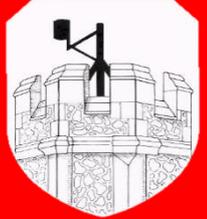


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Monken Hadley CE Primary School

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



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

Dear Families,

Two football matches, a class assembly, a clarinet concert, tower building on the common, new school signs presenting our school vision and those amazing windows (have you seen them yet?) and a cake sale! We are exhausted but exhilarated.

Watching the new vision and value signs being installed in a week where there is so much to celebrate it really made me reflect on our school vision as we have really "Grown as a learning community ..." over this term: Whether as a new football team learning to play together, that first competitive football match for the boys, supporting each other to present an entertaining class assembly as Cedar did, taking up the challenge of a new instrument and in matter of weeks performing to an audience which Oak has achieved, having the perseverance to create your own towers (even in the cold), or even learning the lyrics to **two** new songs this week which our amazing Willow class have done as they prepare for the Nativity (I keep popping in for a listen and sing-a-long).

The signs and the windows do look marvellous: myself and Mr David are so pleased with the final look - but it is so much more than words and nice graphics. This vision is the essence of our school. We have developed it, built upon our *Seek what is Good, Treasure What is True and Do What is Right* motto and now we are beginning to embed it within our community. Please come in and look at the vision and value signs, read the bible verses on our windows and discuss with your children at home. We would value your input as to ways we can really make our vision come alive. Just to finish, as we were eating lunch together this week, a Reception child said, "Miss Eyres - I like the tree and I really like the heart in the middle." Sitting close by and overhearing this, another Reception child added - "Yes Miss Eyres - that heart means love and friendship." Lovely!

This Week's Star Pupils

It was great to hear it was hard work, outstanding presentation and for being a super friend as the reasons for being STARS!



Church News

Fr. Thomas would like to invite all our children to attend the Crib Service at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve. He would also really like if some instrumentalist would perform during the service and if any of our wonderful singers could go along and sing all the lovely carols you've been learning that would be really lovely. Let the office know if you would like to play at this service.

Tea with Ms E

Every other week class teachers will be nominating children who have produced an outstanding piece of work. These will be shared on the WOW board in the hall, will get a mention in the newsletter **AND** those children will be invited to "Afternoon Tea with Ms E" - I am so excited!



Ding Dong Derby Drama

By Our Roving Reporter

In the week that saw record attendances for women's football matches across the country, Monken Hadley girls made the short trip across town to local rivals Christchurch. There was a familiar look to our team, although due to illness we had two substitute goalkeepers. Gabriella faced the goal first and Michelle took over later.

The home side quickly played home advantage with their tricky No.7 scoring a sharp hat-trick before our girls got into their stride.

This changed in the second half as our girls found their rhythm, and all the girls were able to express themselves. Zsa Zsa gritty and determined, Marilena and Gabrielle striding forward searching for opportunities. Serena, Ava and Sophie all playing their part in what was a fine second half performance.

It was team captain Milly, who put in the goals in for Monken Hadley both of which were drilled home confidently. Mr White was pleased with our team's commitment and developing teamwork. Now we march on with our weekly training and looking to our next challenge after Christmas.

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The Sequel

By Mr Neal

Just yesterday it was the boys turn to battle it out at Christchurch. A tightly fought contest with Monken Hadley boys showing determination and lots of resilience (especially in the second half when it was getting dark!)

The first half was a very even games and Jensen came very close to scoring with a spectacular free kick. However, in the second half Christchurch, managed to score three well-crafted goals.

All in all, great fun, good sportsman ship and a special mention to keeper James who held his nerve and pulled off a number of super saves.

Thank you Mr Neal for accompanying them and parents for proving transport and cheers.

Cedar Class Assembly

We certainly got our kicks this morning and felt we actually were on route '66! Cedar entertained us with facts about America, its history, its indigenous people and they even managed to name ALL of the 50 states. With a rousing rendition of the American National Anthem and some great art work of Kachina dolls. Well done Cedar. Thank you to Mrs Khan, Mrs Bakhtar and Mrs Dickinson for all their help.



Chestnut Class Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who brought and bought cakes. All were delicious and we raised £251!

The last chance to see the Son et Lumiere at St Mary the Virgin!
 There are still tickets remaining for the matinee performance on Saturday – what a lovely way to spend the Saturday afternoon and find out more about our history. You never know, you may even see someone you recognise!



Time to build a Tower

As part of their Towers and Turrets topic, Chestnut class went off into the woods this week to see which team could make the tallest (and sturdiest) tower. They had some basic instructions, then had to collect logs and twigs, decide which pieces were going where and build their tower. It was great fun and the children were able to create some interesting tower. Daisy commented, "Ms Eyres your groups is like the Leaning Tower of Pisa" Thank you to Mrs Giddings and Mrs Haydon for accompanying the children.



Windows to Our World!

There was great excitement in the playground this lunch time as the children watched our new windows go up! They display the school's values and include a bible reference linked to each value.

We think they look amazing!

Key Dates

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| Monday 25 | FGB 7.15pm in Oak |
| Tuesday 26 | Book fair @3.00 in the hall |
| Thursday 28 | Book fair @3.00pm in the hall |
| Friday 29 | Bottle Mufti Day – Non-uniform day but bring a bottle! |
| Wednesday 3 | Road safety day – Workshops in school |
| Thursday 5 | Advent Service in Church – Parents welcome |
| Friday 6 | Music Assembly @ 9.00am |

Our winning house this week was Thackeray with 95 points
 Top attendance this week was Cedar class. Well done Cedar.