MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Our value this month is Grace

Dear Families,

What a week! Mixed weather and lots of fun, almost felt like Mary Poppins was floating across the playground yesterday. There is always so much happening here at Monken Hadley and so this is just a snapshot of some of the highlights.

Our Football Team played a fantastic game this week against All Saints school. We were not the winning side this time but well done to the whole team for showing great teamwork and determination.

The weekly Science club at Mount House continues to be a real success. The children were dissecting hearts this week which caused great excitement and lots of brilliant discussion. Thank you Mount House Science department for enabling these wonderful experiences.

Some of our Year 6 children have started attending Maths Club at QE Boys each Wednesday. It is quite a challenge but they are enjoying it and it is pushing their maths thinking even further. Thank you QE Boys for this opportunity.

Rev'd Abe from Wesley Hall led us in Collective Worship this week and talked about Mothering Sunday. We hope all the wonderful mums, grandmas and special people in our lives are getting lovely gifts and treats because we know you deserve them. The children were very excited!

Willow and Chestnut classes took part in the Don't Get Squished road safety sessions. It is such an important way of teaching our youngest children about staying safe near roads and they did a fantastic job joining in. Do check if they now know how to cross the road safely.

The stand out of the week has to be the Barnet Dance Festival. Cedar Class danced their socks off to Sapphire by Ed Sheeran and they were absolutely incredible. The choreography was slick and full of energy, the costumes were colourful and there was lots of cheering from the crowd. Thank you to Jade for creating such a brilliant routine and to all the staff who gave up their time for such a long day, especially Mr. Neal, Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Hadjisoteris who did not get home until very late!

Next week we have Chestnut class assembly and I know it is going to be a huge hit. Chestnut parents I hope it is in your diary!

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

Ms. Eyres

Stars of the Week

Willow Class

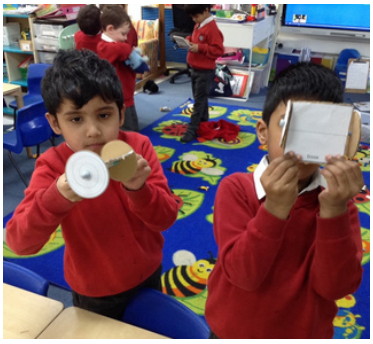
Willow have been amazing as usual this week, writing stories about the Hundred Decker Bus, learning about weighing in Year 1 and the numbers 9 and 10 in Reception.

We had an exciting morning on Thursday when we joined Chestnut in the hall to watch a Road Safety Show called 'Muffin, the nearly squished cat'. It was great fun watching the puppets and enjoying the songs, whilst learning how to cross the road safely. We all know the Green Cross Code now. In our history lesson we learnt about the history of air travel and the Wright Brothers and we will be learning more about them next week.

DT was interesting; in our journey to create moving toys, we have now made wheels (which we decided needed to be round to roll properly) and have attached them to an axle and an axle holder.

We have now made the base and are looking forward to designing the rest of our toy next week.

A super, busy week with some very engaged learning going on. Well done Willow Class!



Chestnut class children are becoming experts on the Great Fire of London: the children have read books about the fire and spent a windy Thursday morning with orange, yellow and red ribbons role-playing the flames as they rose from Thomas Farriner's oven and engulfed St Paul's Cathedral in September 1666. Some of our Chestnuts have asked brilliant historical questions connecting their previous learning about London with the Great Fire and they were all astonished at the idea of London's houses being so close together that neighbours could talk to each other from opposite windows.

The class observed trees at close quarters in the playground, learning scientific terms like bark, crown, trunk and evergreen and are excited about spotting blossom on their walks around the neighbourhood.

We can't wait to get onto the common for a nature walk once leaves start to appear on the trees.

In maths, we have started a new unit on measuring; the children had fun lining up pieces of pasta, paperclips and rubbers to measure the length of different objects were. Next step: centimetres and metres!

There has been a lot of excitement in **Beech Class** this week. Our learning has been inspired by the book Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett.

Over the past few days we have received numerous letters and packages in the classroom which created great anticipation and curiosity among the children. They have have enjoyed packing a suitcase in preparation for the the arrival of Sunny the Meerkat, showing wonderful imagination and discussion skills. When Sunny the Meerkat finally arrived, the excitement in the classroom was huge. The children were thrilled and loved using Sunny as part of their learning activities. In History, the children stepped back in time to experience what school might have been like in Roman times.

They learnt how to put on a toga, explored Roman numerals and even learnt some Latin words. Also, the children learnt about the importance of public speaking in Roman times, they wrote their own speeches and confidently performed them to the class.

Alongside all these exciting activities the children have worked very hard completing their 'Let's Remember' Maths and English assessments. We are very proud of all the effort and focus they have shown this week!

What a great week for **Cedar Class!** After over two months of hard work and committment the children performed with energy, style and joy at the Barnet Dance Festival on Tuesday evening. Thanks to their brilliant dance teacher Jade the children pulled off a truly memorable performance.

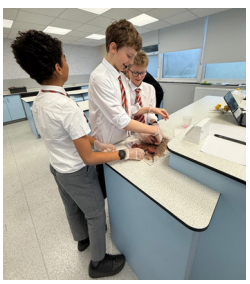
The class really threw themselves into the project and all of them gave it their best shot whether they had danced before or if they were new to PE lessons, let alone performing in front of hundreds of people. Well done Cedar class. A big thank you to all of the parents for their support and the two Mrs Hs, who gave up their own time to escort the class.

Elsewhere, the class gave the same level of commitment to multiplying fractions, researching the Great Barrier Reef, writing expanded noun phrases to describe the reef and researching why some creatures become endangered and extinct.
In computing, the children have been working on producing persuasive posters to advertise our first walk to school day, on Wednesday 24th March.
Put it on your diary,as there is a shiny cup for the class who walks the most! What a busy and tiring week.

This week in **Oak,** the children have worked incredibly hard in English. They have been working on a range of writing skills that will enable them to write a report about the highly venomous yellow-spotted lizard and the language they have generated for this piece has been outstanding.

In Maths, we have moved on to converting metric and imperial measurements including miles, ounces, pounds and gallons.

In History this week, we have continued exploring Maya life. The children were very impressive when learning about the complex Maya number system and were able to read and write numbers into the thousands. We also learnt about the Maya writing system and the children constructed both syllabograms and logograms for Mayan words. Finally, we learnt about what the Maya ate and the children wrote some great descriptions of a busy marketplace. Well done Oak!



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