

Dear Parents and Carers

We've only been back for two weeks, but there has been so much going on! This week, our Year 1 children have been busy with their Phonics Screening and Mrs Giddings has commended them on the mature way they have approached it.

Last night, our School Choir performed at the annual Barnet Music Festival at the Artsdepot where they sang a number of songs. Despite being a small choir, I am always impressed with their confidence, enthusiasm and musicality, and this is, in no small way, down to the dedication of Mrs Campaniello who gives up so much of her own time to ensure they were so well prepared. If you have not heard them sing recently, you're in for a real treat as they will be performing at the school fayre on Saturday 6th July and at our Music Assembly on Friday 12th July.

This morning Year 6 went off to Christ Church School to take part in the Annual Micro-Marathon along with other local schools. There were about 200 participants and congratulations to Archie for being the first boy in Monken Hadley to complete the course and Alice for being the first girl.

Take One Picture 2019

Last week, was Art week at Monken Hadley. The picture, *St George and the Dragon* by Paolo Ucello provided the focus for the week and children across the school were involved in a variety of cross curricular activities throughout the week. The finished artwork, I'm sure you will agree, is fantastic! Our children are so lucky to have these opportunities. A huge thank you to Mrs Howard for organising and coordinating the week.



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Science Week!

Next week, all children will be taking part in Science week and there are several workshops and activities booked to enrich the teaching of Science. The week was launched on Thursday of this week, when we had a visit from the 'Big Wheel' theatre Group, who provided us with an exciting and engaging show, *The Pollution Solution!* Many of the children were able to take an active part in the show about **sustainable travel**, air pollution and **climate change**, the aim of which was to encourage students to walk, cycle, scoot or take public transport to get to school. During the production, children explored the basic scientific theories around climate change and air pollution, and the way these issues impact on our society and ourselves.



Hope Partnership Service

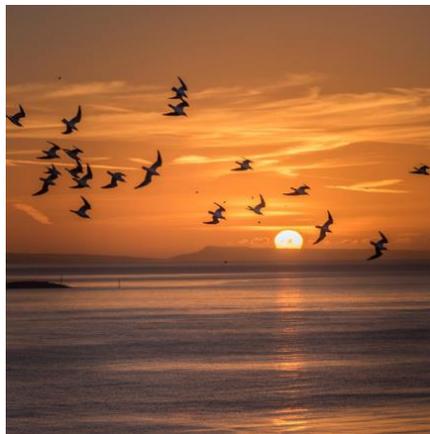
On Tuesday, Year three children joined together with other church schools in the Hope partnership for a service of celebration at St Mary the Virgin. The theme of the service was 'Hope' and was also attended by Bishop Rob. Each school chose a hymn and wrote prayers which were included. In the service It was a lovely opportunity to join together with other church schools and even the rain couldn't dampen our spirits. I believe next years' service is already being discussed!



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Monken Hadley's Prayer Space

Yesterday, we were excited to be able to launch our new prayer space in the hall. This is a new initiative for Monken Hadley. Prayer spaces in schools enable children and young people of all faiths and none, to explore life's big questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way. Taking a broadly Christian perspective as a starting point, prayer spaces give children and young people an opportunity to develop skills of personal reflection and explore prayer in an open, inclusive and safe environment.

Many thanks to Ms Simpson for introducing this initiative and to Adele for driving it forward. Also to Helen Garrett-Gunn for her creating a beautiful 'Tree of Change' in the hall to reflect this term's theme, Change. As always, your help is so very much appreciated. Thank you.

Race for Life

A group of our pupils demonstrated the Monken Hadley values of service, resilience and kindness last weekend when they took part in the Race for Life at Trent Park. Their efforts have been richly rewarded and they have raised a massive £2706 for cancer research. Well done everyone who took part - you are all shining examples of Monken Hadley pupils!



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Star Pupils

Well done to all our Star pupils!



Willow	Chestnut	Beech	Cedar	Oak
Zion Felix	Frank Jair	Joshua B Eva	Zsa Zsa Serena	Irina Michelle



School Travel Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey online. From the results, it was clear that (a) congestion around the school is still a concern and that, (b) the preferred way to travel to school is to walk, however this is not always possible due to the distance, or the age of the children. Several parents mentioned the 'Park and Stride' initiative, which some parents may not be aware of. If you are unable to walk from school, you may be interested to know that there is free parking by the duck ponds after 2.30pm, in Tudor Road and further down Camlet Way. Why not take advantage of this free parking and walk the rest of the way?

Several parents also commented that they would be happy for their child(ren) to cycle to school if cycle training was available. As many of you are aware, Year 6 completed their Cycle confident course last week, however you may not be aware that the whole family can benefit from this training. If you are interested, please visit cycleconfident.com and click on LB of Barnet for further details.

Upcoming events in the next couple of weeks:

w/c Monday 17th Science Week
Thursday 20th Sports' Day
Friday 21st Filming son et Lumiere
Sunday 23rd St Mary the Virgin Church Fayre
Mon 24th – Fri 28th Year 6 school journey to Frontier Centre
Monday 24th Road Safety Sessions – Chestnut Class and Beech Class
Tuesday 25th New Reception intake day 1.30 – 2.45 p.m.

As always, this is a very busy time of year, so please do check the calendar regularly for updates.

Kind regards,

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