MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

This month's value is Gratitude

Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of our first half term and what a successful term it has been. Thank you so much to all the parents who were able to attend the parent consultation evenings this week. I hope you found them informative and you enjoyed looking at your children's work in their books so far- there's still lots to come!

It has been such a busy week this week with a great deal happening as always. Beech class had a wonderful trip out to Barnet Museum and Church. Please do read the report later in the newsletter.
This morning we were treated to an outstanding assembly performed by our wonderful Oak class. They shared so much information about the heart and the circulatory system and then all about the frozen kingdom of Svalbard. There were arctic animals, explorers, scientists, narrators and a fabulous song. Oak looked amazing, spoke with confidence and sang wonderfully. Well done Oak for a super assembly and of course a special mention to Mrs. Phiakkou for her script, direction and enthusiasm!

Chestnut class managed this week to recreate the Great Fire of London in the front playground. It was a heart stopping display with the houses the children had made lined up as if on Pudding Lane. The chidlren were astounded to see how quickly the fire spread from house to house (all controlled of course!) An unforgettable experience. Thank you parents for help with the house building and for coming along to watch the **Fire.**
Well done Chestnut.

In Willow this week the children told me they have been mastering number bonds to ten, learning how to rhyme and sharing some fantastic nursery rhymes (Thank you Micah for teaching us two little dicky birds WITH actions.) In science we found out about our senses: what we could hear, smell, feel, see and taste. We drew some super animals using wild animal figures for inspiration AND reception went to their first singing collective worship. Willow you are amazing.

Cedar have been innovating this week as they demonstrated how much of their Egyptian topic they can recall. There were videos, presentations and detailed maps all showcasing what the children have learnt this half term. In Maths they were been rounding to check answers and using estimation. They now have an estimation station in the classroom!

Mrs Phiakko reports : I am incredibly proud of how well Oak Class have started the year. They have worked very hard this half term and I feel confident that they will continue to put in maximum effort next half term.
This week we have written some spine-tingling narratives and the children have learnt how to convey character through dialogue. In Maths, we have been learning how to tackle some tricky long multiplication problems and many of us showed great resilience with this. In Geography, we have been learning about how animals have adapted to living in the polar regions and how the Nenets of Siberia live a nomadic life and how they rely on reindeer to survive. Finally, we ended the week with our amazing assembly. The children were truly wonderful and they really did bring our learning to life! I wish all of the children a fantastic half term.

So it just leaves me to say a huge thank you to the team here at Monken hadley for all their hard work this half term, thank you parents for your support and wish you all a fabulous half term. **Remember, Remember the children return on the 5th November!**

Ms. Eyres

Stars of the Week

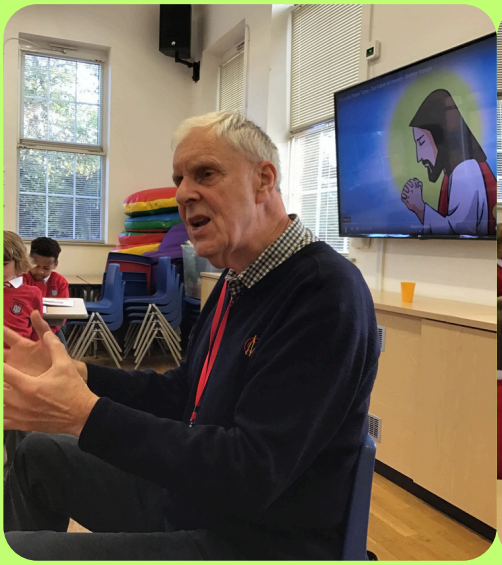
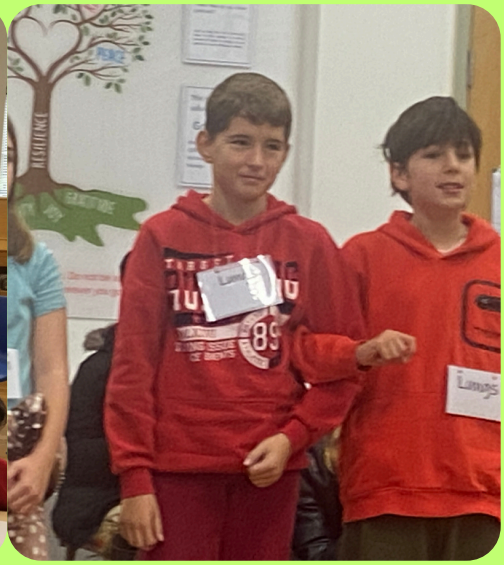
Thea, Autumn. Ada, Ava and Micah
Well done

Beech Class had a fantastic time this week at Barnet Museum and St John's Church. Please read full report by Ada, Leeya, Alex and Theo. In History, we had a special visit from a past pupil of Monken Hadley. He talked about what school was like when he came and how things had changed. A huge thank you to Martin (Jonathan's Dad). In English, the children have worked very hard to write instructions how to catch the very dangerous storm dragon! In Art, the children have been working very hard to complete their graffiti throwies. A super week for Beech!

On Tuesday, we went to the Barnet Museum. Firstly, we learnt how Barnet had changed over the years and saw lots of interesting photographs. Then, we learnt about the Battle of Barnet and had a lot of fun acting out the battle. We learnt how Edward IV won!

After that, we were given a sheet with pictures on and had to find them. We saw so many interesting objects: coins, medals, an old school desk, football boots, a prison cell door and even a bomb!!! Did you know that Barnet Museum was bombed in the war? When we left, we rang the train bell!

Next, we walked to St John's Church. We listened to someone play the Organ. It was beautiful!! Four volunteers were chosen to try on clothing worn by Father Sam. Next, we had a good look around the church, we saw fossils on the front, high altar, animals on the pews, stained glass windows and Ravenscroft Tomb.
(The Ravencroft family were very important and gave lots of money to the church.)

Finally, as a treat Mrs. Howard took us to the Old CourtHouse park. We had so much fun!!

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