



# Monksdown Mail

## Where Children Come First

Friday 4th November



Our school's  
Designated  
Safeguarding  
Leads :

Mrs Price, Mrs Stewart

## House Challenges

As you are aware during the final week of half term the Children's Leadership Team organised various competitions for our whole school community to take part in and I am delighted to say everyone certainly rose to the challenge.

**MONKSDOWN HOUSE CHALLENGE**

| Challenge              | How to play   | Prizes                                 |
|------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Alphabetical Order  | Winners are those who get themselves in a straight line in tallest to shortest order. | 1st (4p), 2nd (3p), 3rd (2p), 4th (1p) |
| 2. Tallest to shortest | Winners are those who get themselves in a straight line in tallest to shortest order. | 1st (4p), 2nd (3p), 3rd (2p), 4th (1p) |
| 3. Oldest to youngest  | Winners are those who get themselves in a straight line in oldest to youngest order.  | 1st (4p), 2nd (3p), 3rd (2p), 4th (1p) |
| 4. Over the top        | Winners are those who get themselves in a straight line in oldest to youngest order.  | 1st (4p), 2nd (3p), 3rd (2p), 4th (1p) |
| 5. How to play         | Winners are those who get themselves in a straight line in oldest to youngest order.  | 1st (4p), 2nd (3p), 3rd (2p), 4th (1p) |

## Our Stars!

- ★ NAM: Buddy McGimpsey
- ★ NPM: Caden Gierson
- ★ R.1: Aiden Tinsley
- ★ R.2: Hallie Dainty
- ★ R.3: Luca Jones
- ★ 1.1: Dennis McNamara
- ★ 1.2: Maggie Kehoe
- ★ 1.3: Oliver Tyszka
- ★ 2.1: Ashton Rashford
- ★ 2.2: Angelina Connelly
- ★ 2.3: Anthony Jennings
- ★ 3.1: Robyn Nethercote
- ★ 3.2: Kai Norton
- ★ 3.3: Aiyana Forster
- ★ 4.1: Freddy Jones
- ★ 4.2: Arthur Smith
- ★ 4.3: Sophie Davis
- ★ 5.1: Isabelle Eccleson
- ★ 5.2: Nicholas McKay
- ★ 5.3: Mohammed Virani
- ★ 6.1: Hanly Ganapathy
- ★ 6.2: Mia Dixon
- ★ 6.3: Daniel Blanchard

**Parent Challenge**  
Winners - Epstein

**Staff Challenge**  
Winners - Royal Court

Overall position

1st Place - Epstein

2nd place - Royal Court

3rd place - Playhouse

4th place - Empire

Keep your eyes peeled for the next challenges!



**FareShare**  
community food network

We have lots of surplus food to give each Tuesday Morning on the KS2 playground. Please bring a carrier bag to take home some goods.



Poppies are now on sale during the school day.

## House challenge Photos

Lots of fun and games during the end of half term children's challenges. The staff lip sync was one not to be missed !





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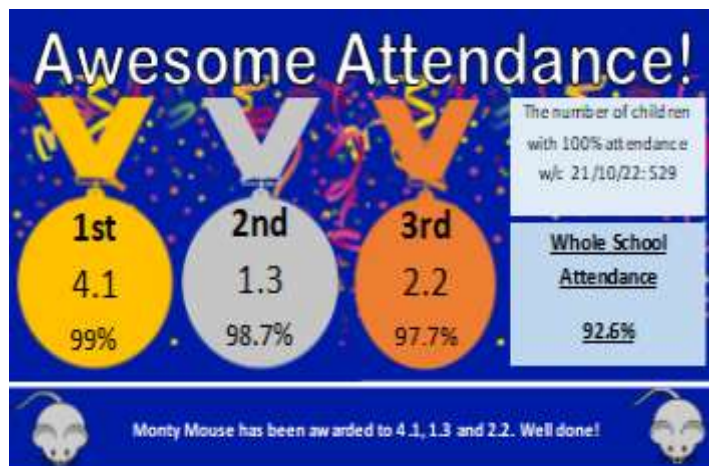
## Dates for your diary

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>                         | <b>Road Safety Assembly Years 1 and 2</b>   |
| <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>                        | <b>Anti- Bullying Week</b>  |
| <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>                        | <b>Wear Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week</b>  |
| <b>Christmas Activities and Events</b>                        |   |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm</b>                | <b>Christmas Performance Years 1 and 2<br/>( Parents/ Carers invited two tickets per child)</b>       |
| <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm</b>              | <b>Christmas Performance Years 1 and 2<br/>( Parents/ Carers invited two tickets per child)</b>       |
| <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>                      | <b>Reception Trip to Windmill Farm</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>                       | <b>Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Years 3-6</b>   |
| <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>                         | <b>Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch<br/>Reception, Years 1 and 2</b>                          |
| <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>                         | <b>Christmas Jumper Day Nursery</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1:00pm</b>                | <b>R1 Christmas Singing and Cookery with Mrs Wright<br/>Parents/ Carers invited</b>                   |
| <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm</b>               | <b>Reception Classes Christmas Performance<br/>( Parents/ Carers invited two tickets per child)</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1:00pm</b>              | <b>R2 Christmas Singing and Cookery with Mrs Wright<br/>Parents/Carers invited</b>                    |
| <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm</b>             | <b>Reception Classes Christmas Performance<br/>( Parents/ Carers invited two tickets per child)</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm</b>             | <b>Year 6 Carols around the Christmas Tree<br/>(Parents and Carers invited two tickets per child)</b> |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1:00pm</b>               | <b>R3 Christmas Singing and Cookery with Mrs Wright<br/>Parents/Carers invited</b>                    |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm</b>              | <b>Year 5 Carols around the Christmas Tree<br/>(Parents and Carers invited two tickets per child)</b> |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 am and 2.00 pm</b> | <b>Nursery Performances<br/>(Parents and Carers invited two tickets per child)</b>                    |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>                        | <b>Christmas Party Day Reception, Year 1 and 2 – Party<br/>Clothes/ Non Uniform Day</b>               |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm</b>                | <b>Year 4 Carols around the Christmas Tree<br/>(Parents and Carers invited two tickets per child)</b> |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>                        | <b>Christmas Party Day Nursery - Party Clothes/ Non Uniform<br/>Day</b>                               |
| <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm</b>                | <b>Year 3 Carols around the Christmas Tree<br/>(Parents and Carers invited two tickets per child)</b> |
| <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>                       | <b>Christmas Party Day Years 3-6 Party Clothes/ Non Uniform<br/>Day</b>                               |
| <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2.00 pm</b>             | <b>School closes for Christmas holiday</b>  |

