MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

This month's value is Service

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to have the children back for our first full week – especially with the sunshine making everything feel that little bit brighter! The children have settled back in beautifully after the break and are already getting stuck into our busy summer term ahead.

All the classes have been busy busy busy and there's already been some great learning taking place. Do take a moment to read the teacher updates to see what's been happening in your child's class. Our curriculum maps for the summer term are also now live on the website – just head to the Learning tab and click on your child's class. These maps are really useful for giving you an insight into what's coming up this half term.

A real highlight this week was a wonderful assembly led by Kaasim's mum, Rabia, who came in to talk to us about the importance of Ramadan and Eid in the Muslim faith. She was joined by Imam Mohammed from our local Barnet mosque. The children listened brilliantly and asked some thoughtful questions – a big thank you to Rabia and Imam Mohammed for such a special session.

Our choir are still glowing after their fabulous performance at The Royal Albert Hall, and they're already preparing for their next big moment – the Barnet Music Festival in June! Emails have gone out about tickets so please respond as soon as possible so we can guarantee your places.

Next Thursday 8 May is Cricket Day for Chestnut, Beech, Cedar and Oak – please send your child to school in their PE kit for the whole day (no school uniform needed). There are lots of events coming up and do check the website which is updated regularly with key dates.

We'll also be marking **VE Day next week**. On Thursday, we'll have a special assembly with a guest speaker sharing their experiences and on Friday afternoon we'll all be heading to the common for an afternoon of simply being together. **There'll be games and time to relax – please send your child in with a small snack just for themselves (no large sharing bags and no nuts please) and a carton drink or water bottle.)**

Finally, there is a VE Day concert at St Mary's Church and the beacon will be lit on Thursday evening – a lovely opportunity to come together as a community.

Wishing you all a sunny and restful weekend and I will see you all at the gate on Tuesday

Ms. Eyres

This week's stars are Tammu, Leoni, Mia, Nari and Lily!

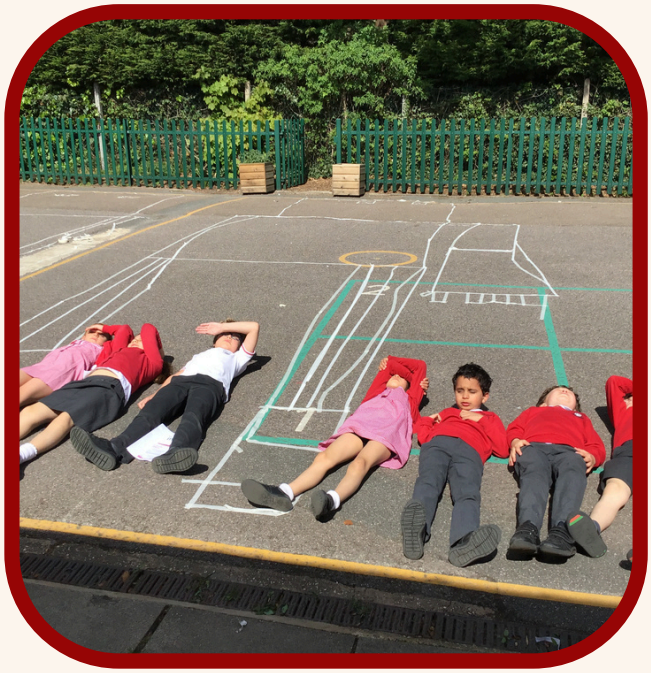
This week...

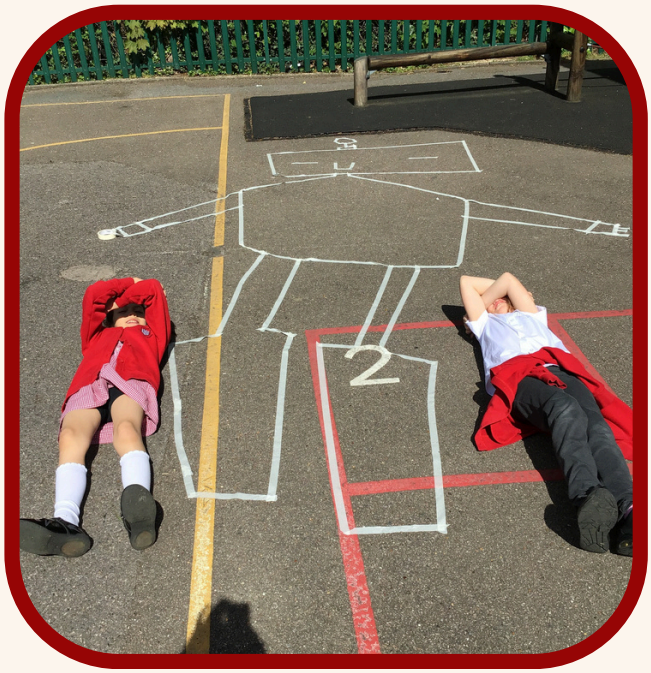
Willow Class have been very busy this week, with rehearsals for the class assembly beginning - parents, your child will be sent home with a script on Friday, please practise with them when you can! We have also been exploring the fruit and vegetable artwork of Giuseppe Arcimboldo and were inspired to create some of our own. Last week we also created artwork linked to our new topic of 'Ready Steady Grow' by reading and retelling the story of The Gigantic Turnip and painting our own turnip still life using watercolours. We sequenced the story of The Gigantic Turnip and drew and wrote about our favourite scene from the story, with Year 1 working very hard to rewrite the whole story! In maths we concluded place value (to 10, 20 and 50) and have this week moved onto measurement. The children have had fun using a creative mix of classroom objects to measure things, before moving onto standard units of measure next week. A busy but successful week, well done Willow!

