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,

Another week and it's hard to believe we are here on a Friday once again. There has been lots happening in the school and the children have certainly been very busy.

I had the pleasure of interviewing some of our year 6s for the position of playground buddies. They had to write a letter of application and, if selected, come along for an interview. They were a little bit nervous but did not need to be as they were all very impressive. So congratulations to Alexandra, Ettie, Eliza, Giselle, Huxley, Idil, Isabella, Scarlett and Thea- our new playground buddies for this year. I am confident they will all do a super job.

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for our phonics evening this week led by Mrs. Neal and Ms. Dodd. It was an informative and interactive session! The PowerPoint is on google classroom.

Father Sam, from St. John's church, came to school on Thursday and led our collective worship. He told us about angels and messengers! It was lovely to have a vicar leading worship as we wait for the appointment of a replacement vicar at St Mary's and we hope he will be a regular visitor.

Wednesdays are delightful with Zorro visiting and the children are so excited to come and sit, share a book, have cuddles or just a chat; Zorro is a very very patient dog!

Next Friday (4th October) is our Cultural and Diversity day. Information has been sent about the day and we hope it will be another successful event. I cannot wait to see all the children dressed up to represent their cultural heritage.

As we have had two nominations for the post of parent governor, a vote now needs to take place. Two ballot papers have been sent home with your child. Each parent has one vote. Please return to the school in the envelope provided.

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

Ms Eyres

Stars of the Week

Giselle, Roman, Daisy Pariza and Barsam

Willow

This week in Willow Class Reception have been settling into a full day at school like pros! We have begun Level 2 phonics, already learning the first two sounds (and actions!). In art, the children continued their exploration of Picasso and created their own abstract portraits. In english we started learning about the fable 'The Lion and the Mouse' and worked together to sequence the story. Next week we will be re-enacting and re-writing the story ourselves. In science, we have been learning about and labelling our body parts, and comparing these to our classmates - we were lucky enough to have a life-sized Tommy-shaped model too! To continue our topic learning about our community we visited some very important people who help us at school and asked them questions about what they do, how they do it and where they do it.

Beech

In Beech this week the children have been working extremely hard. In English, we have been continuing reading our book 'Way Home' and the children have been discussing the topic of homelessness, learning how to use fronted adverbials and using drama to explore a new chapter. In Art, the children have been learning about Graffiti, they have been designing their own graffiti throwies and thinking about whether graffiti is art or vandalism. In History, the children learnt about the 'Battle of Barnet'.

In maths this week children have been learning to write numbers in words and learning all about Roman numerals. In science we have learned about the three different skeleton types; endoskeleton, exoskeleton and hydrostatic. We learned a very interesting fact about the type of skeleton a spider has (it has two types of skeleton!) and watched a clip of a crab shedding its old shell called molting. We are continuing our computing lessons and this week have been asking ‘Who owns the Internet?’ Also in Beech we have been really thinking about resilience and making sure we don’t give up even when somethings are a little tricky!

The Great Fire of London by Chestnut Class

Cedar

In Cedar class, the children have learned all about ancient Egyptian myths. They have orally retold the story of how Ra created the world and made his favourite son, Osiris. Who then embarks on an epic adventure with his wife Isis, which leads to him becoming the king of the underworld. The class have also discovered that the River Nile is the longest river in Africa and in fact the world. They then went on to write an explanation of why the River Nile was so important to the way of life in this civilisation.

In computing, the children learned how to search carefully and responsibly for information using search engines, as part of their work about computer systems. In science they investigated the melting point of chocolate and found out that this is 35 degrees Celsius.

Oak

Oak class are thoroughly enjoying our computing unit. This week, we looked at a database of information about the passengers who were onboard the Titanic. They learnt how to use the 'and' and 'or' functions to filter the data and answer questions. In Art, we began some watercolour art based on Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashevak and we focused on our brush strokes. In Science we learnt all about the parts of the heart and their functions…what a complex yet incredible organ! We have also worked incredibly hard in English. To help us plan our writing, we were visited by a crew member from the Endurance expedition, who told us all about the day that Endurance upended and disappeared beneath the ice. We ended the week with our first flute lesson which we all absolutely loved!