

Monksdown News



Issue 01 Autumn Term

Website: www.monksdownprimary.co.uk

Twitter: @MonksdownSchool

Meet our Newspaper Team



We are so excited to be able to share with you our very first edition of 'Monksdown News'.

Our Newspaper team have worked extremelly hard this half term to put together a collection of school reports, factual articles, interveiws and competitions.

Their hard work has been recognised by Liverpool Football club with them awarding each child a celebration certificite to mark the publication of our first edition.

Our new newspaper team is made up of sixteen Year 5 children who show a passion and interest in a wide array of topics. The children have shown great determination and dedication throughout this term to get this edition ready for print. The team have met every Friday lunch time and have requested that next term this increases to after school as well.

Throughout the year our Newspaper will include Film reviews, Sport, Wellbeing, School events, History focus, Art focus and competitions. If there is a particular topic you would like to see an article about please leave a request in your class Newspaper folder.

Next term the team will hopefully be exploring our city and our local area, if you would like to invite our team along to write an article on an event or project please get in touch with Mrs Ferrigan. The children really want this to showcase our school and our wonderful local community.

We really hope you, as the reader, enjoy their articles as much as they enjoyed writing them!



\$ standard AXA S Expedia

Have you received an award/medal or done something to make some body smile? Do you want us to share your achievements in our next Newspaper? Get in touch and let us know, either leave the information in your class Newspaper folder or get in touch with us on Twitter.



@MonksdownSchool

#MonksdownNews





WHAT IS THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS?



When and why was the first Christmas?

Christmas was celebrated because of the birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus was the son of Mary and Joseph. Mary had Jesus in a stable because no one would let them in their house.

Mary was visited by an angel who told her she was going to give birth to a baby called Jesus. Jesus was born in Bethlehem because Mary and Joseph had travelled there to take part in a census which the Roman rulers had ordered.

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem the local inn was full with people returning for the census. The innkeeper let them stay in the rock cave below his house which was a stable for the animals. It was here that Mary gave birth to Jesus.

This is how the tradition began, a time to stop and remember the child who was born that night in a manger.

Symbols of Christmas

During this time of year our houses are full of symbols which reflect the true meaning of Christmas.

Tree

Even before Christ's birth, trees that stayed green all year long carried special meaning for people. A green, thriving tree in the dead of winter reminded people of hope and new life.



Because of Jesus Christ, we can have *ever*lasting life, so we can see the Evergreen Tree as a symbol of Him.



Christmas Star

It's hard to go anywhere during Christmas without seeing stars sitting on top of

Christmas trees. The star is one of the most recognisable symbols of the holiday. It represents the star that appeared in the sky when Jesus Christ was born. The wise men followed the star to find Jesus and offer him gifts.

Lights

Christmas traditions include different kinds of lights—lights on trees, lights in and on our homes, candles on our tables.



Christmas lights can remind us that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. They can also remind us to be lights to others and to help guide them towards making the right choice.

Wreaths Traditio



Traditionally, wreaths are made of evergreens such as pine branches or holly. Their circular shape can represent eternity. Wreaths hung on

doors or in windows are like a symbolic invitation for the spirit of Christmas to fill our homes with the joy of the season.

Candy Canes

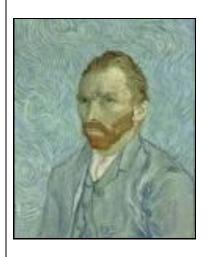
A better name for the candy cane is "candy crook." They can remind us of the staffs carried by the shepherds who visited the baby Jesus. During Christ's time, a shepherd's staff often had a crook, or bend, at the top that was used to hook sheep by the neck to gently lead them to food or water or to protect them from harm.



Artist study of the Month



Vincent Van Gogh!



Vincent Van Gogh painted almost 900 painting in 10 years. Van Gogh died when he was just 37 years old.

Vincent Van Gogh was born in the Netherlands in 1853. His father and grandfather were ministers, but others in his family worked in the art world. Vincent had two brothers and three sisters. He was closest to his younger brother Theo. Although he enjoyed drawing from the time he was a young boy, Vincent had a number of other jobs before he decided to work as an artist full time. He worked as a teacher in London and then as a minister. He also worked in a book store, an art gallery, and as a missionary. At around the age of 27, Van Gogh decided to devote himself completely to art.

In 1889 Van Gogh painted one of his most famous paintings Starry Night. Many of his paintings during this time featured cypress trees and lots of swirling colours.



