MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

This month's value is Grace

Dear Families,

So many parents tell us that when they ask, “What did you do at school today?” the answer is often “Nothing.” Well, this week, the children could have told you about the launch of an app competition, a visit from a robot, a thrilling football final, Mothers’ Day cards and so much more! Read on to find out exactly what we’ve been up to…

First, a huge thank you to all the parents who attended our consultation meetings. We hope you found them helpful and informative. You’re always welcome to pop in and take a look at your child’s books if you’d like to see more of their fantastic work. A massive thank you also to our teachers for their time and dedication over two late night; very much appreciated!

It’s been an exciting week for technology in school. On Monday, Sam from JP Morgan visited to launch the Make It APPen competition. The children will be designing a unique app in class, and their ideas will be submitted to JP Morgan, who will select two runners-up and an overall winner. The winning app will then be developed by their software team—what an amazing opportunity!
On Wednesday, we had a very special visitor: Jasmine the robot! The children were absolutely fascinated, and we’re thrilled to announce that we’ll be launching a robotics club after Easter. More details will be sent out next week.

Sporting excellence was on full display this week! Our girls’ football team made it to the final against Foulds and put on an incredible performance, showing skill, determination, and real MH spirit. It was a hard-fought match, but Foulds secured a 1-0 victory. While it wasn’t our day for the trophy, we couldn’t be prouder of the girls for winning their section and making it all the way to the final. A huge well done to the whole team and a big thank you to parents for your support—and to Mr. Beedie for his superb coaching and commitment.

Walk to School Day was another big success, with a noticeable reduction in traffic around the school. Let’s keep up the good work Monken hadley
A wonderful surprise for the children this week as each class received a personal letter from Dan Tomlinson following his visit. In a separate letter from Dan to myself he praised the school and your amazing children—something we all already knew, of course!

Next week’s highlights:

Easter Bonnets/Hats – Thursday
Church Service – Thursday at 9:00 am (Parents welcome)
Easter-Themed Cake Sale – Thursday after school
Chestnut Class Assembly – Friday at 9.00am
Have a great weekend and I will see you all the gate on Monday!

Ms. Eyres

This Week at MH

t's been another busy week for Willow Class. We have been focusing on the story of Mrs Armitage on Wheels. The children have sequenced and retold the story and even created their own new and improved bike just like Mrs Armitage. In maths, Year One have been tackling missing number problems and partitioning tens and ones, while Reception have been consolidating their learning from this half term, looking at odds and evens / doubles and halves and one more one less to 10 and 20. In History we learnt about William Caxton who created his own magnificent machine (the printing press) and used junk modelling to create some of our own magnificent machines. The children have also created some beautiful cards for a special someone - check those bookbags on Sunday! Well done Willow; another great week of learning.

This week in Beech. In English the children wrote letters of complaint about Mr Fox's insulting behaviour. They explored formal vocabulary and persuasive techniques to ensure their arguments were strong and convincing. They wrote in the role of rat with great enthusiasm!

In Design and Technology, we designed our own book sleeves. The children learnt about different cover styles including envelope and book jacket covers before designing their own unique creations. They put great thought into their designs, considering how best to protect their books.

In History, our lessons took us back to Alfred The Great. We investigated why he earned the title 'Great' as well as some of the reasons he may not have lived up to it.
(Don't worry, we avoided any mention of burnt cakes!) Well done Beech Class for all your hard work!

In science, we explored how shadows are formed by using a light source and opaque objects. We learned that the size of a shadow changes depending on the distance from the light. Moving the light closer made shadows smaller, and moving it further away made them larger. We also discovered that transparent and translucent objects don't cast clear shadows because light passes through them easily, unlike opaque objects which block the light.
In computing we are continuing to learn about animation. Today we used a new app called Pivot Animator. We were able to create 2D stick figure animations with frame-by-frame movement. Super work!

This week Chestnut Class have been continuing to write their own non-chronological report in English. In Maths our Y1's have started learning about multiplication. They have been counting in tens and learning about equal groups and adding them together.

