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,

What a super week it has been. A huge welcome to our new reception children; they have been absolutely wonderful. They have settled well, stayed for lunch with parents and next week are with us full time. Welcome Reception 2024!

We have had a busy week of learning from all the children across the school. From making cartouches, to creating self portraits, urban photography, enjoying games on the common and some thrilling writing all about Ernest Shackleton A packed week and the teachers have written a brief overview later in the newsletter.

I always incredibly impressed with the confidence of our children and this week they impressed me yet again when some of our year 6s led a collective worship about what makes us Happy and launched their new Happy Club. This club will allow our junior children if they wish to pop into the lunchtime club and perhaps join in a relaxing activity or just have a chat. Well done Year 6s for a great idea.

Welcome back to the lovely Zorro, our school reading dog, who has returned to us this autumn. The children will an opportunity over the coming months (if they wish) to read with Zorro (He is very gentle)

A call for past pupils of Monken hadley! As part of their Urban Explorer topic, Beech class would like to interview past pupils of Monken Hadley. If you know of anyone who came to the school, shall we say some time ago, AND they are willing to be questioned by inquisitive 7 and 8 year olds please do get in touch via the school office and Mrs. Howard will be in contact to arrange a date.

A reminder we have the phonics parent meeting on Wednesday next week for Willow and Chestnut parents- hope to see many of you at the meeting as they are always very informative.

Have a restful 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:
Noah, Chloe, Leeya, Casper and Eleni.

First Days!

Willow

It has been an exciting week in Willow Class with lots of new arrivals! The Reception children have settled in so well, parents you should be very proud. We have been learning the rules and routines of Willow Class and getting to know each other and the school. We have been learning about portraits and famous portraitists including Picasso, and how colour changes the emotion of the picture - can you guess who these familiar faces are?!

In maths Year 1 have been counting on from a number and finding one more and one less, and writing about the different communities we are a part of and how that makes us feel.

Chestnut

Chestnut class has had yet another busy week. In English we have drawn story maps of Claude's journey and we wrote a postcard from Claude in the City to Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes. In Maths, our Year Ones have been learning about one more and one less than a number to 10. Our Year Twos tackled the tricky idea of place value and have begun using place value charts. We had fun in geography learning about the compass points and writing directions to guide us round a map of London landmarks; it was really tricky. In computing we learnt about what IT is and how IT is used in schools and at home. What a super week of learning we've had .

Beech

Beech have had another great week and are beginning to settle into junior life! In Art, the children were learning about urban photography and took some very creative pictures around the school! We certainly have some budding photographers! In History, the children learnt how to put dates in chronological order. In English, we have continued reading our book 'Way Home', the children have been exploring the character of Shane and learnt to use nouns and pronouns effectively.

In Maths, the children have been learning about flexible partitioning and took part in their first times table test. Well done Beech!

In science children have been learning all about the different food groups and how they are all important for a healthy balanced diet. In computing, we have been finding out about how the Internet works and talking about how to stay safe online.

Cedar

This week in Cedar class the children have travelled back in time and imagined they were Howard Carter when he discovered the wonderful things inside King Tuts' tomb! The children have written some engaging diary entries that they are now editing and improving with the help of the Chromebooks. In history, the class learned about life in ancient Egypt and how Pharaohs sat on top of the social pyramid. They then made their own Top Trump cards for a range of ancient Egyptian jobs and thought about the jobs they would like and why. In PE, the class are learning about how to pass and move into space in a range of invasion games. The class really enjoyed playing Mr Beedie's favourite game of cops and robbers football and we have unearthed some new stars for the school team! In computing, the children continued to learn about computer systems and that they work via inputs and outputs, which sometimes use sensors. They then made their own dice and rock paper scissors game using inputting code and using the sensor on the microbit. Finally, in science, the children investigated if gas weighs anything. They carried out a fair test by weighing and comparing some flat lemonade to fizzy lemonade. Amazingly, they found out that the carbon dioxide in the fizzy lemonade made it weigh considerably more than the flat drink. They also discovered that carbon dioxide weighs more than air! Fortunately, there was enough fizzy drink left to have a glass each on a very hot afternoon.

Oak

This week has seen Oak class really delve into Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica and learn all about some of the challenges that the crew faced. They have also been learning about how to write cohesive paragraphs in readiness for their diary entries next week. We have also begun reading a great book called The Wolf Wilder. We are developing our comprehension skills as we study this book. In Maths, they have been working on calculating powers of 10 as well as being able to label a range of complex number lines. In science we began looking at which parts of our bodies make up the circulatory system and how oxygenated and deoxygenated blood is carried around the body. In computing, we began exploring computer databases and using the sorting tool to find out answers to questions. Another busy but fun week.