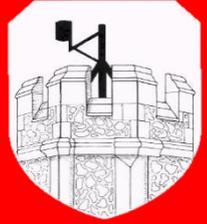


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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Christmas already seems to be a very dim and distant memory. This term, there are many exciting events taking place and it promises to be another busy term. Last week, we were delighted to welcome back Ms Froud to Monken Hadley, albeit just for a brief visit. The children were all very excited to see her and she asked to be remembered to parents. This afternoon our School Ambassadors plus representatives from Oak class are taking part in the third annual LDBS Service of Celebration in St Paul's Cathedral, along with children from other church schools across London. It promises to be a very exciting event – watch out for their report in the next newsletter!

Chestnut Class visit the moon!



Last week, Chestnut were extremely excited to have a visit from an “astronaut” who transported them to the moon. However, on the way, they landed on some other planets by accident! During these short stops, they learned lots of exciting facts about some of the planets in our Solar System.

Throughout the workshop, they were looking for clues in order to solve a riddle. Being the committed Space Rangers, they were successful, and, as a result, were awarded their official Space Rangers certificates!

Everyone in Chestnut Class would like to say a huge thank you to Nanna Blomquist for organising such a fantastic workshop!

News from Willow Class

Can I switch it on?



This is the question currently being investigated in Willow Class! The children have started 2019 with a real thirst for leaning. They have been discovering some of the answers to this big question in fun, practical ways. They enjoyed working in small groups to give and follow instructions as an introduction to algorithms, and have been quick to transfer these computing and maths skills to instruct Bee-Bots (programmable floor robots) to move around. Some have been keen to showcase their knowledge of technology in our writing area. Our budding artists and I.T. technicians created some wonderful art work on the iPad and further creativity is showcased when looking at the inventive robots the children have made. Willow Class has certainly had a busy start to the New Year.

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Star Pupils

Well done to all our Star pupils so far this term!



| Willow | Chestnut | Beech | Cedar | Oak |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Jessica Huxley | Coen George | Francesca Archie | Marilena Leo | Arda Alice |



Choir news

You will remember that, at the end of term, the choir entered two national competitions. Although they did not get into the final round of either competition, the feedback from the judges was very positive with some wonderful comments, especially about the children's enthusiasm, commitment and love of singing. Dr Douglas Coombes MBE, Chairman of the Barnardo's Youth Choral Competition 2019 summed up their performance, "The choir has good potential and obviously loves its singing." Well done to all those who took part and thank you to Mrs Campaniello for all her hard work.

A message to Willow class:

Thank you so much for your kind presents. I am sorry that I have been unable to thank you in person. Warm wishes, Mrs.Dickinson.

Thank you

A huge thank you once again to the Friends of Monken Hadley School. This term they have already agreed to purchase class sets of dictionaries and books for whole class teaching in English. The additional resources which the Friends provide each year are invaluable and help to enrich the curriculum for all our children.

Upcoming events in the next couple of weeks:

January 25th (pm) Year 6 service at St Paul's Cathedral

January 31st (am) Reception hearing and vision tests

January 31st Chestnut class visit to Barnet Environment Centre

January 31st (pm) Service at St Mary the Virgin to celebrate Candlemas. Please do join us if you are able to do so.

Please do check the calendar regularly for updates.

Kind regards,

Mrs E Brooks

Deputy headteacher