Although he wasn't famous during his lifetime, today he is thought of as one of the greatest artists of his time. Many of his paintings sell for millions of pounds.



The question everybody asks about Van Gogh is Did he really cut off his ear?

It is believed that he did cut off his ear after an argument with painter Paul Gauguin. Van Gogh is said to have gone home and cut off part of his left ear with a razor blade. He then wrapped up the ear in a cloth and presented it to a woman as a present.

It has been said that Vincent Van Gogh was happy when he was creating art in London.

Vincent Van Gogh Quiz



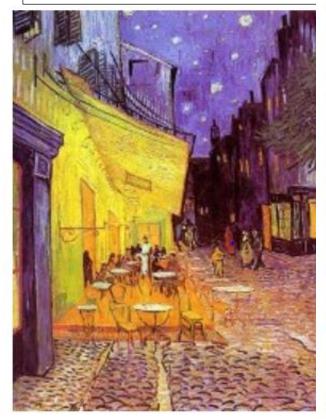
- 1) How many paintings did Van Gogh paint?
- 2) How old was he when he died?
- 3) How old was Van Gogh when he started painting?

Competition Time

Have a go at creating your own copy of a Vincent Van Gogh painting. Place your entry into your class Newspaper folder before Friday 14th January 2022.

The Newspaper team will choose three entries to win an art set.

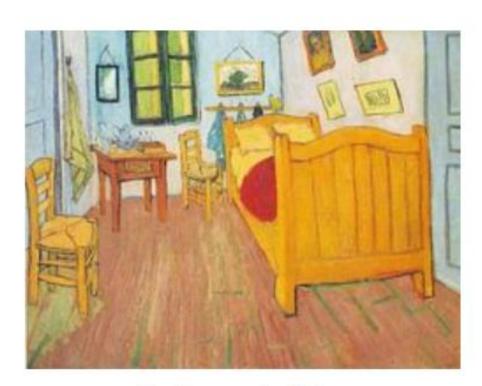
Examples of Vincent Van Gogh's paintings



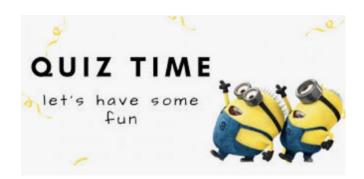
Cafe Terrace at Night

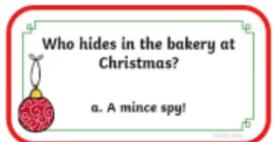


Sunflowers



Bedroom in Arles





Word search

BOW

CANDY CANE

CAROLS



5	3			7				
6				9	5			
	9	8	1				6	
8				6				3
4			8		3			1
7				2				6
	<u>6</u>					2	8	
			4	1	9			5
				8			7	9

SUDOKU

CHRISTMAS	K	F	A	М	1	1	٧	т	R	N	K	В	ī	1	Н
ELF	Y	M	Ū	т	j	ċ	0	R	В	S	X	G	0	ï	Н
FAMILY	V	1000	-	-	-			_	_	١		9	-	J	-
GIVING	Y	U	Р	L	R	_	A	R	0	L	S	1	Y		F
JINGLE	Υ	C	М	R	R	Ε	Q	N	W	Ε	Ε	۷	Ε	N	N
JOY	L	Н	F	Ε	Ε	Р	Ε	Н	D	N	D	1	J	G	0
LIGHTS	S	R	В	T	D	S	C	S	S	Υ	W	N	G	L	R
NORTH POLE	Υ	1	Q	М	T	Υ	Ε	R	C	M	C	G	S	Ε	T
PRESENTS	U	S	Т	0	C	K	1	N	G	S	J	A	Ε	1	Н
REINDEER	U	T	L	1	G	Н	T	S	T	G	S	D	N	W	P
SANTA	L	M	F	L	1	0	٧	S	M	S	N	J	S	Ε	0
SLEIGH	K	A	٧	F	Χ	В	1	Z	G	1	1	G	D	Т	L
SNOW	В	S	R	Ε	В	Z	S	L	Ε	1	G	Н	X	C	Ε
STAR	F	K	Υ	0	L	Q	Н	R	N	S	N	0	W	R	U
STOCKING	Χ	N	L	R	J	F	Z	C	D	N	D	Ε	X	X	٧
TREES	Н	S	Т	A	R	W	S	A	N	Т	A	Т	L	٧	M

Monksdown football news



Here at Monksdown we are lucky enough to be full to the brim with talented footballers.



