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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 **Joy**.

Dear Community,

Another week passes us by here at Monken Hadley and it is quite fitting it is the first week of Advent as there has been a great deal of preparation and getting ready here in school. Hopefully you will see the school's decorations when you join us at our Christmas Fair tomorrow; the displays and the corridors look amazing - a huge thank you to all the children and staff's hard work in getting the school ready for this special time of year. It was super to see our Reception children make their first visit to a school church service yesterday where they joined in our advent celebration. You would certainly not have suspected for one moment it was their first time with Willow Class in church- they sat and listened beautifully and even joined in the singing. Fr Thomas was very impressed.

Also this week we held road safety workshops, provided by Barnet Council, for some of our classes. Teaching our children essential skills and an increased awareness as the roads become increasingly busier.

As well as putting the final touches to the Stable Story, Willow have been making angels and subtracting sheep and Chestnut have been making beautiful Christmas cards. Beech journeyed back to AD 79 to write stories about escaping Pompeii. Cedar had an exciting opportunity to watch, at least part of "The School of Rock" at The Mount school - see our own theatre critic's review below. Oak have published newspaper reports, practised some test-techniques and even had time to design and build Anderson Shelters. The next couple of weeks are incredibly busy, but a delightful time in school; do check the key dates so you do not miss any of the lovely things happening.

This Week's Star Pupils



Cedar Rocked at The School of Rock

By Megan

Cedar Class went to watch "School of Rock" at Mount House School. There were some great songs, good acting and energetic dancing. If you are not familiar with the plot, the School of Rock is about a substitute teacher who loves rock music. He teaches the students about rock music and rock bands! As the class form a secret rock and roll band, the stern head teacher knows something is going on!

Cedar Class enjoyed watching the show so much and wished we could have watched the second half until the end! I would recommend it and give the show five stars!



Christmas Fair Tomorrow

12-3pm

The excitement is palpable, as everyone prepares for tomorrow's Christmas extravaganza. With gifts to buy, mulled wine to sip, mince pies to munch, secret gifts to make (sshhh!) carols to hum along to and even Santa to visit, it is surely going to be a winter-wonderful afternoon. There will also be a raffle draw and a bottle tombola, so do come along and join in the festive fun.

"Where words fail, music speaks."

Hans Christian Andersen

From time -to - time, I think people must be tired of me when I say speak about how wonderful our children are here at Monken Hadley. Then I watched the music assembly this morning and was blown away by their courage and talent. They embody the spirit of our school and on parent tours I repeatedly talk about how the children really "make" our school. They are wonderful!

Today we were entertained and enthralled by the pure talent of our school. From Year 1 to year 6, from Galliard to Haydn, piano, cello, violin and an impressive strong voiced choir. The Orchestra were superb playing Mozart and Beethoven. Finally, the Orchestra lead the school in a rousing festive "Jingle Bells".

Many thanks to Julia for leading Orchestra (and rehearsing with them each week) and for Mr Nichols for leading our ever- growing choir!



Orchestra

If you would like to join the School Orchestra, please let the office know as we would love the orchestra to grow! You only need to have passed Grade 1 and you can join the Monday morning sessions.

Key Dates

Tuesday 10	KS 1 Nativity @ 9.30
Wednesday 11	Choir singing at Barnet Hospital – Parent volunteers needed to walk with us please!
Wednesday 11	KS 1 Nativity @ 2.00
Thursday 12	Pantomime Whole School AM
Monday 16	KS 2 Carol Service @6.30 at Church – all welcome.
Tuesday 17	House Christmas Activity
Tuesday 17	Christmas Lunch and Festive jumper day
Wednesday 18	Choir singing at Hadley Lawns- Parent volunteers needed to walk with us please!
Thursday 19	Church Service @9.00am
Thursday 19	School finishes for Christmas break @3.00pm