MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Our value this month is Joy

Dear Families,

What a fabulous few weeks we've had in school and we have been living out our value of joy. It really has been a whirlwind, especially with our postponed Sports Day making everything even busier than usual. Let's start there, because it was such a brilliant day. The children were incredible, competing with enthusiasm, cheering each other on, helping the QE boys, and showing real team spirit throughout. Thank you so much for your support, for coming along, for encouraging the House Captains, and for bringing such a positive atmosphere with you.

A huge thank you also goes to our staff. With a small team, Sports Day takes a lot of hands and a lot of work, from setting up equipment to distributing T-shirts and then taking them home to wash for next year. The children were wonderful, and we are so proud of every single one of them. And of course, a big congratulations to **Cass**, our winning House this year. A fantastic achievement.

Our little Chestnuts also headed off to Go Ape in Alexandra Palace, and what an adventure it was. Swinging through the trees (almost), conquering fears, and showing real bravery. One child told me they had faced their fear. Another proudly announced they had a growth mindset. Someone else said they couldn't do it quite yet… and then they did. A huge thank you to Ms Barker, who lived through every swing and climb, to our parent helpers, and to all staff who made this such a memorable experience for **every** child.

Willow Class enjoyed Forest School, discovering hammocks, woodland swings, lunch in the trees, and keeping an eye out for the occasional bear or chatty squirrel. It was a gorgeous day of outdoor learning and imagination.

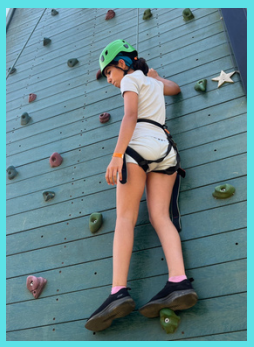
Year 6 headed off to the Frontier Centre for their big end-of-primary adventure, and what a week they had. From climbing to rafting, canoeing, cycling, abseiling, the leap of faith and even sneaking in a football match. It was a spectacular trip in very hot weather. A huge thank you to Mrs. Phiakkou and Mrs. Abbo, whose dedication and commitment made this trip possible. Five full days, 24/7, ensuring the children had an unforgettable experience and tried to keep them cool!. Thank you to all staff involved, and well done Year 6 for embracing every challenge.

Year 5 in Oak Class have been wonderfully creative, making stop-motion movies, watched the 1939 film Wizard of Oz, wrote film reviews, created Oz comic strips and finished the week by designing and making their own ice-cream sundaes as a treat for being brilliant. Elsewhere in the school, children have been enjoying a wide range of learning: Willow have been having fun learning all about caring for our seasides and how we can help prevent plastic pollution. Our Year One children have also been writing replies to Chestnut who wrote to them to tell them all about life in Year Two. Beech became bakers, making biscuits, designing packaging and creating adverts to promote their products. Chestnut enjoyed making and tasting delicious and healthy smoothies they had designed and Cedar wrote balanced arguments, investigated electrical conductors and followed their own recipes to make pizza sauce!

Of course, we cannot forget the Summer Fair. It was a brilliant community day with busy stalls, great activities, delicious food and plenty of laughter; including the very popular chance to soak a teacher! Thanks to everyone's hard work and support; we raised £3,800, which will go directly towards funding additional activities and resources children over the coming year.

Have a wonderful weekend and then just one week to go! I will see you all at the gate on Monday.

School Journey 2026



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