



MONKSDOWN NEWS

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Edition: Spring 1

First of all may I wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope that the Christmas holidays provided some opportunity for rest, relaxation, and fun! Last term finished with many exciting events:

Our fabulous Nativities and Christmas shows, KS2 visit to the Everyman Theatre to see *Beauty and the Beast*, Reception and KS1 watching *Cinderella* and our Christmas Fayre and Grotto which raised £1,200 towards trips and activities within school. It was pleasing to see so many children receiving their first attendance award a 'Bronze' certificate for achieving 97+% attendance this term. Our overall attendance winners drawn for achieving 100% attendance were:

Reception and KS1 – Nicole Chen and John Carter

KS2 – Holly Caren and Jay McArthur

You will soon be receiving an overview of the topics to be taught this term. This will include dates for your diary. All after school clubs will begin week commencing Monday, 16th January and finish on Thursday, 6th April.

New Year is a time to celebrate past accomplishments and look forward to future success.

Have a wonderful, prosperous New Year! - Mrs Gough

Linguist of the Month

December 2016

6MA	Isabelle Smith
6GA	Layla O'Connell
5MS	Savannah Lenehan
5C	Jessica Smith
4J	Beatrice Spruge
4W	Sofia Thomas-Allen
3H	Toni Corris
3HC	Charlie Handley
2C	Eva o'Connell
2B	Jade Gaskell
1B	John Carter
1H	James Martin

GROOVEY GROWERS!

This term we will be launching our new Edible Playgrounds Project. It will be amazing to see our children planting, growing and eating a wide variety of fruits and vegetables.



Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fayre.

Raffle Winners were:

1 st Prize	Rose & Alexia Abunene
2 nd Prize	Matthew Powell
3 rd Prize	Lucas Fatnassi
4 th Prize	Aiden Nash



Year 1 will be cooking with a professional chef on Wednesday, 11th January 2017.

Terrific Scientific

I hope you all were able to see our superb Year 5 scientists and our own scientific expert, Mr Wignall, on BBC News this week.

A big thank you to all the children who arrived in school at 6.30am for the live filming.

Visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=za_g0I3HKYg to see our children in action!