MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

This month's value is Resilience

Dear Families,

It never ceases to both amaze and surprise me how quickly we all slot back in to school life; both staff and children. We have finished our first week and all of us are already incredibly impressed with how the children have returned to school, settled into their learning and have risen to new challenges. Well done children.

A special congratulations to our newly elected House Captains: **Alexandra and Georgia** for Cass, **Henry and Sofia for Hopegood**, **Huxley and Idil for Thackeray** and **Isabella and Noah for Wilde.** Well done to all of Year 6 for participating and giving it their best effort.

There are updates from each of the classes as to what's been happening this week later in the newsletter. You will be pleased to see we are straight back into some super learning and hard work already!

Welcome you our new pupils who joined us this September: Arthur, Maria and Savva. I know the community will make them feel incredibly welcome.

We have a busy term ahead, so please remember to check the school diary on our website for important dates and events. Curriculum maps for this half term are also available on the website If you have any questions, feel free to speak with your child's class teacher.

On a less positive note, it is disappointing that we need to address issues over parking and a lack of tolerance within our school community. We kindly ask everyone to model the behaviour we want to see in our children—respectful, patient, and understanding.

Lastly, we invite you to join us for **Education Sunday** at the church service this Sunday at 10:30. We would love to see as many of you as possible there to support both the school and our special relationship with the church.

Have a super weekend and I will see you all at the gate on Monday.

Ms Eyres

Stars of the Week

Well done to this week's stars for shining brightly:
Amanda, Max, Ella, Savva and Penny

Willow by Ms. Dodd

The Willow Year Ones have settled back into school life brilliantly, and are ready and waiting to set an example for the new receptions next week! In English we wrote postcards with Mrs David and Mrs Giddings and have also been writing about our summer holidays and what we're looking forward to in Year One. In Maths the children have been recapping numbers to 10 and in PSHE we reminded ourselves of the Zones of Regulation - ready to impart knowledge and strategies to our new arrivals next week! Well done Willow, you have all been superstars this week.

Chestnut by Mrs. Neal

What an amazing first week back for our little chestnuts! The highlight of our week was a royal tea party in the attendance of Her Royal Highness Queen Camilla (unfortunately King Charles had an unexpected bout of food poisoning and was unable to attend). We learnt lots about the King and Queen, asked lots of questions and ate cake and drank tea (squash). It was an exciting to start to our topic **London Calling**. We have also learnt about different London landmarks and their purposes.

In year two maths, we have started to partition two digit numbers to 100 into tens and ones and in year one we have been honing our knowledge of numbers to 10. In English we started reading Claude in the City and we have been learning all about adjectives. A super start to a brand new year. Well done Chestnuts !

Beech

This week in Beech. We launched our new topic Urban Explorers with a 'Let's get Curious' history trail around Barnet! The highlight of the trip was visiting a pirates grave! In Maths, we were learning about place value. In English, we have started reading our new book ' Way Home' by Libby Hathorn and Gregory Rogers. The children were learning how to use a thesaurus and use powerful adjectives to describe the setting,

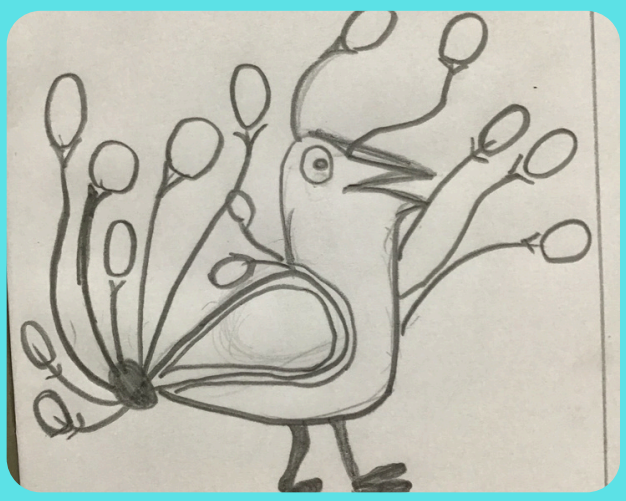
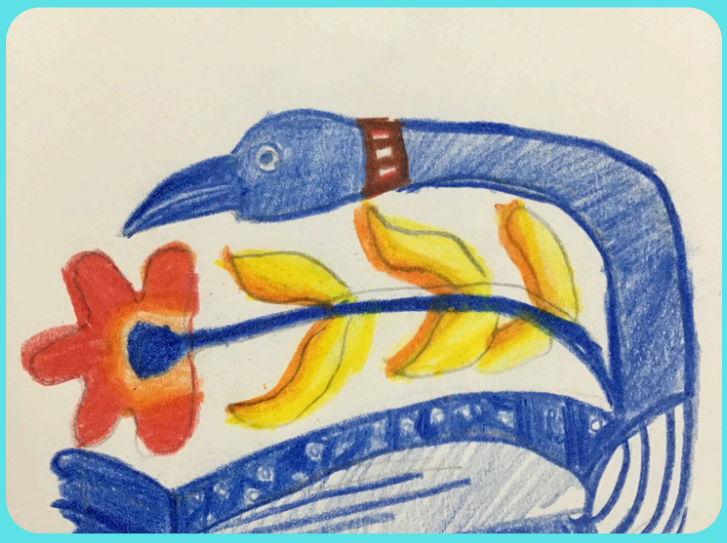
A fantastic start to the year.

Cedar Class by Mr. Neal

Cedar class has been learning all about Howard Carter's incredible discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and the wonderful things that were hidden inside it for 3000 years. They have written some great descriptions of the discovery. In science the class learned about solids and liquids and acting like particles before making their own ice lollies. In computing they learned about how all computer systems have an input and an output. They illustrate this by programming the microbits to make moving images and even spell out their names. Finally, the children designed their own cartouches, which are ancient Egyptian name badges .

Oak Class

by Mrs Phiakkou.

To say that I am proud of oak class would be an understatement! They have settled with real maturity and have demonstrated determination to achieve their goals for this year.

We have kicked off the curriculum by immersing ourselves into Shackleton's journey to the arctic. We created a conscience alley to help us understand the dilemma faced by those who considered applying for Shackleton's expedition and generated some excellent vocabulary to support our upcoming writing. We even decided which crew member we wanted to take on the role of and made our own crew identification cards. In Maths, we have been securing our knowledge of place value, working with numbers to 10 million. We have also enjoyed the start of our curiosity curriculum. In art, we began exploring the work of Kenojuak Ashevak; an Inuit artist who uses bold lines and bright colours to create pieces that depict the animals that live in Baffin Island. In geography, we began asking and answering questions about icebergs and even had real icebergs to observe in our classroom. Finally, we had a sneak peek into our science unit when we were tasked with making a human heart out of play dough. An exciting, and engaging start to the term.