The Girls Football team – Autumn Team



The Boys Football team – Autumn Term

We have a wide selection of both boys and girls to choose from for our school footballers to choose from for every game. Children wanting to be part of the school football team must ensure they sign up for football practice and show good sportsmanship at all times.

Remember if you didn't get selected this time there is always next time, keep going and keep showing every one how amazing you are.

During training the children are challenged to push themselves in all areas, this term both teams have benefited from expert advice and have grown in both confidence and skill.

We are proud of how the children play and how they conduct themselves at all times, always being a wonderful representation of our school.

Tournaments in the Autumn Term

The weather has been against us this term with many matches/tournaments being cancelled due to rain, this didn't dampen our spirits with both teams always being ready.

The boys team recently attended a tournament that saw them work hard against very competitive teams

The boys were able to win one and draw one.

"We all had so much fun at the tournament, it was really good experience and it was nice to see the competition that is out there from other schools. We know the areas we need to develop and have grown in confidence as a group." Pupil Voice.

The girls were also had the opportunity to play in a tournament this term, they took the opportunity to show the other teams the skill and dedication.

There will be more matches taking place in the Spring Term so look out in our next issue to see how both teams are doing.



Teacher Interview - Mrs Stewart



When we were given the task of choosing a member of staff to interview we thought about it long and hard. After much discussion we voted on asking Mrs Stewart if we could interview her, she kindly accepted our invitation and made time for us to sit with her during her very, very, very busy schedule.

Before we started we made a list of questions that we thought would tell us a little bit more about our Deputy Head.

We have to say we extremely nervous as we walked to the seating area to meet her, what if we could not get our questions out? What if she didn't have an answer? Mrs Stewart quickly made us feel at ease with a large smile, we sat down and began.



Mrs Stewart has been Deputy Head at Monksdown Primary for over ten years.

Mrs Stewart told us that she has been teaching for thirty-two years. Wow! That is a very long time, she must have met so many children over the years.

We asked what made her want to be a teacher, had she always wanted to teach? Mrs Stewart said that she had always loved children and found them interesting, she wanted to make a difference to children and to inspire them and so teaching was the perfect job.



Mrs Stewart is an Evertonian, which she referred to as the Mighty Blues! We will be writing an article on Everton in the next issue so don't forget to check it our Mrs Stewart.

Mrs Stewart enjoys a wide range of food and will try most food. When asked which was her favourite she said it had to be Italian.

Labrador is her favourite animal.



Mrs Stewart said the best thing about her job is that every day is different, she loves the challenges that each day brings, seeing the children achieve and being part of their journey.

Mrs Stewart has one son called Brad who is 18 years old.

An interesting fact about Mrs Stewart, she has played the piano since she was 8 years old.

Thank you, Mrs Stewart, for taking the time to meet with us.

Is there a member of staff that you would like to learn more about? Add your suggestions for our next interview to you class Newspaper folder before the 14th January 2022.

History Focus of the Month Titanic

On the 15th April 1912 the great Titanic struck and iceberg on the starboard side below the water line causing six compartments to flood. Unfortunately, once it had been hit, nothing could be done to stop the fatal events that followed.



Titanic was built be a company called White Star Line. She (boats are referred to as she) was completed and ready for the ocean on 31st March 1912, after three years in construction in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The Titanic was no ordinary ship, Titanic was the most impressive and luxurious ship of her time! She was the biggest too, measuring 28 wide, 53 metres tall and 269 metres long – that is around the length of three football fields.

On the 10th April 1912, Titanic set out on her maiden voyage (first big journey), taking people from Southampton, England, to New York, USA. On route, she called to France and Ireland to pick up more passengers.

Titanic's full title was RMS Titanic, it stands for Royal Mail Steamer. As well as passengers, the ship carried nearly 3,500 sacks of letters, packages and documents.

There were over 2,200 people on board Titanic 900 of which were crew members. The passengers included holiday makers, business men and people hoping to start a new life in America.

Life on board Titanic depended on who you were and how much money you had...

First class: the wealthiest people travelled in first class, located at the top of the ship, and boy did they travel in style! They slept in a private, spacious suites and enjoyed delicious food in a glorious dinning room. They had access to lots of facilities, like cafes, a swimming pool, squash courts, barber shops and a reading and writing room.

Second class: not too bad, second class accommodation consisted of cabins with two or four beds and a sofa, storage facilities, a sink and a mirror. Second class passengers could also enjoy an outdoor promenade, relaxation room, library and dining room.

