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,

What a lovely week it's been in the sunshine! The children have been working incredibly hard and enjoying all that's going on in school.

Our fabulous Year 6s have now completed their end-of-Key-Stage SATs tests and I couldn't be prouder of them. They approached the week with such maturity, resilience and determination: what a wonderful group of children! A huge well done to them and of course, to Mrs. Phiakkou for supporting, teaching, and preparing them so brilliantly.

We had a friendly cricket match against Foulds this week. Although we didn't win, it was a fantastic opportunity for teamwork and skill-building. A big thank you to the parents who came along to support – it's always lovely to see you there.

We also welcomed a visitor this week the Imam from Barnet Mosque, who gave a wonderful talk to our Key Stage 1 children. He engaged them marvellously, sharing his knowledge and answering their questions so thoughtfully. There are some photographs later in the newsletter

Next week is looking busy already!

- Tuesday: Year 2 will be visiting the mosque.
- Thursday: StoneX Athletics Competition. **We still need more parent drivers for this event, so please contact the office if you're able to help.**
- Friday: Willow Class Assembly. We look forward to welcoming Willow class parents. The assembly starts at 9:00am.

Please check the web site for key dates. We have sent out the term diary but ideally want to have the website as the place for all events as so many dates are added over time!

You will have also received a reminder about the Governor Maintenance Fund. Thank you so much to those who have already made a contribution. If you are able to donate and haven't yet, please do so as soon as possible as every penny really does help and the funds are much needed by the school. If you are a UK taxpayer, don't forget to return the Gift Aid for: it costs you nothing extra but allows the school to claim an extra 25% on your donation.

There's so much happening in our lovely school at the moment and thank you for being such a supportive part of our community.
Have a super weekend and I'll see everyone at the gate on Monday!

Ms. Eyres

Congratulations to this week's stars: Zion, Angjelos, Carty, Kaasim Azriyah and Albie

This week at Monken Hadley...

Willow

This week in Willow we have been learning about the features of instruction writing and sequencing and writing our own, before using them to make our very own fruit salad! The children demonstrated very impressive and safe cutting skills and everyone enjoyed their creations! In RE, we were lucky enough to have a visitor from the mosque who explained why it is a sacred place in Islam and showed us some of the important items you might find there. Reception then drew pictures of some of the important things we find in a mosque. Rehearsals have continued ahead of next week's class assembly with nearly everyone knowing their lines off by heart already, which is brilliant. In Maths, we have continued to explore measurement and have been weighing and comparing the mass of different objects.

Chestnut

We have tackled the heat and fought the tiredness to have yet another busy week in Chestnut Class. Maths has been full of lots of practical work, with Year Two doing lots of measuring using metres and centimetres and Year One learning how to recognise a quarter of a shape and an amount. In English we completed writing our own stories, following our work on the book ‘The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark’. We are now working really hard to publish our story into little books which we will share with you when they are complete. In our geography lesson we learnt all about China and Chinese culture and we have started making our very own ‘lapbook’ about China. We are being very creative doing this and have loved practising our bubble writing. We also started to plan and write up our own experiment in Science. Next week we will be testing different materials to see which are best to make a toddlers dungarees from. Well done Chestnuts.

Beech

Beech Class has been diving into some exciting learning this week. In Science, they've been busy researching pollinators and exploring how to create the perfect garden to attract them. Working in teams, the children are considering everything from flower type and colour to scent and shape in order to appeal to as many pollinators as possible. Next week, they'll be putting their ideas into action by designing their own pollinator-friendly gardens.

In Computing, the class has been developing their coding skills, learning how to move a sprite through a maze using block based programming commands. They've shown great perseverance and problem-solving as they debug their code and find their way through tricky challenges.

Swimming has also been a highlight, with pupils demonstrating resilience and determination as they improve their skills in the pool. Beech Class continue to impress with their positive attitude and teamwork across all areas of learning. Keep it up!

Cedar

In Cedar class, the children have retold their own exciting versions of Odd and the Frost Giants. They have also learned about subordinating conjunctions and Chloe was a whizz at this work, winning the time to climb championship quiz.

In Maths, the children have revised their knowledge and understanding of time and how to convert between seconds, hours and minutes. Oscar Fleming even managed to calculate how many minutes he has been alive!

Out on the common, the children worked away at throwing the javelin and shot putt. Watch out for Sonny and Roman in the 2032 Olympics because they are both natural field athletes.

On Thursday afternoon, the Cedar classroom turned into a Viking Museum and the children studied a range of artefacts to help them deduce how the fearsome Vikings lived their lives. A special mention to Isla Rose for her great work and illustrations.

Finally, on Friday the class started a new DT project about bridges and they made their own beam and arch bridges.

Oak

This week, our incredible Year 6 children have truly outdone themselves. With SATs in full swing, they've approached each day with calm determination and maturity. From the moment they walked through the doors each morning (some with sleepy eyes but big smiles) to the final paper of the week, they've given it their all. They have shown huge resilience and positivity; even when faced with some challenging questions, they did not give up and I am so very very proud of them. A huge well done to our year fives as well, who have adapted so brilliantly to the changes this week. To celebrate, we spent the afternoon playing some of our favourite games, enjoying the sunshine, chatting with friends and feasting on pizza and snacks.