



Dear Parents and Carers

Another term comes to an end, and what a busy and exciting couple of weeks it has been!

Chestnut Class Assembly

On Friday 22nd March, Chestnut class impressed us all during their class assembly with their learning about Minibeasts. What fountain of knowledge they have acquired! They showed us lots of different cross curricular learning links in their spring term topic 'Wiggle and Crawl', including writing and reading for different purposes in English, drawing maps in Geography and measuring different Minibeasts in Maths. They also shared their two favourite songs, Wiggle Woo and 7 Continents. Well done Chestnut, a fabulous performance!

Beech Class Assembly

On Friday 29th March, we were treated to a wonderful assembly from Beech class where they shared their learning about sound. Despite several children being absent on the day, due to the stomach virus that had beset the school, the remaining children just carried on in true Monken Hadley style! They explained about vibrations and how sound is made, why people wear ear muffs and how sound can be amplified. They also acted out a story about Mr Bear, who could not sleep because of the sound of his wife's snoring and many other night time noises! Their assembly came to an end with a lovely performance of the poem The Sound Collector by Roger McGough.

Music Assembly

Always a highlight of the term, once again we were not disappointed! On Friday 29th March, we were entertained by soloists, the choir and the orchestra who performed a range of different songs and musical pieces. We were also treated to a Monken Hadley 'first' as the choir and orchestra came together to perform in unison. It never fails to surprise me of the sheer talent we have in such a small school. Of course, these events do not happen without a huge amount of work, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Julia Bhowmik for all her work as Musical Director for the Orchestra. Additionally, may thanks to the adults who come to support her each Monday, Helen, Harry, Nikki and Karen. A big thanks also to our Choir Director Kathy Campaniello; we could not offer our children these enrichment experiences without all their support.

Monken Hadley's Got Talent!

The Friends would like to thank everyone who attended Monken Hadley's Got Talent last week and especially Ilia Vinnicombe who ran the non-technical aspects of the event, Pete and Kamal on stage and John Jenkins who helped with sound.

Although I was not able to attend, I have heard that it was an amazing evening. It's wonderful that the children have an opportunity like this to perform in front of an audience and we're very appreciative of the hard work by the Friends that goes into making the show such a success. A special thanks has to go to Helen and Pete Gunn who were instrumental in the organisation of this event.



*Congratulations to
the winners of
MHGT 2019*



Curiosity Curriculum

At the heart of our curriculum at Monken Hadley lies the Curiosity Curriculum. This creative curriculum approaches aspects of study through a thematic approach enabling pupils to not only see connections between subjects but also links across periods in history, populations and beliefs and helps to develop innate sense of curiosity.

Here are some examples of how our children's learning has been enriched through the Curiosity Curriculum.

Oak Class – Artist Visit

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Max's grandmother. She showed us some of her work and talked about the process and techniques she uses.

An inspirational visit. Thank you so much!



Oak Class take a step back in time!

On 27th March, Oak class went to visit the British School Museum in Hitchin. When we arrived, we went to the school hall where we met our teacher. She walked us down to our classroom for the day. As we sat in our desks, the teacher could see us all because the floor went up in rows. Next she inspected our hands, which was unexpected. We then learned how to spell the word 'strive' by chanting it out loud. Then we went straight into Maths, where we learned about Victorian money and worked on slates. After that, we had English, where we had to copy write in pen. Although Ela and Ben were left handed, they had to write with their right hand. During the lesson, Simeon was called pout to sit on a stool and wear the 'Dunce's' hat and Lyla was 'caned'! After the lesson, we were given a tour of the School master's house. Everyone had a great trip and we all loved the trip!

Danni and Lyla – Oak Class

Cedar class – Off to the tower!

Our topic this term has been 'The Tudors' so on Tuesday we visited the Tower of London. First, we saw the Traitor's Gate, where prisoners entered the tower in a boat. We also saw a memorial to the people who were executed at the tower. After that, we visited the room where the Crown Jewels are kept – they were so sparkly! We also had a workshop in the Beauchamp Tower, where Lady Jane Grey was kept while imprisoned. Finally, we found out that it was not a good idea to annoy a Queen's Guard as they may aim their gun at you!



Serena – Cedar Class

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Monken Hadley CE Primary School

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



Star Pupils

Well done to all our Star pupils!



Willow	Chestnut	Beech	Cedar	Oak
Thea Luca Whole class	Joey Tia Johnny	Moses Ava Jada	Whole class Sophia Eva	Theo Alex R Lyla



Love thy Neighbour

Love YOUR
neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39

At the end of each half term, one child from each class is recognised for upholding the school values. They are invited to have afternoon tea with the Headship team, where they chat about which values they have demonstrated over the term, and how they have done so. Well done to our Love thy neighbour recipients from the second half of the Spring term: Irina, Eva, Gaavish, Eva, Georgia.

Looking forward...

Uniform

Pupils may wear summer uniform after the Easter holiday unless the weather is still very chilly. Year 6 parents should note that their children will need to wear winter uniform at the Leavers' Service on the penultimate day of term.

Upcoming events in the next term:

APRIL

Tuesday 23rd
w/c Monday 29th

MAY

Thursday 2nd

Friday 3rd
Monday 6th
w/c Monday 13th
w/c Monday 20th
w/c Monday 20th
Monday 20th
Thursday 23rd
Friday 24th

Term begins

Clubs commence

Beech Class to start swimming
Oak class charity cake sale in aid of EDS and WWF charities

Visit by Anne-Marie Conway (author)

MAY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

SATs Week for Year 6

Walk to school week

SATs Week for Year 2

Cluster rehearsal for choir festival

School Journey meeting for Year 6 parents

Willow Class assembly

Please do check the calendar regularly for updates.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of all the staff for your continued support. I hope that you have a very relaxing Easter break and that, wherever you spend it, hopefully we will all have some warm and sunny weather to enjoy!

Kind regards,

Mrs F Brooks