## Ten Day Challenge



Well done to all the children who had 100% attendance and were on time every day. There were plenty of prizes awarded including 6 family cinema tickets, backpacks, certificates and badges.



## Progress and Reading Award 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 October. Well done!

|       | READING AWARD         | PROGRESS AWARD         |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| N. AM | Edward Rocon          | Vienna Hernandez Siles |
| N. PM | Isaak Foster          | Wendy Connolly         |
| R.1   | Libbie McGuinness     | Erin Giles             |
| R.2   | Lucas Devine          | Darcy-Mae Skivington   |
| R.3   | Abdulazim Adebayo     | Florence Davies        |
| 1.1   | Mason Baboryko        | Jaxon Young            |
| 1.2   | Poppy Maher           | Heidi Taylor           |
| 1.3   | Logan Barrow          | Euan Prescott          |
| 2.1   | Lewis Robinson        | Dougie Cousineau       |
| 2.2   | Ela Ozturk            | Xavier Clarke          |
| 2.3   | Christopher Kuliesius | Spencer Rowlands       |
| 3.1   | Abdullah Babiker      | Skyler McGivern        |
| 3.2   | Lily Prescott         | Alfie Mawdsley         |
| 3.3   | Isabella Kirby        | Anastasia Susinska     |
| 4.1   | Summer Conway         | Elisha Galvaz          |
| 4.2   | Lydia McKenzie        | Holly McArdle          |
| 4.3   | Ben Zhen              | Max Gonzalez           |
| 5.1   | Isabelle Eccelson     | Jack Price             |
| 5.2   | Kyle Henney           | Lucy Kelley            |
| 5.3   | Isla Dennis           | Kendra Pinto           |
| 6.1   | Paulina Golda         | Harry Smith            |
| 6.2   | Alfie Conroy          | Lacey Foott-Cummings   |
| 6.3   | Cianna Lowndes        | Maja Chrostek          |

## Coffee Morning—Monday 21st November

Please come into school and meet our new SENDCo Mrs White and Mrs Perkins to have a chat and a cuppa at 9:00am.



Following this parents and carers whose children have or are awaiting an Autism Diagnosis and wish to talk in a supportive group setting are invited to meet with The ASD Training Team from Liverpool City Council. This will give parents/carers the opportunity to ask questions or discuss any concerns they may have about their child.

**Meet the SEND Team - 9:00am**

**ASD Coffee Morning - 9.30am**



**The ASD Training Team**



The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of **Virtual Group Drop in** advisory sessions via zoom.

They are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to pre and post Autism diagnosis. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents.

The sessions will be 2 hours long, you can choose to join anytime within those two hours or stay for the duration. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

**Dates:**

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November   | Time: 9.30 – 11.30 |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November | Time: 1pm – 3pm    |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November   | Time: 1pm – 3pm    |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November | Time: 9.30 – 11.30 |

If you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please email: [asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk)





## Professional Cookery Classes for Children

At Mother Dough Culinary we provide high-quality, professional cookery classes for children aged 5-16 years. This festive period we are looking to make connections with Liverpool schools, by bringing our gingerbread workshops to your setting. The workshop teaches children how to make a traditional gingerbread dough, which they can then shape with cutters and decorate with sultanas and raisins.



### Just £60 A Session!

(1 hour, maximum of 30 children)

- 1 hour duration
- All equipment and ingredients provided
- Teaches children a step-by-step gingerbread recipe
- Students consider the design of their cookies, including cutter selection and decoration with raisins & sultanas, in a traditional style
- Reinforces basic food hygiene standards, cleanliness & teamwork
- Fully demonstrated and guided by our professional chef
- Recipe provided to the class teacher to share with students
- Every child makes a batch of 4-6 biscuits (Dependent on the cutter they choose)
- Children take their biscuits home to bake
- Fully DBS checked, insured & lessons are risk assessed

To book Email: [motherdoughculinary@outlook.com](mailto:motherdoughculinary@outlook.com)

# 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?

| SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR | 97% MORE SCHOOL DAYS |                | 97% days to spend on family time, sports, hobbies, shopping, recreational jobs and other appointments |                |                |                |  |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
|                          | 100% attendance      | 95% attendance | 90% attendance  | 85% attendance | 80% attendance | 75% attendance |  |
| 100 days                 | 100 days             | 95 days        | 90 days   | 85 days        | 80 days        | 75 days        |  |
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### 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.

**Monksdown Primary School :  
School Uniform Donation**



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR  
UNIFORM DONATIONS!**



**PLEASE BRING IN ANY ITEMS OF  
YOUR PRELOVED UNIFORMS TO THE  
HIVE**

## **Clothes 4 the Community**

**FREE, good quality second hand clothes  
for babies and kids age 0-11 years**



**All welcome!**

**Fridays 9-10, term time only**

**Bethel Church, Green Lane, L13 7EA.**