In **Beech Class** we started reading our new book ' The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The children worked together to build their very own Iron Man using masking tape! This helped them to explore the scale and size of the character and really brought our new unit to life. Also, they read and performed “The coming of the Iron Man” with great enthusiasm working on tone of voice, expression and timing. In Maths, the children have been learning how to tell the time to the nearest minute. This is a skill that really benefits from extra practice, please continue working on telling the time at home.

In Geography, we launched our new topic 'Bievenido' (all about Spain). The class explored the similarities and differences between Spain and the UK In Design and Technology, we have been very busy sewing our book jackets. The children are mastering running stitch and learning how to attach fastenings including buttons.

Chestnut have enjoyed starting their new topic on Eastern Explorers during the last two weeks - focussing on China. We have learnt all about where China is on a World map and we can name the seven continents. We made Chinese hangings and have a new Chinese themed book corner. In Maths Year Two have started learning about shape and have been focussing this week on the properties of 2D shapes. Our little Year Ones have been learning how to make equal groups by sharing. In English we have loved the story ‘The Owl who was afraid of the dark’ by Jill Tomlinson. We have learnt about expanded noun phrases and the four different sentence types and we wrote the beginning of our own stories. Plop the baby barn owl even came to visit us in class and has spent time working with each table during the week.

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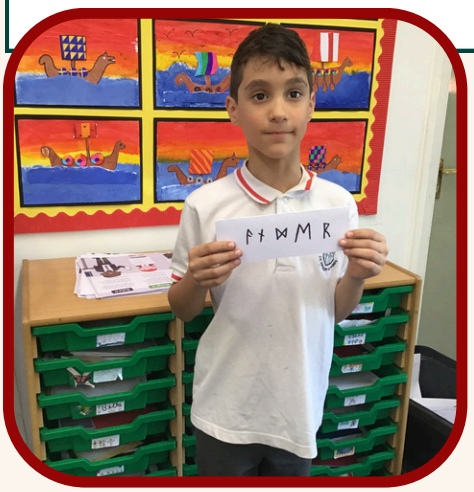
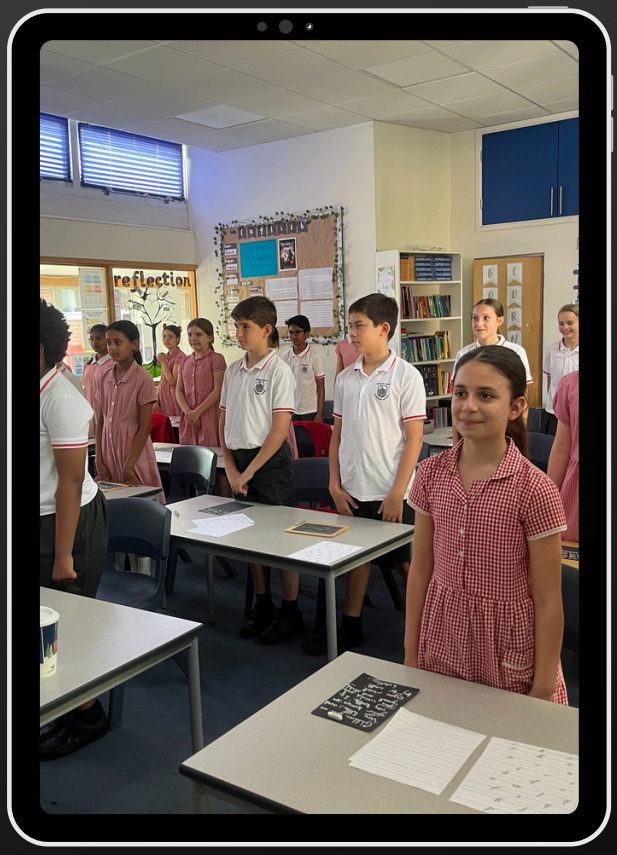
Cedar Class

Over the last few weeks Cedar has been transported back to the time of the fierce Viking raiders! The children started by creating their own Viking names and making some name badges with their new names on (see pictures in folder). The children have created maps of the Vikings raids and their journeys across the seas. In addition, they have painted some eye catching pictures of Viking long boats. In English, the children have been reading a story about a brave Viking boy, who goes on an epic quest to defeat the Frost Giants. This has allowed the class to describe the magical setting, getting into character and write from the heroes perspective and summarise the story using conjunctions.
Lucky old Cedar class has been able to going to Mount House for PE lessons and they have used the great facilities to work on their fitness and cricket skills.



It has been very busy in **Oak Class** Year 6 are working towards their SATs assessments, displaying great resilience, focus and determination to succeed.
We have focussed closely on our reading comprehension skills in the last two weeks as well as consolidating our grammar terminology. In Maths, we have worked on coordinates, translation, reflection and statistics. The children demonstrated confidence in reading and interpreting a range of charts and graphs as well as drawing reflected shapes in four quadrants. We began our PSHE unit on family and relationships by exploring people that we respect and why we respect them. It is safe to say that the mums in Oak Class were held in the highest regard and topped the respect list. In PE, we have been refining our batting and fielding skills in cricket. Mrs. Phiakkou's highlight of this week was Thursday's time travel back to the mid 1800s, to the reign of Queen Victoria. She woke up in the morning and had become a Victorian school teacher, which meant that the children experienced life as a school child in that era. They definitely were not expecting fingernail inspections or writing on slates and the left-handed children did not like having to write with their right hand. The children were all thankful that everything had returned to normal by Friday!

A Victorian Classroom...