book review.

The week has ended with House activities today, where all children worked together in their house groups, sharing favourite books with each other and designing and making book marks.

We hope the children enjoyed the week as much as we did, and thank you so much to everyone who helped to make it possible.



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Monken Hadley CE Primary School

Seek what is good, treasure what is true, do what is right.



Star Pupils

Well done to all our Star pupils!



Willow	Chestnut	Beech	Cedar	Oak
Scarlett	Kiki	Archie	Maja	Leah
Alex	Amber	Raph	Greta	Luke
Zion	Uzayr	Phoenix	Minnie	Melita
Isabella	Lucia	Leon	Liam	Danni



Choir news

On a freezing Friday in December, Mrs Campaniello took the choir to Hadley Lawns to sing carols for the residents there. I thought you might be interested in the feedback we received from them:

Thank you very much for your visit to us at Hadley Lawns at Christmas time. We enjoyed meeting the children very much and they all sang beautifully. We would like to invite you back for another visit in the near future. – maybe an afternoon tea or just for 1-2-1 chats. We all loved the cards you made for us – it was very much appreciated.

Christine Curran, Activity Co-ordinator.

Thank you to all those children who took the time to make cards for the choir to take. Your efforts helped to make someone else's Christmas a happy one!

Upcoming events in the next couple of weeks:

March 14th - Cedar class – North London Dance Festival

March 14th – Chestnut Class – Barnet Environmental Centre

March 19th – 21st Book Fair

March 21st – Beech class visit to the Science Museum

March 22nd - Chestnut Class Assembly

March 26th/27th – Parent Consultations

March 26th – Willow Class Discover Children's Story Centre Workshop

March 26th – School lunch – food tasting for parents

March 28th – Oak class visit to British Schools Museum, Hitchin

March 29th – Beech Class Assembly – 9.00am

March 29th – Music Assembly – 2.00pm

April 2nd – Cedar Class visit to the Tower of London

April 4th - Service at St Mary the Virgin (time tbc). Please do join us if you are able to do so.

Please do check the calendar regularly for updates.

Kind regards, Mrs E Brooks