MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

This month's value is Kindness

Dear Families,

It's been a wonderfully busy few weeks in school, full of energy, learning and collaboration; just the way we like it!

Across the school, there's been a real buzz as children have thrown themselves into a whole range of learning activities. From Giggling Panda workshops, production rehearsal, some tricky Maths and lots of impressive art.

A particular highlight was Year 6's visit to Mount House School. They were invited to share their science club experiences and did so with confidence and pride. Not only did they showcase their experiments and learning, but they were also brilliant ambassadors for our school. We're hopeful this visit will lead to more exciting links with Mount House in the future including (fingers crossed!) some of their students coming in as science mentors.

Looking ahead, next week is shaping up to be another incredibly busy one : we've got Sports Day, the choir are out performing at the arts depot and Year 6 are off to the Micro-marathon. Please keep checking the diary for timings and any updates . We certainly like to pack things in here at MH!

With the warm weather (finally!) arriving, a gentle reminder to make sure children come to school with sunhats and water bottles and please apply sun cream before school. We'll do our best to keep them cool, but a bit of prep really helps on those hotter days.

A date for your diary: our Summer Fair is on Friday 12th July! It's always such a lovely event and we'd really appreciate any offers of help whether you can run a stall, donate prizes, or just lend a hand with setting up.
And a small request: I'm on the lookout for two bookcases for Cedar Classroom and was wondering if anyone has one they no longer need before I splash out on new ones. If so, please do let me know; Cedar would be very grateful.

Finally, some good news on the practical front: the school is getting a brand-new boiler this summer! It's a big project and a significant investment but it should make us more fuel-efficient (and hopefully warmer in the winter too!).
Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Have a super weekend and I will see you at the gate on Monday.

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Congratulations to this week's stars: Georgia, Arthur, Orla, Josiah and Marilena.

CLASS NEWS

WILLOW

Another busy week in Willow Class! We have been learning all about jungles and rainforests, as well as other environments around the world, using the lovely book 'Our World' to support. The children worked wonderfully together to create detailed artwork of different habitats around our world, including animals, physical features and detailed labels.

In English, we looked at the book 'Penguin on Holiday' and wrote our own postcards from the perspective of Penguin and Crab on their holidays, using our phonics and lots of key features of a postcard. In maths Year 1 have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and reception have been sorting and grouping into equal groups.

In RE reception looked at the parable 'The Wise and Foolish Builders' and sorted decisions into wise and foolish - remembering that we all make mistakes sometimes, even adults!

Willow Class have also been practising hard for sports day next week and even managed to squeeze in time to create some beautiful Father's Day cards (check those book bags!).

CHESTNUT

As always it's been a busy week in Chestnut Class. In Maths our Y1 Chestnuts have been learning about numbers to 100 and they have been partitioning them into tens and ones and comparing them.

Our Y2's have had fun learning about position and direction and have made treasure maps and described routes to move around the treasure maps using language such as, up, down, left, right, forwards and backwards.

In English we have been learning how to write in the past tense and we have spent the last two days writing a recount of our visit from Giggling Panda last week. Our writing has been amazing and we all made a huge effort. In our topic lesson we have learnt all about schools in China and compared them to schools in the UK - they are quite different.

Science was great fun when we had to experiment to find out which was the best fabric to use for a curtain in a babies room. We tested different fabrics with torches. It was great fun and very exciting.

In RE we learnt about the fifth pillar of Islam - Hajj (pilgrimage) and drew maps to show the journey Muslims do on when they go on their pilgrimage to Mecca. Pariza was very helpful to Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Bryant when she shared her own experiences of Hajj

BEECH

Over the past two weeks Beech class have been hard at work and enjoying a range of activities. In English, the children have been exploring the features of newspapers. They've learnt what makes a good headline and have been busy reading newspapers to spot key features. In Maths, they have been learning all about money, recognising coins, notes and counting in pounds and pence. In Art, the children have created some truly amazing charcoal pictures inspired by illustrator Tom Gauld who brought the Iron Man to life. In Geography, The children showed great curiosity when they learnt about life in a Spanish school, they wrote a diary entry imagining what their day would be like. We have also made the most of the weather and enjoyed a special reading session with Willow Class. It was a joy to see the children sharing their books in the sunshine!

CEDAR

In Cedar class we have had a busy week preparing for sports day. We have some very good runners, skippers and throwers and the children all threw themselves into preparing for the big day with lots of resilience and enthusiasm.

In English, we have been reading a great book called the London Eye Mystery. In this exciting tale the reader has to try and wok out how Salim, the main character Ted's cousin, has vanished from a full pod of people on the London Eye! It has really helped to be develop the children's inference skills and after reading every chapter the children update their list of suspects. At the moment, Aunt Gloria, who is described as a hurricane, is the number one suspect. Ted the main character in the book and super sleuth mind works differently to other people's because he is autistic. Ted has inspired us to find out more about the autism and the children are in the process of creating a guide to autism. Did you know that the Albert Einstein and the great Andy Warhol were believed to be autistic?

In history, the class held a debate about who should have been the King of England in 1066. After a passionate discussion Cedar class decided that William Duke of Normandy should be king. The class have gone on to learn more about the Battle of Hastings. In art, the children learned all about Katsushika Hokusai and produced some great artwork, with the help of Mrs. Neal.

A big well done to all of the year 4 children who worked hard in their multiplication tests and for producing some great triangle cartoon characters in Maths.

OAK

This week in Oak Class, year six have been working extremely hard on their end of year production .In class, year 5 have been interpreting information from a range of graphs and tables in Maths.

In our history lessons we have learnt about a number of Victorian inventions and explored which problems they solved and how they have evolved over time. We also learnt about the Industrial Revolution and how life and living conditions changed for people as well as the benefits of factories and new machinery. In Design Technology, we have been designing and making steady hand games which we will be testing next week.
The children also designed their own soft toys using prints inspired by William Morris. A super week!