



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Friday 7th October



Our school's
Designated
Safeguarding
Leads :

Mrs Price, Mrs Stewart

Dear Families of Monksdown,

We look forward to meeting you all over the next two weeks when we have our parent, carer/ teacher meetings . These occasions are really important especially at the beginning of the new academic year when you can discuss your child's progress , how they have settled into their new class and any concerns you have.

Please look out for the letter your child will bring home .

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Price

Year 6

You can apply online for a Secondary Year 7 place for schools if you live in Liverpool. If you live outside Liverpool and want to apply for a school here, you must apply through the education authority where you live.

Once you have created an online applications account, you can apply for up to five schools for Secondary Year 7.

Some schools (mainly faith schools) also ask you to complete additional paper forms that must be sent directly to them.

Please visit Liverpool City Council.Gov.UK - school admissions where you will be guided through the process.

I would recommend you visit school websites and attend any open days available. Some may be virtual, but will give you a taste of the opportunities on offer for your child. Choosing a secondary school is a really important decision. Should any of you need further support please contact Mrs Stewart who will be happy to assist.

All forms must be submitted to the Local Authority by Monday 31st October, 2022.

Harvest Service

On Monday 10th October we will be celebrating Harvest in school . We kindly ask for donations of non perishable food items for the Monksdown Pantry .

Canned Vegetables	Canned Fish
Canned Fruit	Canned and Packet Soups
Canned Beans	Pasta
Rice	Jars of Pasta Sauce

Please send items in with your child. Thank you



Our Stars!

- ★ NAM: **Edward Racon**
- ★ NPM: **Isaak Foster**
- ★ R.1: **Hallie Dainty**
- ★ R.2: **Arlo Webster**
- ★ R.3: **Vincent Patterson**
- ★ 1.1: **Lily Mogan**
- ★ 1.2: **Luca Shimka**
- ★ 1.3: **Armita Timareh**
- ★ 2.1: **Michael John Davis**
- ★ 2.2: **James Green**
- ★ 2.3: **Annabelle Owen**
- ★ 3.1: **Abdullah Babiker**
- ★ 3.2: **Jaxon Macauley**
- ★ 3.3: **Maja Krzyzak**
- ★ 4.1: **Abdulmalik Adebayo**
- ★ 4.2: **Nathan Williams**
- ★ 4.3: **Josie Smith**
- ★ 5.1: **Bobby Smith**
- ★ 5.2: **Kyle Henney**
- ★ 5.3: **Jessica Davis**
- ★ 6.1: **Curtis Yip**
- ★ 6.2: **Rhys Taylor**
- ★ 6.3: **Esme Oxtan**

Parents' Afternoon
3.00 pm -6.00 pm

Class 4.3
Monday 10th October
Tuesday 11th October

Class 2.2
Wednesday 19th October
Thursday 20th October

All Other Classes
Monday 17th October
Tuesday 18th October

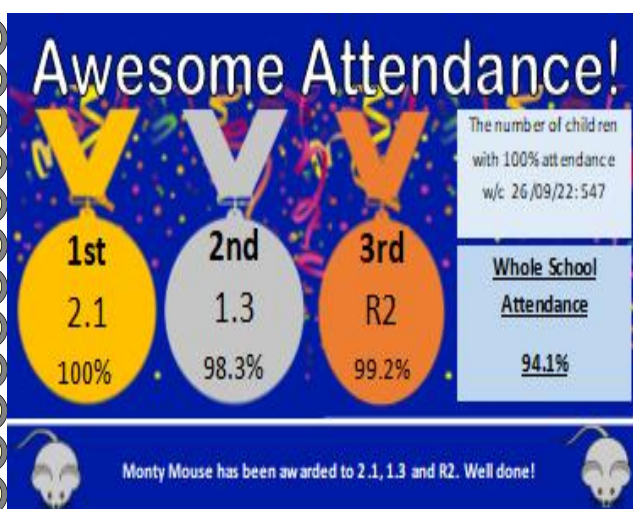
Progress Prizes

Two children in each class were awarded with a gold coin to spend in our book vending machines. These children have been recognised for their hard work and effort in the month of September. Well done!

