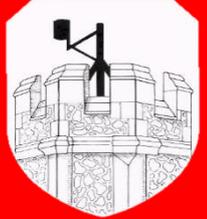


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Seek what is good, treasure what is true, do what is right.



This Month's value is **Peace**.

Dear Families,

Welcome back to everyone and as always here at Monken Hadley, we are right back in the swing of things. An epic tale began our week in the Juniors with a stellar performance of Romeo and Juliet. The Young Shakespeare company take the complex works of Shakespeare and make it both accessible and engaging to our pupils. Just watching the children's expressions told the tale as they sat watching, spell bound. Do read Greta's review later in the newsletter. Willow Class are definitely our future scientists as this week they have been making reasoned predictions about just what would have happened if The Gingerbread Man had ended up in the water. There was super team work across Reception and year 1 and Mrs Harris was blown away. If Willow Class are the scientists, then Chestnut are our future architects building castles this week and deciding which materials would be the best to build a fortress and the best to destroy. Tremors is Beech Class' new topic and they have had fun learning how to draw volcanoes using work from other artists as inspiration. Oak and Cedar have been inspired by the star-struck couple: They have been writing letters in character from Romeo and Juliet and composing invitations to the Capulet Ball – I have my ball gown at the ready. We are looking forward to seeing you all next week at the Autumn Parents' consultation meetings and you should have received an appointment from the class teacher. There will be an opportunity to look through your child's work in their classrooms and then the meetings will take place in the hall. Mr David and myself will be available. Finally, please check the website for this half-term's curriculum overviews and straplines.

Learning Link Ghana

Just before half term the whole school had a presentation from Jenny and Gladys about Learning Link Ghana, the charity which Monken Hadley has been raising money for several years. Last summer the Year 6s produced a school magazine and all proceeds from sales were donated to the City of Kumasi School. This year the school raised over £100.



Autumn Parents' Consultation meetings 5th and 6th November.

We are looking forward to seeing you all next week at the parent consultation evening and you should have received an appointment from the class teacher. There will be an opportunity to look through your child's work in their classrooms and then the meetings will take place in the hall. At the meeting, you will be given details about your child's progress against the age-related expectations in Reading Writing and Maths. This will show how your child has achieved against specific objectives and their next steps.

As you know the meetings are ten minutes and we do ask that you keep to the ten-minute time slot so we do not keep other parents waiting.

This Week's Star Pupils

It is always lovely to hear the reasons why children have been chosen for Star Pupil, and this week was no exception. We heard about how they were resilient and kind, excellent story tellers and all working very hard. Well done.



We can be heroes, just for one day...

Oak Class were certainly **heroes** today, (and always for more than one day) as they educated and entertained us all with the first class assembly of the year.

Linking together the theme of "What makes a hero", with some of their biographies and finally bringing it all back to the values of our school and our bible verse: Joshua 1.9 *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*"

Oak Class were very courageous performing to us all and sharing some of their work.



Romeo and Juliet By Greta

This romantic story is based in a small town in Italy, Verona. I had the pleasure of watching a more modern version of the play, based in modern day Verona. In my opinion this romantic and tragic story was truly breath-taking. I was drawn in by the incredible actors.

I liked the use of modern music, for example Romeo's friend, Mercutio, played the guitar. I liked the language and especially when the actors paused to explain the meaning. Finally, I liked how the audience were involved: at the party we all danced!



Reception Parent's Tapestry Morning

A reminder that Mrs. Harris and I will be hosting a coffee morning on Tuesday 5th December, after drop off. It will be a chance to see Tapestry in action, check you can log on, ask any questions, and eat cake. It is also an opportunity to meet with other parents and to ask Mrs. Harris any burning questions!

Please email the office if you are planning to come along. Younger children are welcome.

Glow Disco Friday November 8th

Infants: 4.15 - 5.15pm
Juniors: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Tickets: £5

Includes: DJ, games, music, light show, face painting, sandwiches, squash and snacks.

Hot drinks and sweet treats sale for adults and children.

Aldi Kit for Schools

We are still collecting Aldi Team GB stickers so please bring any stickers in to school feel free to add them to the poster which is now in the foyer as you come into the school building. Thank you!

House Points and Attendance

Thackeray have romped home to victory with a magnificent 94 house points- well done.

"But they just won't read. They don't like reading. They only want to read non-fiction."

Do any of these sound familiar?

These are often some of the comments we hear from parents who are trying to get their children to read more, to find books that will engage them or locate age appropriate texts. There is super resource available from the Book Trust. This organisation gives many suggestions of how to engage your child in reading, what adults can do to bring about a love of books and recommendations for all ages. Please let us know if you find it useful.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Key Dates

- 4th Nov. Inaugural Girls football match- Monken Hadley vs St Paul's
- 5th Nov Coffee, Cake and Tapestry @9.00am
- 5th and 6th Nov Parent Consultations
- 8th Nov. Infant and Junior Glow Disco