Third class: the third class was much more basic, bit they will still much better than those on other boats at the time. Located at the bottom of the ship, cabins slept up to ten people and each had a sink and a mirror. There was also a dining room where food was severed three times a day. The biggest downside was that 700 people had to share two bathtubs.

Titanic was also known as the 'Ship of Dreams', and White Star Line claimed she was the **safest ship of all time**. To make sure she wouldn't sink, her hull was made up of 16 separate sections. If two, or even three sections were damaged and water got in, the ship would still have time to sail to safety or so they believed.

Just before midnight on day five, in the freezing cold North Atlantic Ocean, an iceberg loomed out of the darkness. Too big to quickly change direction, Titanic scraped along the side of the ice, tearing holes in at least four sections of the hull.

The Captain of Titanic – Edward John Smith – and his crew knew that the collision

meant disaster; Titanic would sink in just a few hours. Distress signals were sent out to nearby ships and passengers were ordered to get to the lifeboats, fast!



There was one very big problem. Titanic only carried twenty lifeboats — only enough to hold around half of the people on board! What's worse, the first lifeboats were launched half-empty, wasting precious spaces. In panic, many people jumped into the ocean to escape the

sinking ship!



As Titanic sank, the bow (the front) went down first, causing the stern (the back) to rise out of the water and into the air. At around 2am, this tilt caused the ship to break in two, sending all those still on board into the freezing cold ocean

In the -2°C waters, most passengers who went into the sea would have died from the cold within 15 minutes. Some managed to survive a little longer by treading water or clinging onto bits of floating wreckage.

The first ship to respond to Titanic's distress signals was called the RMS Carpathia. But despite setting out immediately and travelling at top speed, she didn't arrive until around 3.30am — over an hour after the Titanic had sunk.

On arrival at the disaster, the RMS Carpathia rescued those who had made it into the lifeboats. There were around 705 survivors in total, and all were transported safely to New York, USA.

Tragically, more than 1,500 people lost their lives on the Titanic, most never to be seen again. In the days following the wreckage, ships headed out to the disaster area and recovered 300 bodies from the water.

Despite many attempts to find the wreck, Titanic remained hidden from the world for around 70 years. It wasn't until 1985 that she was seen again — when oceanographer (a sea scientist) Dr Robert Ballard set out on a deep-sea mission in the Argo, a robot submarine.

The longest living survivor from Titanic was Millvina Dean, who lived to be 97 years old. She was just a baby when she, her mother and brother made it into one of the lifeboats. Millvina lived to tell the tragic tale until 2009, when she passed away.

If you had been on board, would you have survived? It all depends on who you were...

YOU were a woman or child: Women and children were allowed to board the lifeboats first. However, some men did get a place when the first few lifeboats didn't fill up.

YOU were rich: First-class passengers were lucky — they had cabins on the upper decks, closest to the lifeboats. Many poorer passengers, didn't reach the lifeboat deck in time.

YOU obeyed orders: If you had got into a lifeboat as soon as the crew told you to, you would probably have survived.

YOU were brave: Many people were too scared to leave the big ship for the tiny lifeboats. Others stayed on board because they didn't want to lose sight of their friends or family.

YOU were willing to push: In the final struggle for lifeboat places, those who pushed, won!

- YOU had stamina: Some survivors were plucked from the icy water after hanging onto bits of floating wreckage for more than half an hour. They had clung on to life!



Learning Council

At Monksdown we are very lucky to have a very

passionate Learning Council.



The Learning Council is made up of various children from across the year groups and their aim is to represent the school community in the development of teaching and learning. The council also focuses on the rights and responsibilities of children, working to ensure that these are respected. Council members were selected by their class peers in a democratic vote at the start of this academic year.

The Learning Council have been working extremely hard this term and have already had an impact on the school and gathered Pupil Voice on range of topics.

The Learning Council have been developing a programme to encourage healthy packed lunches. The councillors met with other children from the school and gathered ideas as to how they could improve the lunches children were choosing to bring into school.

The council decided to create a Healthy Lunches Leaflet for packed lunches, this listed healthy possibilities that they would like to see in the children's lunch boxes.

A reward system was then created where

children could earn a stamp for bringing in a healthy lunch, each stamp took them one step closer to receiving a prize. The whole school have loved this and have taken the opportunity to improve their lunches from home.



Health and Wellbeing Award



They are also working on gathering evidence to support the school in achieving the

Health and Wellbeing Award. This is an opportunity for us to improve, celebrate and receive recognition for all of the wonderful things the school community do for each other to support both health and mental wellbeing.