In Science, the children have enjoyed making day and night pictures and showing what they know about nocturnal and diurnal animals.

In Computing the children enjoyed making their own Beebot mats and inputting their own algorithms. It's been a super week and the children have worked incredibly hard!

The children of Oak Class have continued to work very hard this week. In English, we have begun exploring the book Freedom by Catherine Johnson, which follows the life of young Nathaniel who is a slave and is treated horrifically by his master. The children have been captivated by this story and will be writing a first person account of Nathaniel's journey to England.

In Maths, we have been calculating angles in triangles and quadrilaterals. In our Maafa unit, we looked at the abolition of slavery and created some fantastic persuasive posters calling for slavery to be abolished!

We were also fortunate enough to be invited over to Mount House School to watch a performance of Beauty and the Beast.

Well done Oak!

Writers of the Week

The Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon Rainforest is a whole world full of chaotic animals and maze-like trees. Welcome to this place of mystery! Dramatic trees stand frozen, drilling their endless roots into the sturdy ground. Swinging here and there, vines toss themselves around: a brain in full control. In and out they weave. Priceless flowers bloom like jewels at a sliver of light. A bed of ferns carpet the floor like a lush hill covered in grass.Jade leaves form an immense canopy over the dense forest floor.

High above, radiant rays of light dance down through the umbrella of leaves into the vast expansive trees. Humid and moist atmosphere creeps around. Iridescent beams shine down as it meets the canopy of the rainforest. Every so often, a crisp breeze is whispered through the trees.

At the crack of dawn, monkeys chatter as they swing from treetop to treetop. Earth rumbles beneath monumental trees. Stirring in the distance, humming joins the sweet symphony of the choir. As wild winds whisper, frogs croak and birds call, piercing the ears of anyone willing to listen. Gurgling rivers stretch round buzzing insects and howling monkeys. Jaguars roar in the shadows of this savage world!

By Georgia - Oak Class

Amazon Rainforest

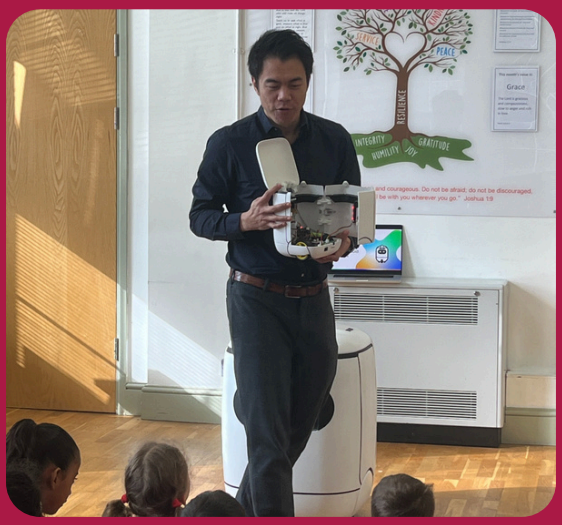
The Amazon Rainforest is a world of alternate chaos, bursting at the seams and waiting impatiently to be explored…

Ferns, like delicate feathers, glide among the soft evening breeze. On the emerald canopy, leaves glitter in the harsh sunlight as if they had been adorned with diamonds. As the sun dawns over the forest, string-like vines wrap themselves around discarded trunks like slimy serpents, slither silently.

As darkness engulfs the vast plain of land, humid air clings to the dark, leafy wasteland like a cobra, refusing to release its tense grip. Sunlight rises over the Amazon; the radiant beams illuminate the path ahead. Flowing through the branches overhead, a subtle breeze carries the sweet aroma of tropical flowers along with it.

Leaping across the emerald ceiling, monkeys chatter indistinctly; their shrill cries fill the endless expanse of trees. Night falls faster than expected and the gloom of the darkness settles on the floor of rejected debris and foliage. Silence is so strong a pin- drop can be heard. When the horizon begins to blush with the soft hues of dawn, a vibrant colony of prodigal birds sing their melodic symphony awakening the forest.

By Daisy - Oak class

This Week's stars are
Scarlett, Olivia, Cici, Luccas and Lorenzo.

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