	READING AWARD	PROGRESS AWARD
N. AM	Moayad Albukhari	Lillie Murphy
N. PM	Mehmet Kahraman	Alya Sayili
R.1	Olivia Bonner	Rowan Hughes
R.2	Violet Brierley	Zakary Faulkner-Brown
R.3	Isaac Kelly	Lily McRoberts
1.1	Molly Rust	Mylah Hill-Murray
1.2	Rylee Smith	Aniela Piekarek
1.3	Nathan Morris	Connor Williams
2.1	Wyatt Ryan Keouski	Charlotte Kelly
2.2	Ridoya Adebayo	Finley Myers
2.3	Carter McNamara	Jacob Smith
3.1	Kian McKeown	Elliott Nicholls
3.2	Addisyn Webster	Isla O'Connell
3.3	Miral Babiker	Dylan Brearley
4.1	Finch McGimpsey	Bobby Chadwick
4.2	Yuelin Chen	Madison Irving
4.3	Ignacy Trzcinski	Hugo Leonard
5.1	Nelly Wu	Poppy Kay
5.2	Charlie McCreadie	Thomas Tasker
5.3	Annabelle Lockley	Franciszek Krys
6.1	Milosz Swiecki	Esther Oyewale
6.2	Jamie Chadwick	Sienna Hodgson
6.3	Paddy Finn	Demi Bakare

10 Day Challenge

If your child is in school and on time every day from Monday 10th October - Friday 21st October they have the chance of winning some fabulous prizes. Yes that's right. All they need to do is come to school every day. (Children with planned medical appointments will not lose attendance marks). Be here! Every day!



Check Mate

On Wednesday 5th October, four members of our chess team travelled to North Liverpool Academy to take part in their first ever primary chess tournament.

The children showed passion, confidence and resilience when playing against Year 5 and 6 children from Faith primary and Four Oakes Primary school and Year 7 children from North Liverpool Academy.

Out of the twelve games played, our amazing chess team won ten, coming first in the competition and bringing home the coveted trophy.

A massive congratulations to the team, who behaved like true champions and have made the staff and pupils extremely proud.

Well done Ameera, Arthur, Jason and Ollie!



On Your Bike

Many children from Year 5 have been taking part in the Bikeability training programme over the past three weeks. It taught our pupils practical skills and gave them the understanding and expertise they need to ride their bikes on the road.

The children certainly enjoyed every minute of the training.



Sporting News

Our Football Team reached the final of the LSSP competition. The team gave it their all but were beaten by St Pashcal Baylon. Playing at Liverpool Academy was a great experience for all involved.



On Tuesday, we took our cross country runners to Newsham Park for the first race of the season. Many of the children are new to the sport but really enjoyed themselves. A highlight was Eliam finishing 31st out of 130 runners. We look forward to our next run on Wednesday 12th October at Stanley Park.



Monksdown Primary would like to cordially invite all parents and carers to come to the FIRST EVER...

'Books and Butties'

Thursday 20th October 9am- 10am

Chat about the books your children are reading in school.

Pick up some free books for your child!

Discuss books that you love and take part in our book swap

Join our book club

Dates for your Diary

Week Commencing Monday 10th October - Year 6 Gang Prevention Workshops

Monday 10th October—Harvest Festival Service—donations please

Monday 17th October - Parent/ Carer Evening 3.15pm-6.00pm

Tuesday 18th October - Parent / Carer Evening 3.15pm-6.00pm

Friday 21st October 2.00pm School Closes for Half Term

Wednesday 2nd November—Flu Immunisations

Monty the Mouse



Incentives

Meet Monty— He is awarded to the highest attending three classes every week. attendance. Children with the highest attendance will look after Monty for a week. Monty will bring with him some chocolate friends.

