



# Monksdown News

Where Children Come First

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## WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. This year children may come to school dressed as someone they admire. This could be a superhero, a character in a book, play, or film, people who help us- fire fighters, nurses, police etc.

During the week children will be taking part in many activities to promote a love of reading. On the big day itself we are fortunate to be welcoming two authors into school- Jason Beresford in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and Alicia Wright in Key Stage 2. Signed copies of their books will be on sale after school on Thursday.

Please do not buy a costume especially for this day.  
Dressing up is not compulsory.

**Let's make it a day to remember!**



## Dates to Remember

**Monday 2nd March**

KS1 SATS meeting for Parents /Carers **2:30pm**

**Thursday 5th March**

World Book Day- dress up as someone you admire

**Friday 6th March**

Job Junction Launch- Year 6 Parents/Carers welcome  
**9:15am**

**Tuesday 10th March**

SATs Meeting for Year 6 Parents / Carers **8:30am** or **2:30pm**

**Wednesday 11th March**

Super Scientists Family Fun Event  
**3:15pm**

**Friday 13th March**

Sports Relief  
Wear anything sporty

**Wednesday 18th March**

Parents'/Carers' Afternoon  
**1:30-6:30pm**

## Here to help!

If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please see Mrs Daly (our Attendance Officer).

## We need your help!

We have a patch of land on our school site that desperately needs tidying up. If you can spare a couple of hours any day in the **next two weeks** we would really appreciate your help. Tea, coffee and plenty of biscuits will be supplied. Please contact **Ms Bynon** or the school office with days and times.

Thank you in advance. **Don't forget your wellies!**



## Job Junction

As part of our carers and aspirations work, Year 6 children will be engaging in a programme delivered by Positive Footprints and Primary Futures. We believe it is really important that our children should aim high for the future.

By working with this company we hope to motivate and inspire our children to develop their employability skills, nurture their talents and gain insight into the wide range of careers available that they may wish to embark on. Please join us for our assembly launch next Friday 6th March, 2020 at 9:15am enter school via the new extension block Frinstead Road.

**Exciting times ahead!**



## Important Meetings

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to our SATs information events.

**Year 2- Monday 2nd March 2:30pm**

**Key Stage 1 Hall**

**Year 6- Tuesday 11th March 8:30 am or 2:30pm**

**Key Stage 1 Hall**

Please enter school through the main entrance.

During the meetings you will be given the opportunity to purchase materials to help your child prepare for the tests at home as well as answer any questions you may have.

**Year 2:**

**English and Maths Books £3 each**

**Year 6**

- ◆ Arithmetic **£1.50** ◆ Reasoning **£2.00**
- ◆ Reading **£2.00** ◆ Grammar PS **£2.00**

Respectful

Resilient

Responsible

Resourceful

## In other news...

Reception had a fantastic Pancake Day. They designed healthy and unhealthy pancakes. Had pancake races in PE and created their own delicious pancakes with lots of sprinkles and sauce.



Nursery also enjoyed making their own pancakes!



### On time at 5 to 9

Due to the success of our **On time at 5 to 9** initiative, we will be continuing to award our children prizes for being in school and on time each day.

This week's winners were :

Mason Baines **Year 1**

Alfie Wong **Year 6**



### Time to Celebrate

Thank you to all children who took part in our recent competition to design a badge on the theme Wonders of the World.

Our three finalists are:

**Gabriella Year 3**

**Grace year 5**

**Max Year 1**



Their posters have been sent to the WOW team along with many other entries from schools across the city.

### Our Stars

Well done to all children who were awarded Stars of The Week.



# Our Stars!

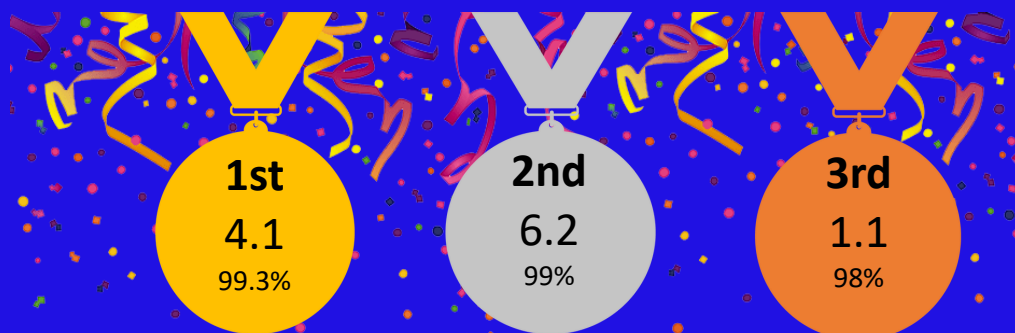
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- ★ NPM Rosy Lea Kemp
- ★ R1 Oliwier Zaras
- ★ R2 Natalia Grojec
- ★ R3 Addiysin Webster
- ★ 1.1 Yuelin Chen
- ★ 1.2 Max Gonzalez
- ★ 1.3 Summer Conway
- ★ 2.1 Tobi Odunsi
- ★ 2.2 Aiden Fleming
- ★ 2.3 Jack Price
- ★ 3.1 Gabriella Bideau
- ★ 3.2 Michalina Polczynska
- ★ 3.3 Amelia Sealey
- ★ 4.1 Luke Wood
- ★ 4.2 Daniel Blankson
- ★ 5.1 Dylan Huynh
- ★ 5.2 Sofia Mokhtar
- ★ 6.1 Anya Tinsley
- ★ 6.2 Ruby Bretherton

