



# Monksdown News

*Where Children Come First*

**Edition: 24**

Friday

13th March

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## Curriculum Matters

### History

The people of London who managed to survive the Great Plague in 1665 must have thought that the year 1666 could only be better and couldn't possibly be worse! They could not believe it when disaster struck in 1666 and the Great Fire of London broke out in the King's Bakery.



Well.. Year 1 children know all about this and have begun creating their own replica of Pudding Lane.

### Science

It was a really "sound" day in year 4 when the children experimented and investigated how sound is made and travels. By exploring different instruments they were also able to investigate pitch and volume.



Everybody knows how a good breakfast sets you up for the day ahead. In year 2, the children used their senses to taste different cereals and find out the sugar content in each. They were surprised with some of their results.



### Physical Education

As part of their orienteering lessons in PE Year 5 were challenged to navigate their way around the outdoor area to find clues to unscramble the name of the mystery author.



### Sports Relief

The children took part in Sports Relief today. They came in wearing sports clothing and enjoyed taking part in a circuit training session.



## Dates to Remember

**Tuesday 17th March**

Year 6 Coniston Meeting  
Parents/Carers welcome  
**3:00pm**

**Friday 20th March**

Reception trip to Chirk Castle

**Tuesday 31st March**

Spring Concert  
Parents/Carers' welcome  
**3:15pm**

**Friday 3rd April**

Finish for half term  
**2pm**

**Monday 20th April**

Return back to school  
**8:55am**

## Here to help!

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

Respectful

Resilient

Responsible

Resourceful

# *In other news...*

## Family Fun

Our termly family fun events are always an evening to remember. This weeks' Scientific Themed spectacular was no exception. We had aerodynamics, germ spreading experiments, planting and growing, computer science, buoyancy and friction tests as well as a fun quiz hosted by our very own "Bamber" Mr Allen. All was rounded off with a good old home-made Shepherd's pie prepared by our very own "Nigella" Ms Wright. Please see the recipe on the next page.

The end to a perfect day.



In today's competitive space where excellence is a cliché, we feel it is wise to make our children aware as well as prepare them for the outer world. Individual expression has become very limited and we as a school encourage disciplined, responsive, logical, evidence-based debates. Our Year 5 debate team used their skills when they took part in this week's discussion with five of our local schools.



## **Football Fun**

What a fantastic performance. Full of passion and in good spirit, whatever the result, this truly great team showed exactly what it takes to represent their school and have fun! We so proud of you all! Let's keep it up!



Year 5 have been working on guitars to produce a performance of 'You can't always get what you want'. They have been learning to play the C and G chords.



## Awesome Attendance!



The number of children with 100% attendance this week

**435!**

Whole School Attendance

**94.2%**  
Target: 97%



# Vegan Shepherd's Pie Recipe

## Ingredients:

- Maris Piper Potatoes
- 1 red onion and 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 Jar of sundried tomatoes (in oil)
- 2 sticks of celery and 2 carrots
- 2 packets of button mushrooms
- Packets of puy lentils
- 2 tablespoons of tomato puree
- Fresh rosemary (2 sprigs) and Fresh thyme (2 sprigs)
- Yeast extract 1 large tablespoon
- 1 veg stock pot
- 1 red wine stock pot (optional)



## Instructions:

- Peel and chop potatoes and boil until soft
- Finely chop red onion and grate or crush 2 cloves of garlic in some of the oil from the sundried tomatoes until softened
- Finely chop rosemary and celery and add to the pan
- Add 3 or 4 chopped sundried tomatoes and fry all ingredients for 5 mins
- Add 1 heaped teaspoon of yeast extract and two tablespoons of tomato puree
- Dissolve vegetable and red wine stock pot in 1/2 pint of hot water and add to the pan.
- Add two packets of puy lentils and allow to simmer on a low heat for 15mins
- Mash potatoes and add dairy free butter and a good splash of oat milk (optional) and salt& pepper.
- When mixture has reduced transfer to a casserole dish and spread mashed potato over the top of mixture then fluff with a fork
- Cook in the oven for half an hour

**Enjoy!**

## Support our Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school 11th March-22nd March 2020. Children will be able to purchase books after school from 3:10pm in the area near the library (under the stairs).

Classes will be visiting the book fair with their teacher and will be able to view the books before buying them.



### Our Stars

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



## On time at 5 to 9

Congratulations to our winner this week:

**Mathew—Year 3**

### Class Assemblies 2020 Parents/Carers welcome

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

## 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.

# Our Stars!



- ★ NAM Ethan Davies
- ★ NPM Mason Seels
- ★ R1 Gabriella Lindsay
- ★ R2 Maisie McDonald
- ★ R3 Kai Norton
- ★ 1.1 Holly Hancock
- ★ 1.2 Mason Baines
- ★ 1.3 Ellie-May Kanu
- ★ 2.1 Mariam Diab
- ★ 2.2 Kyle Henney
- ★ 2.3 Igor Siennicki
- ★ 3.1 Aswinn Ravichandddra
- ★ 3.2 Lucas Cain
- ★ 3.3 Paddy Finn
- ★ 4.1 Devine Babalola
- ★ 4.2 Jessamy Watson
- ★ 5.1 Nathan Banks
- ★ 5.2 Dawid Trzcinski
- ★ 6.1 Nandini Chand
- ★ 6.2 Rose Abunene

### 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