If you have any new ideas in how to support this application please write your suggestions on a piece of paper and pass them to your class Learning Councillor.

Anti-Bullying Week

The Learning Council led our whole school Anti-Bullying week where the focus was kindness. Each class was given a kindness tree for children and staff to record acts of kindness that took palace throughout the week. This was a great success with many classes continuing to display a kindness tree/book in their classroom to celebrate the wonderful children

we have in the school, to remind each other how important kindness is and what a difference it can make.





Liverpool FC



We are lucky enough to have more than one football club in Liverpool. This issue we will be taking a look at Liverpool Football club.

The History of Liverpool

Liverpool was founded in 1892, the club joined the Football League the following year and has played at Anfield ever since. Liverpool establishes itself as a force to be reckoned with in the 1970s and 1980s, when Bill Shankly, Bob Paisley, Joe Fagan and Kenny Dalglish led the club to a combined eleven League titles and four European Cups.

Liverpool have collected a wide range of silver wear over the years including their nineteenth League title in 2020 under the management of Jurgen Klopp.



A record of Liverpool's silver wear.

Liverpool is one of the most widely supported clubs in the world, as well as one of the most valuable. The club's anthem is

"You'll Never Walk Alone" by Gerry and The Pacemakers.



Liverpool Top Scorers

Now let's go to top scorers; Most goals in all competitions:

- Ian Rush, 346.
- Most league goals: Roger Hunt, 244.
- Most FA Cup goals: Ian Rush, 39.

- Most League Cup goals: Ian Rush, 48.
- Most Continental goals: Steven Gerrard, 41.
- First player to score for Liverpool:
 Malcolm McVean (against Rotherham Town, 1 September 1892).

The first ever Liverpool team 1892-1893



The current Liverpool Squad 2021 - 2022



Football Writing Competition

We have a Liverpool Football Club (donated by Liverpool Football Club) goody bag to give away.

Imagine an alien just came to Earth and has no idea about football. How would describe football to them? Can you write a step-by-step guide on how to play football?

Place your competition entries into the Newspaper folder in your classroom before the 14th January 2022.



The Hive



This term the theme in the Hive has been Autumn.

The children have been looking at changes in the weather, trees, leaves and animals. They have done this through art, maths and stories.

Some of the stories they have read have included: The Leaf Thief, Lets Grow, The Hedgehog's Balloon, Get outdoors and Don't Hog the Hedge.

Other activities included: A walk to Norris Green Park to take part in a Scavenger Hunt; A mindfulness Nature Walk around the school grounds they made their own playdough hedgehogs.

In DT the children got to prepare, cook and taste homemade pumpkin soup, flapjacks, melting moments and hibernating hedgehog crispy cakes.

The children investigated how we as humans change over time. How the way they look and act changes as they get older, The children thought about when they were babies and were challenged to see how far back they could remember.

The Hive were very lucky to be able to welcome special visitors Alfie aged 16 month and Oscar aged 7 weeks. The children then did some work on matching the correct toys for babies, toddlers and children.





During the run up to Christmas the children have enjoyed learning about Christmas in Italy and the Nativity Story. They produced some outstanding art work that is beautifully displayed in our hall and front entrance.



Our Key Stage 2 group have had the opportunity to attend weekly sessions at Park Palace Ponies. The children have learnt how to care for, groom, clean out, tack up and even ride the ponies.



We can't wait to see what the Hive get up to next term.







The Adventures of 'Naughty' the Elf!

Naughty Elf is very, very naughty!

He is 223 years old but does not know how to behave. He does lots of naughty stuff throughout the year, which is how he got the name Naughty Elf. His parents were called Floss and Mack, they name their elf-ling Hickarock, this name never seemed to suit him. One morning a child yelled,

"It was Naughty the Elf!" and since then that is what he has been known as.

Naughty Elf was going through his normal routine, block the toilet, eat the sweets, scream and shout and run about, he did this everyday without fail. Every year at Christmas time each elf gets assigned to a loving family. This year Naughty was sent to look after a little girl called 'Pixie'. Pixie was a beautiful young lady who always did as she was told!

So far Naughty had been with his family for three weeks, each day Naughty had gotten worse. Last night he had eaten all of the bread leaving the children with no sandwiches for school!

On this particular morning Naughty had taken his naughtiness into the bathroom, he had drawn with the toothpaste, played football with the bubble bath and cleaned the toilet with dad's toothbrush. Naughty was just about to complete his final piece of soap artwork when Pixie came running into the bathroom!

