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 Where children come FirstLeads : Ms Grice,
Mrs Price, Mrs Stewart

## Fairtrade Fortnight

Our aim this year was to spread a simple message. Making a small switch to at least some Fairtrade product supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most -loved food and the planet. The theme this year was The Endangered Aisle. The children have learnt about the important work that Fairtrade do to help farmers and


FAIRTRADE communities around the world. They have explored the impact of climate change on farming and how this could make our favourite items such as coffee, bananas and even chocolate difficult to buy in shops. We have all made individual pledges on how we can help to stop climate change such as; using less energy, walking to school and growing some of our own fruit and veg. What will your pledge be?

## Empowering Women



I saw some touching moments in school this week for International Women's Day. Members of the Learning Council spent time asking the children which women most inspire them. Please check their videos out on the school council Twitter page. The girls in class 5.3 were greeted with a red rose each from a classmate to mark this very important day this was so lovely to see.
Here's to strong women. May we know them. May we be them. May we raise them.

## Learning Showcase

It was the turn of our Year 2 pupils to demonstrate their learning to their parents and carers. I'm sure those who attended would agree that our curriculum is bespoke, broad and balanced.


## Our Stars!

N: Alya Sayili<br>: Francesca Albarotti Martins<br>R.2: Logan Stutt<br>R.3: Amelia Larcher<br>1.1: Harlow Hughes<br>1.2: Jocelyn Salisbury<br>1.3: Lilianna Piekos<br>2.1: Eva Wheeler<br>2.2: Issac Roberts<br>2.3: Katie Kilcourse<br>3.1: Sophie Stannard<br>3.2: Addisyn Webster<br>3.3: Lucas Campbell<br>4.1: Katelyn Williams<br>4.2: Lola Lloyd<br>4.3: Adam Deary<br>5.1: Daniel Walker<br>5.2: Mylie Meese<br>5.3 Logan Shaw<br>6.1: Demi-Lea Mawdsley<br>6.2: Daniel Matema<br>, 6.3: Amelia Sealey

> Parent/Carer Evenings Monday 27th and Tuesday 28 th March 3.15pm-6.00 pm

Please return you reply slips by Friday 17 th March with your preferred timeslot. We will try our very best to accommodate. We look forward to meeting you all.

# Dates for your diary 

## Monday 13th March

Class 4.3 Apple Store Movie Making Workshop Tuesday 14th March
Class 4.1 Apple Store Movie Making Workshop

## Wednesday 15th and 16th March

NEU Industrial Action School Closed to Pupils

Friday 17th March
LSFA Girls Match Day

Monday 20th March
Class 4.2 Apple Store Movie Making Workshop

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March
Class 1.2 Parent, Carer Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 22nd March
2:15pm Year 3 Showcase

Monday 27th March
3.15-6.00pm Parent, Carer Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 28th March
3.15-6.00pm Parent , Carer Teacher Meetings

Friday 31st March
2.00pm School finishes for the Easter Holiday

Wednesday 26th April
2:15pm Year 1 Learning Showcase

## Wednesday 14th June

2:15pm Year 4 Learning Showcase

## Parking Around School

Please, please, please can you leave the areas directly around the school entrance and exit gates free from cars in order for our children to cross the roads and walk on the pavements safely into school. Even better still, park away from school and walk the final few minutes of your journey. Thank you for your support with this.


## The Big Reveal

We waited with bated breath all week to find out which staff members were crazy enough to sign up for the fundraising sky dive. Yes you heard it correctly! Four members of our team will be jumping out of the sky on 23rd April 2023 to raise money to buy a second minibus for school.
Here are the four heroes.


Jumping out of a plane will seem quite foreign to them.
Hopefully this act of kindness will paint her in a good light.

## Listen for the scream on the way down. Ciao for now!

This smiley queen, in red white and green will fly through the sky, over pasta towers that lean.


This person is hoping the instructor is a pro.
He's Stoked up for this challenge!
Fiery, red fellow. Will jump with a bellow
One of a pair, which will you choose? One loves to win, one hates to lose.


This person whistles whilst he works.
He'll be sure to rhyme during this scary time.
This front runner is no surprise. Seeing double? Just close your eyes. Flashing red, hell be ahead.

One of a pair, which will you choose? One loves to win, one hates to lose.


This person is hoping there's no technical difficulties with the parachute.
Hopefully he won't have to reroute before the jump!
He's determined to debug his fear of heights.
Programmed to fly through a web everyday. With the flick of a switch I can work, rest or play.

## Exclusive to Place2Be schools

## Parenting Smart - Online Course

Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds can now access our free online course providing you with extra tools to deal with everyday parenting challenges.

The course aims to help you strengthen your relationship with your child and respond helpfully to challenging behaviour. You can also join discussions with other parents in your group from across the UK.

Designed to fit around busy family lives, the 7 -week course can be broken down into short 15 -minute sections and you can access it from your mobile phone, tablet or any other device.

All of the content is based on the latest evidence and experience from Place2Be's Parenting Team, in partnership with South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust.

- Free
- No fixed times
- Accessible from any device
- Hear from other parents around the UK
- Place2Be professional on hand to support learning




## We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a new site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.


All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying. from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.


Meet Our School
Counsellor

| Name |  |
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## Things I enjoy doing:

I enjoy supporting and helping others.
I enjoy going to the gym, watching football, dancing, arts \& crafts, reading, being in nature, laughing, seeing others happy, having fun!

What is important to me:
Being my true self, sharing love \& happiness, and practicing gratitude each day.
My family \& friends.
My mental \& physical health and well-being.

## I love it when Children :

Are happy, free and enjoying themselves. And feel safe in my presence to be themselves.
I love it when children realise how truly amazing they are!
I love it when children smile, laugh, openly express themselves!

## You need to know:

I am an approachable, fair and friendly person who wants the best for each and every young person I work alongside, and you definitely need to know, I have a very witty sense of humour!

I am looking forward to...
Being a part of Monksdown primary community and engaging with the young people, staff and parents. I am looking forward to guiding all I work alongside to reach and believe in their true potential by creating a safe space to explore any worries or concerns.

I know you are going to really enjoy:
Having a chat with me, getting to know me and working together.


Date: 3 March 2023

## Dear Parent or Guardian

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 3rd April and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Easter break including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost to you. There's a great range of activities across the city including boxing, trampolining, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, climbing, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, a make up course, trips out, Eurovision themed activities and much more! Every day there will be a meal available for every child that attends.

To find out where your nearest scheme and all the details of what is on click on this link -
https://merseyplay.com/easter-haf-holiday-activities-food/ or visit www.Merseyplay.com and click on the Easter HAF link (available on Friday $10^{\text {th }}$ March).

When you have chosen an activity, you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and ring the providers directly.

Liverpool City Council is working with the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The programme is funded by the Department for Education. |

The Liverpool Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - LFISD.

Regards
Sally Dablang
Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager

## Liverpool City Council

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## Incentives

Meet Monty- He is awarded to the highest attending three classes every highest attending three classes every
week. attendance. Children with the week. attendance. Children with the 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.

Did you know?


## Good Attendance

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


## PoorAttendance

- $90 \%=3$ 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!

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 01512261606.

## 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.


## What should 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.


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.

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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.

## Punctuality

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time each day. Doors open at 8.50 am 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 |
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|  |  |
| 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.