Children with 97% attendance will receive a certificate each term.

Children with 100% attendance will have the chance of winning some family experience vouchers for the cinema, theatre or Chester Zoo.

Classes with 100% attendance for the whole week will be rewarded with golden time, fun and games with the mentor or a special breakfast.

Children with improved attendance will enjoy a special breakfast.
PLUS, LOTS OF OTHER AWARDS AND REWARDS.

Contact Details

We do understand and appreciate that children pick up illnesses and it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or not. If your child is too ill to attend school then please contact us before the start of the day by sending a message using Study Bugs App, sending an email or telephoning the school office on **0151 226 1606**.

Attendance Team

Our Attendance Team are here to help. We are a group of professionals who want to do our best to support you to get your child into school as often as possible. We are here to help and answer any attendance related queries that you may have. If you need help getting your child to school, please contact a member of the Team who will be more than happy to help.



As you know, attendance at school is vital for all children.

There is a distinct link between those children who attend, and those who make the most progress.

Attendance YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

We want to work together to ensure your child is able to attend school as often as possible. We rely on you to get your child to school every day to enjoy learning and be with their friends. We want to work in partnership with you to make a difference.

Did you know?

365 DAYS IN EACH YEAR	175 NON SCHOOL DAYS		175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.			
	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence	
	190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	170 DAYS OF EDUCATION	161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	GOOD Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.	WORRYING Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child.		

Good Attendance

- 100% = 0 weeks learning missed
- 95% = 1 week 4 days learning missed

Poor Attendance

- 90% = 3 weeks 4 days of learning missed
At this level of absence your child will be classed as a persistent absentee.

At this level of absence the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) would be involved.

- 85% = 5 weeks 3 days of learning missed

If your child is absent from school for 1 week they would miss about 5 hours of Maths and 5 hours of English!

What should I do if my child is absent?

By law, schools must record absences and the reason given. You must contact us as soon as possible, on the first day of absence, with a reason for absence. The easiest way to do this is via the Study Bugs App. If no reason is recorded your child will receive an unauthorised mark.

Attendance Procedures

- We do not authorise absences without a good reason.
- If we have not heard from you then expect a telephone call or text message from us.
- We monitor attendance carefully and we will write to you if your child's attendance becomes a concern.
- If attendance problems continue we will ask you to meet with us to discuss the way forward and see how school can support you and your child.
- If all measures fail to lead to an improvement in attendance, we will refer your child to the EWO and this may ultimately lead to legal action being instigated.

Punctuality

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time each day. Doors open at 8.50am ready for lessons to begin at 8.55 am.



Do you know how much learning children miss out on?

Minutes late per day	Equal days worth of
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

How can you help?

- Ensure your child arrives on time.
- Prepare packed lunches, schools bag and breakfast items the night before.
- Make sure you set an alarm at a reasonable time to ensure you have enough time for getting everyone up and ready.

10 tips for parents and carers

HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?
Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!

1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY

There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.

2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES

Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little 'button' ones from smaller gadgets. You could choose a box at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.

3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.

4 REUSE THEM

Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cams: there are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an outdated phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a media centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.

5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW

Smartphones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer – you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.

6 RETURN THEM

Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and accept them back, to refurbish and redistribute. If they don't, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.

7 SUPPORT SCIENCE

Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigating topics like far-off star systems, cancer treatment and earthquakes need enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is WiFi enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.

8 SELL THEM

This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.

9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS

If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.

10 KEEP THINKING

There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

Meet Our Expert

Neil Arkin teaches scientific literacy through his nonprofit organisation, Rubbish Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively uses waste to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website: www.rubbishscience.com



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Morrisons



Morrisons are offering a free meal for 1 child under 16 when buying an adult meal with a value of £4.99 or over at in-store cafés.

Sainsbury's

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Sainsbury's have introduced budget-friendly meal ideas to feed a family of four for less than £5. The recipes are available on the **Recipe Scrapbook at Sainsburys.co.uk.**