Naughty got so scared, if she catches him she will definitely send him home, the biggest shame for an elf was to be sent home in disgrace! Naughty froze so that Pixie couldn't see him moving, maybe she would think it was her little brother Willow. Unfortunately, as she shut the door, Naughty slowly toppled into the toilet!

Pixie saw him fall but remembering the golden rule she knew she could not touch him to save him... she ran to her Mum and Dad, screaming for help.

Just then, Willow came running into the bathroom, he thought Pixie had forgotten to flush the toilet and so took the opportunity to flush and then shout to his parents that Pixie had forgotten (Willow always tried to get his sister into trouble).

Naughty sunk deeper into the toilet bowl swirling ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND till he could no longer see the yellow toilet wall. He could see dark tunnels and endless streams of water, where was this place? He quickly grabbed hold of a pipe and then it hit him the putrid stench of what humans call the sewers!

"EEEEEWWWWWWW!"

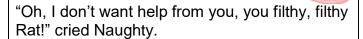
Naughty shouted whilst holding his nose. He tried to brush all of the dirt off himself whilst holding tight, hoping not to fall into the dirty water below. It is fine he thought to himself I will use my powers and fly out of this disgusting place, he straightened his back, closed his eyes and waited for the magic to happen – nothing! He tried again, this time whispering, "out of the sewer I go, one to three let me be free." Nothing again, why was it not working? "Please, please let me free," still nothing.

Oh no!!!! I must have lost my magic when I was touched by the water, what am I to do? How will I get free? He looked around for anybody to help him, somebody must be able to help me, he thought to himself, he wished to himself. He shouted and shouted to anyone to help, promising that he would change his ways, that he would be good, that he would help Pixie and her family.

Still nobody came. All he could hear was the Pit- pat, pit-pat, pit-pat of the water dripping. Eventually a rat came along, a small little grey rat with cute little eyes and a gentle squeak

"Squeak, Squeak," the rat cried looking at Naughty as though he had never seen an elf in a sewer before.

"Do you need my help, little elf cried the rat, I can help you."



"That is fine, but there is nobody else around and you could be there for days, I am sure your family are missing you and that you have things to do." Replied the rat (also known as Dapleden).

"How can a silly little rat help me?" asked Naughty.

"Ah, you should never judge a book by it's covers and you should never judge a character by its appearance" said Dapleden as he slowly transferred into a human form, right in front of Naughty's eyes.

"W-w-wh-wh-what, h-h-h-how, erm whyyyy? Erm, HELP, stuttered Naughty.

"I know how to get out, I have lived in these sewers for years, I have seen many elves down here, elves just like you who have been up to silly tricks. Follow me and I will show you the way"

"Soooooooooo... Why are you down here, do you live here? What is your name?" asked Naughty.

"My name is Dapleden, I am happy to help anybody who needs my support and guidance as long as they are an honest person or elf."

Naughty looked, all of those times he had allowed the children to take the blame for his naughty antics, should he change his ways? Should he start to behave???

"I am so sorry, please get me out of this horrible, disgusting place. I promise I will not let the children take the blame anymore and I will try to

be well behaved, I am not a nasty elf, just a little bit naughty!" pleaded Naughty.

Well, thought Dapleden, what should I do??? He scratched his head thought for a while and then tapped his toes before saying "Okay, I will help you Naughty as long as you try to treat the family with kindness, treat them well, make them happy and make good choices."

"I will, I will, I will be a great elf" he laughed. Dapleden could only take him so far before leaving him to complete the final steps on his own. Naughty was just about to step our of the sewer when a suspicious voice came from around the bend.

"Indeed! HOME TO MY STOMACH COME HERE YOU YUMMY ELF!" It was a dog... and he was about to eat Naughty.

"AHH!" Naughty screamed, a fluffy cat quickly, scooped him up "

You need to be more careful! Where do you live, young elf?"

"2 Fence road"

"Climb on my back and I will take you home safely." The cat promised.

Naughty Elf was worried when he finally returned to the family home. He should not have worried as the moment Willow, Pixie, Mum and Dad saw him they screamed with delight "He's back, he's back our wonderful elf Naughty is back."

Naughty tried to keep his promise and although he was not always good.. he was always honest and never let the children take the blame again.

... I wonder what Naughty will get up to next!

By Ameera Awwad

Do you have a story to share? Would you like your story published in the next issue of our Monksdown News?

Place your stories in your class Newspaper Folder before the 14th January 2022.

Spot the 10 difference between these two pictures.







Send your answers into Bobby class 5.3.



