MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

This month's value is Integrity

Dear Families,

What a busy and exciting week we've had! It's been wonderful to see the school buzzing with energy and enthusiasm. Our teachers have been hard at work, and the children are thriving in their learning.

We've got some fantastic updates to share with you. This week, Oak class had a very informative TFL workshop, which they found incredibly engaging and educational. All about how to travel on public transport safely.

A special shout-out goes to our mixed football team for a wonderful match against Underhill. Although we lost 4-1, the team did not give up and battled on to the end, demonstrating our core values of resilience and integrity. Well done to everyone who participated. A big thank you to Mr. Beedie for his coaching and to the parent drivers who helped make the match possible.

We also had House Meetings this week, led by our House Captains. The mascots have been named, and there were lively discussions about additional equipment for the playground – more skipping ropes are gladly welcomed! The captains also took on the task of speaking to the catering team about some potential changes. A very demanding role, but they're handling it with great leadership!

The Shakespeare Workshop planned for this week had to be postponed. The workshop has now been rescheduled for 7th February in the afternoon.

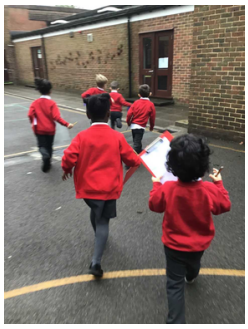
Our teachers have written about the wonderful learning experiences this week. Be sure to read about what the children have been up to and celebrate their achievements with us!

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a super weekend and I will see you all at the gate on Monday.

Ms. Eyres

This week's stars are Remi,Cedar Class, Charlie, Mehrish and Kaden

This week at Monken Hadley



Willow Class

This week Willow Class have been reading the story 'What the Ladybird Heard'. The cheeky ladybird has been exploring our school and listening out for what she can hear. The children then wrote speech bubbles and sentences describing the ladybird's new adventure. In Maths, both Year 1 and Reception, have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, sorting, comparing and continuing patterns, as well as some lovely shape necklaces from Reception. In History, we have been thinking about our favourite toys and drawing and writing about them, ahead of the children doing their own research at home over the weekend and in science we have been sorting materials into different types and whether they can be recycled, and the importance of recycling. A busy week all round; well done Willow!

Chestnut Class

In Chestnut Class our hard work has continued this week. In English, our lovely Year 1's have been reading a book called 'What the Ladybird Heard' and, after taking the ladybird for a walk around school, have been working hard to write speech bubbles and a short story.

The hard-working Year 2's have started reading the Roald Dahl book, The Magic Finger and have been learning about different sentence types. They have also written a short descriptive paragraph using powerful verbs, adjectives and adverbs. In Maths, Year One have continued adding and subtracting within 20 and Year Twos have been learning about equal groups in preparation for the introduction of the multiplication symbol next week.

We have been learning all about what makes someone significant in History and sorting these people into scientists, artists, explorers, monarchs and an activists. We have also been learning about reptiles and amphibians in Science and comparing their bodies. In PE we have been exploring stretching, jumping and rolling in Gymnastics lessons. We enjoyed working on the beams and horses to link two movements together.

Great fun was had by all and we have a few budding Simone Biles in our midst. It's been an interesting week and the children have worked very hard in their learning. Fantastic

Beech Class

This week in Beech, in English we explored the character of Mr. Fox and wrote a diary entry describing his worst day! In Art, we learnt learnt about illuminated lettering and designed our own. In History, we learnt about the reasons why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain.

The children wrote very persuasive letters as King Vortigan asking the Anglo-Saxons to come to Britain!

Also, the children have been thinking about how to show integrity and are super excited to hang their integrity owls on our class tree!

Oak Class.

This week in Oak Class we have been writing non-chronological reports about William Shakespeare in readiness for our work on one of his famous comedies next week. In Maths, we have been ordering and comparing decimal numbers. In art, we began developing our understanding of colour theory.

We looked at the colour wheel and how we can create tints, tones and shades. In PSHE, we discussed our goals for this year, both at school and out of school and our next step is to consider the steps we might take in order to achieve these goals.

We have also been thinking closely about our value of the month - integrity. We read a parable from the bible which demonstrated this value and discussed what we believed true integrity to be.
Finally, we took part in a fantastic Transport for London Workshop, where we learnt all about the rules for travelling with TfL and how we can do this safely.

Cedar Class

While Mr. Neal has been away, Cedar Class has been still kept very busy in various activities under the guidance of substitute teacher Ms. Eyres, (although the children are very eager for Mr. Neal's return!)
In Maths, Cedar has been working through challenging multiplication methods, demonstrating great perseverance despite the difficulties.

They also embarked on biographies of Henry VIII; they have researched, planned, and started drafting their first versions.

In art, the children thoroughly enjoyed creating portraits of Henry VIII, inspired by the works of Hans Holbein, resulting in some amazing pieces of art. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Neal for her invaluable help for the art sessions.
Music lessons have seen Cedar exploring glockenspiels, while in Spanish, they have been learning about pets.
Finally, Jade our dance instructor has been leading Cedar in lively dance sessions, adding a fun and energetic element to the week.
Cedar you have been fabulous and Ms. Eyres needs a rest!