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,

It has been another great week at school with so much happening. Do read the teacher updates later in the newsletter as this will give you a flavour of what has been happening in the class this week even if your child does respond with " nothing much" or "I forgot!"

We were delighted to hold our very first School Parliament with our newly elected House Captains. It was wonderful to hear the children's thoughtful ideas on a wide range of areas.
Watch this space as our Parliament begins to take an active role in school life from looking at sustainability, supporting our charitable causes and thinking about nutrition at Monken Hadley -all helping make our school even better.

We also have some exciting new opportunities this term. Lola, a native Spanish speaker, has joined us to teach Spanish to our Cedar and Oak children and they are already getting a real flavour of the language. On Tuesdays, Jade is teaching dance across the school, with each class enjoying six weeks of high-quality instruction. It is always wonderful to give the children wider experiences where we can. In addition, clubs are back in full swing and it is fantastic to see them so well attended.

Our Year 6 pupils have also been busy applying to become Playground Buddies. This is a very responsible role where they will support our younger children at lunchtime by creating games, helping them play together and acting as positive role models. The process is very daunting as they must write a letter of application and then attend a formal interview with Ms. Eyres. They were all amazing and I am delighted to announce our new Playground Buddies are Anna, Amanda, Bella, Luca, Oscar, Mohanna, Olivia and Remi!

We are thrilled to welcome back Zorro, our therapy reading dog, who is in fine fettle. We have missed him and it is wonderful to see him back with the children. Mrs. Rodrigues, our volunteer reader, is also back in full swing helping the children with extra reading.

Looking ahead, next Thursday 25th we have our phonics' evening for our reception and Year 1 parents. Friday 26th is our culture and diversity day and finally you will have seen the email about our Harvest Festival in church on Tuesday 7th October at 9:00 am. Parents are warmly invited to join us. As part of the celebrations we are collecting dry food donations to share with Barnet food banks and support local families. These can be brought into school by Thursday 3rd October in either decorated shoeboxes or harvest bags. A huge thank you in advance for your generosity. We look forward to celebrating together in church.

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

Ms. Eyres

Stars of the Week

Learning at Monken Hadley ...

It's been a busy few weeks with our lovely new Reception children joining **Willow Class**. They are all doing so well and have settled in beautifully. Well done Reception !

Our lovely Year Ones have enjoyed Mr Gumpy's Outing in English when they have been writing captions to go with pictures and in maths they have been mastering finding one more and one less than a number to 10.
Our Receptions have been learning about how to make sets of objects in Maths. We also started phonics in Reception and they now know the sounds S, A, T and P. In art all the children have learnt about the artist Michelle Reader who makes sculptures from reclaimed materials. We then made our own monsters from reclaimed materials. Of course there has also been lots of outdoor work, role playing, building and constructing and even cooking in the mud kitchen ! What a busy, busy week we have had !

Chestnut Class has had a very busy week! They started a new writing unit based on Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs, created a human number line in maths, developed their own dances with Jade, and explored the life cycle of dinosaurs in topic work.

In RE, the Year 2s have been deciphering the meaning of the Lord's Prayer, while the Year 1s have been exploring how people look after God's creation!

The children have also been learning the routines of Year 1 and Year 2 and adapting to life in a new class for many of them.
It has been a very busy and exciting week and the children have shown great enthusiasm and engagement in all their learning. Well done Chestnut

In Maths, **Beech Class** have been exploring partitioning and flexible partitioning to break down numbers and make addition and subtraction easier. By learning different ways to split numbers, we are gaining a deeper understanding of how to solve problems.

In Science, we have been learning about day and night through the Earth's rotation on its axis. Children have been using scientific terms to explain how the Earth's movement causes us to experience day and night, depending on which part of the planet faces the Sun.
In Computing, we have been designing our own digital devices! We have explored the concepts of input, output, and process as we think about how devices work—how they take in information, process it, and give us results. We have had some very creative ideas!

Start spreading the news as **Cedar Class** has been on a secret trip to the Big Apple. Flight attendants, Mr. Neal and Bertie, put the passengers at ease and the whole class jetted off to NYC, where we visited the Statue of Liberty, Central Park and Times Square. Whilst we were there, we wrote and sent postcards to our loved ones in the present perfect tense. You can see some pictures of us posting our cards on Tuesday.

The class has also learned how to pass and catch a rugby ball in PE and round their successful passes to the nearest 10. Whilst in computing, the children learned all about computer networks when they created a human model of how the internet works, with switches, routers and web addresses!

In science, the children found out that eating lots of New York hot dogs is not part of a balanced diet and they created some eye catching posters that explained what makes up a healthy, balanced diet.

If that was not enough the children did some great homework and decorated their spelling journals brilliantly and on Friday they finished the week by starting to make a sling shot car in DT.

We have had a fantastic week in **Oak** !

In maths, we have been working on place value to 10,000,000 as well as our mental maths skills for addition. In English, we have been planning and writing our own chapter of a fantasy story based on The Nowhere Emporium. I've been amazed by how imaginative and creative the children are and I cannot wait to read the final drafts.

We were using online Geographic Information Systems in Geography, to locate places around the world, gather data about major cities as well as measure their distances from London.

In Science, we explored what happens to different solids when mixed with water and the children had great fun watching the chemical reactions!

Our highlight of the week was beginning our clarinet journey, which the children all really enjoyed!