### Whole School Attendance

**95.3%**

Target: 97%

## Awesome Attendance!



The number of children with 100% attendance this week **446!**

### Safeguarding

Our school's child protection officers (Designated Safeguarding Leads) are:

- Mrs Price
- Mrs Stewart
- Miss Makin
- Safeguarding Link Governor: Mrs Moores
- Chair of Governors: Mr Reynolds



## Snacks in School

Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 are provided with piece of fruit every day which is government funded.



Children in Key Stage 2 may bring a piece of fruit from home to eat at break time. Sweets and other sugary snacks are not allowed.

## School Library

Please visit the library which is open **Monday-Thursday, 3:00-3:20pm.**



## Safety Notice



Please refrain from riding bikes, quads, scooters or hover boards whilst on school premises. That includes parents too!

## Small Steps Big Outcomes

We will continue to take part in the Walk Once a Week Challenge. This is a pupil led initiative where our children self-report how they travel to school every day using the interactive **WOW Travel Tracker.**

If they travel sustainably – walk, cycle or scoot– once a week, they get rewarded with a badge each month. It's that easy!




## Class Assemblies

Please join us for our class assemblies at 9:30am. Enter school through the gate on Frinstead Road by our new extension block. Main entrance for Reception and KS1 and Nursery entrance for Nursery.

### Class Assemblies 2020 Parents/Carers welcome

4 <sup>th</sup> March	3.1
11 <sup>th</sup> March	3.2
18 <sup>th</sup> March	3.3
1 <sup>st</sup> April	2.3
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	2.2
29 <sup>th</sup> April	2.1
6 <sup>th</sup> May	1.3
20 <sup>th</sup> May	1.2
10 <sup>th</sup> June	1.1
12 <sup>th</sup> June	R3
24 <sup>th</sup> June	R2
1 <sup>st</sup> July	R1
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery

**Polite Notice– Please park courteously when dropping off and collecting your child.**  Our neighbours are very important to us.

## Uniform

A reminder that children should wear **black sensible school shoes.** Please make sure your child is wearing the correct footwear. Jewellery- with the exception of small stud earrings- or nail varnish must not be worn. Thank you for your co-operation.



Monksdown Primary School

6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

# Aspirations and Careers Launch

In partnership with Cobalt Housing we are providing opportunities for our children to discover their potential, explore the world of work and develop employability skills to prepare for an exciting future!



## Launch Assembly

9:15am - 9:45am

Learn more about our partner and activities we are delivering in school. You'll also hear from our panel of local people and businesses about who inspired them growing up, what they wanted to be and where they are now.



## Career Carousel

10:00am - 11:00am

Children will explore the world of work and meet people from different backgrounds in a fun, quick paced and engaging way. They will be prepared with questions and visit different career zones to learn about possibilities for the future.

Our children are excited to meet you.  
Contact us to learn more about how you can get involved.

In partnership with



# March



Monday 2nd March	KS1 SATs meeting for Parents/Carers <b>2:30pm</b>
Wednesday 4th March	Class 3.1 Assembly– Parents/Carers welcome <b>9:30am</b>
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day– Dress up as your favourite hero or someone you admire
Friday 6th March	Job Junction in school Year 6 Parents/Carers welcome
Tuesday 10th March	SATs meeting for Year 6 Parents/Carers <b>8:30am and 2:30pm</b>
Wednesday 11th March	Class 3.2 Assembly– Parents/Carers welcome <b>9:30am</b>
Wednesday 11th March	Family Fun Event– Super Scientists <b>3:15pm</b>
Friday 13th March	Sports Relief– Wear anything sporty
Wednesday 18th March	Class 3.3 Assembly– Parents/Carers welcome <b>9:30am</b>
Wednesday 18th March	Parents' Afternoon <b>1:30-6:30pm</b>
Wednesday 18th March	Class 3.3 Assembly– Parents/Carers welcome <b>9:30am</b>
Wednesday 18th March	Dance Show at St John Bosco– Afterschool Dance Club
Friday 20th March	Reception trip to Chirk Castle
Monday 30th March	Mobile Farm in school
Tuesday 31st March	Mobile Farm in school
Tuesday 31st March	Spring Concert– Parents/Carers welcome <b>3:15pm</b>

# April

Wednesday 1st April	Class 2.3 Assembly– Parents/Carers welcome <b>9:30am</b>
Thursday 2nd April	Easter Bingo– Key Stage 2
<b>Friday 3rd April</b>	<b>Finish for Half term at 2pm</b>
<b>Monday 20th April</b>	<b>Return back to school 8:55am</b>

# May

Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs Week
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