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,

It's been another fantastic week at Monken Hadley with so much going on across the school.

Cedar Class have been busy becoming experts on Henry VIII through their work on biographies. Oak Class are diving into A Midsummer Night's Dream and really getting to grips with the play. Year 2's maths work continues to impress us all with their understanding and progress. Meanwhile, creativity has been flourishing in Beech, and the whole school has been filled with music during our singing sessions.

Ash and Charlie did a brilliant job leading an assembly this week as part of our "Pathways Assemblies" and the children really enjoyed this week's theme. Over the next few weeks, some of the older children will have the opportunity to lead assemblies too – a great way to build confidence and develop leadership skills.

Amazing success on the football pitch this week! Our girls' team played an incredible match against Underhill, with a nail-biting finish that saw them triumph 3-0 and secure a place in the semi-finals against Whitings Hill. It's such an exciting moment for the team!
This achievement is a testament to how much they've developed and grown over the past few years. Their hard work, teamwork, and determination have come together to create a squad that not only plays brilliantly but also supports one another, gets stuck in when it counts, and, most importantly, has fun along the way. We couldn't be prouder of them – well done girls!
So another fun filled week and lots more happening in the next few weeks. Do check the diary on the website for details.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!

Ms. Eyres

This week's stars are Alex, Iris, Ilaria, Carlo and Lily

This week at Monken Hadley

It has been another busy week in **Willow,** beginning with some brilliant home research on toys from the past. The children researched, recorded and presented their research brilliantly and we learnt all about how toys are similar or different to now. In Science, we explored different materials and their properties and in Art created our own colour wheels with primary and secondary colours (hand mixed by the children!). In English, we continued our work with the cheeky ladybird and used adjectives and speech bubbles to think about how the animals would be feeling after they caught the thieves!
In Maths we have continued to look at place value to 10 and 20, representing numbers in a variety of ways and matching numbers to pictures. Well done Willow, another successful week.

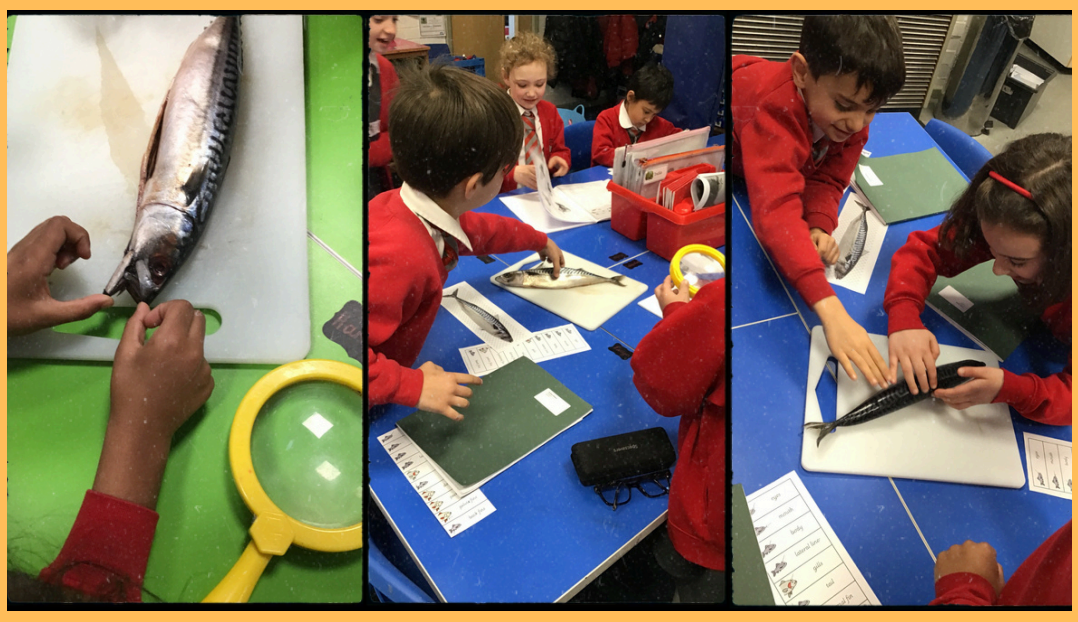
Beech Class

In Science, Beech class has been investigating how distance affects sound. We conducted an experiment to measure sound and moved further and further away. We noticed that the further we stepped from the sound source, the fainter the sound became. We realised that the further from the sound source, the weaker the sound wave. Some of us also noticed that the wind was blowing towards us which helped us to hear the sound but if we turned away, it was harder to hear.

Chestnut Class

It has been incredibly busy in Chestnut Class this week. Year One have continued their work on What the Ladybird Heard and this week have been learning about adjectives and writing speech bubbles as well as finding out all about farms for some non- fiction writing next week. Year Two have finished reading The Magic Finger and are planning their own story sequel.
In Maths, Year One have been mastering partitioning a number to 50 into tens and ones whilst Year Two have been introduced to the multiplication symbol, doubling and the two times table.
In Computing we enjoyed composing our own music rhythms using Chrome Music Lab. But, the highlight of the week was our Science lesson where we were finding out about the bodies of fish and we examined some real mackerel.
We looked at the different parts of the bodies and the we were especially excited to find out that they had little teeth and shiny, silver tongues. The children drew and labelled some amazing diagrams of fish. It was so exciting but it did leave us with a smelly classroom. What a class of budding biologists.

Finally in PE, we had a chance to explore the wall bars and climbing frames in the hall, whilst we learnt how to link moves together. What a great week.



Oak Class

This week in Oak Class, we started our work on A Midsummer Night's Dream. The children have been exploring the characters and have written some fantastic character descriptions of Puck, Oberon and Titania. In Maths, we learnt how to multiply and divide decimals by integers and we are also working hard on improving our arithmetic skills.

Excitingly, we began two new units of work: Light in Science and Maafa in topic. We used torches to explore how light travels and we also used compass directions to help us label a map of Africa with all 54 of its countries.

Finally, in Computing, we began exploring different camera shots and angles in videos in preparation for making our own film very soon.

Cedar Class

In Cedar Class, we have had a busy week learning all about Henry VIII and his six unfortunate wives. The children have written some detailed biographies of Henry and published them. You can see some pictures of their work here. In history, the children used sources to explore Henry's wives. Each child was allocated a wife and they then shared their information with their team mates so they could all produce a timeline of Henry's wives.

In computing, the children learned that a database is made up of fields and records. The children then started to create their own databases about footballers, Henry's wives, the planets and famous singers.

Cedar class have continued to develop their leadership skills and be the change they would like to see, as part of the Young Leaders Award. The leaders have planned a walk to school day on Tuesday 12th February because changes they would like to see in our community are less pollution, less traffic on the roads and healthier children, who walk to school. There will be prizes for the class that walks the most to school. Please read Bella's article for more information.

Archbishop's Young Leaders' Award
Time to Walk!

In Cedar class, we have become Young Leaders and we have a challenge that we want the whole school to take part in! The Young Leaders are a group of children trying to make a change in our world and be the change that we would like to be,

Our first project is to improve our community and this is how we want you to do it. We are going to choose one day that the whole school can try to walk to school. Even if you live further away you can drive partly and walk the rest. Every time you walk to school you will get a point and the class with the most points by the end of the month will get a prize. As a Young Leader we want to be the change we want to see!

Our first walk to school day will be on Tuesday 12th February. Look out for more information on our website and in collective worship.

by Bella