



# Monksdown Mail

## Where Children Come First



Our school's  
Designated  
Safeguarding  
Leads : Mrs Russell  
Mrs Price,  
Mrs Stewart

Friday 28th April 2023

## They've Only Gone And Done It!



The sky certainly wasn't the limit for the "Fearless Four". Despite some adverse weather conditions last Sunday, these brave souls faced their fears and experience of proved anything is possible if you put your mind to it.

There is still time to make a donation if you wish to do so (please scan the QR code). Last count the total was up to £4,500 towards a new minibus for school.

Here are the YouTube links for the four skydives if you would like to watch them at home.

Mrs Butland - [Click here](#)  
Mr R. Corrigan - [Click here](#)  
Mr L. Corrigan - [Click here](#)  
Miss Spalvieri - [Click here](#)



## YEAR 1 SHOWCASE



It was the turn of our fabulous children in Year 1 this week to showcase their learning to parents/carers. As you can see our children are working very hard in all areas of the curriculum.

## Our Stars!

- ★ N: Lily-Marie Cook
- ★ R.1: Mitchell Williams
- ★ R.2: Adam Chelkowski
- ★ R.3: Ruby Wheatley
- ★ 1.1: Gabriel Whitwell
- ★ 1.2: Danny Ledden
- ★ 1.3: Oliver Linay
- ★ 2.1: Haleema-Sadia Khan Begum
- ★ 2.2: Florence Wood
- ★ 2.3: Lily McGuinness-White
- ★ 3.1: Elliot Nicholls
- ★ 3.2: Amelia Kedzia
- ★ 3.3: Elizabeth Chelkowski
- ★ 4.1: Vesile Hyusein
- ★ 4.2: Thomas Murphy
- ★ 4.3: Millie Usher
- ★ 5.1: Matylda Orzechowska
- ★ 5.2: Adrian Sliwa
- ★ 5.3: Annabelle Lockley
- ★ 6.1: Olivia Creighton
- ★ 6.2: Amelia Rose Leonard
- ★ 6.3: Freya Wong

## Coronation Lunch

On Friday 5th May, school will be holding a picnic lunch to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. If your child does not usually have a school dinner but would like to join in please notify the class teacher by Wednesday 3rd May.





# Eid Mubarak

Some families came into school on Monday to celebrate Eid. They kindly shared lots of homemade dishes from their native countries and dressed in traditional clothing. Thank you so much to all who took part. It truly was a wonderful occasion.

Celebrations continued into Tuesday for a special assembly.





## The Hills Are Alive With The Sound Of Chatter

Members of our Walking and Talking club proved not only can they chat but their feet can also cover the every inch of Malham Cove. A fabulous day was had by all and the fresh air and exercise left everyone ready for a good night's sleep. My thanks to the staff for giving up time over the weekend.



## Wellbeing Top Tip of the Week

*Don't let Exam Stress Get to you .Exam time can be scary and stressful. Some stress can be a good thing because it motivates us to try hard and do well but too much stress can be overwhelming. Here are some tips to keep those stress levels under control.*

- Keep it in perspective: you can only do your best, exams don't mean everything and they don't define who you are.
- Choose good habits: try to get organised with a revision timetable and find the revision technique that suits you.
- Avoid bad habits: don't set yourself unachievable goals or cut out things that you enjoy doing
- Seek support: lean on friends and family for support or ask your teacher or mentor
- Get in your 'me time': take breaks and keep doing things that you enjoy
- Stay healthy: eating well, getting enough sleep and being active are all great ways to de-stress and keep your mind focused.



# A Right Royal Occasion

Friday 5th May

**Celebratory picnic lunch to mark the coronation of King Charles.**

**Please order from your class teacher .**

**Although this is not a non uniform day, children are invited to dress up their uniform in any way they wish - socks, hair accessories, ties, ribbons, hats etc..**



We have registered Monksdown Primary School with easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. [Please click here to get started.](#)

Monksdown  
Does  
Eurovision  
May 2023  
EUROvision  
SONG CONTEST  
UNITED KINGDOM  
LIVERPOOL 2023

## Nil Points

Monksdown will be holding our very own Eurovision Song Contest on Friday 12th May . Don't be surprised if you hear your child singing some of the songs at home.

## Every little helps

By saving money at a young age, children are able to put aside funds that may help them in the future. We now have our very own savings bank here at school. All children are welcome to join. Deposit as little or as much as you can afford and watch the £s grow.



# Summer Term Attendance Tournament



## Week 1

Monksdown Attendance Table					
Class	Wins	Losses	Points	Bonus Points	Total
1.1	1	0	3	1	4
2.2	1	0	3	1	4
2.3	1	0	3	0	3
3.1	1	0	3	1	4
3.2	1	0	3	1	4
4.1	1	0	3	1	4
4.3	1	0	3	0	3
5.2	1	0	3	0	3
6.3	1	0	3	1	4
1.2	0	1	0	0	0
1.3	0	1	0	0	0
2.1	0	1	0	0	0
3.3	0	1	0	0	0
4.2	0	1	0	0	0
5.1	0	1	0	0	0
5.3	0	1	0	0	0
6.1	0	1	0	0	0
6.2	0	1	0	0	0

Well done to all winning classes and those who received bonus points.

	Bonus
96% +	1 point
98% +	2 points
100%	3 points

The class with the most points will receive a day out to Croxteth Park.





<b>Monday 1st May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday School Closed</b>
Tuesday 2nd May	NEU Strike Action— see separate letter for classes affected
Thursday 4th May	Polling Day—School Closed to all pupils except those in Year 6
Friday 5th May	A Right Royal Occasion Coronation Picnic Lunch—Dress Up your uniform
Monday 8th May	<b>Bank Holiday— School Closed</b>
Tuesday 9th May—Friday 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week– breakfast available from 8.10 am
Thursday 11th May 2:15pm	Sex and Relationships Education Meeting for Parents/ Carers
Monday 15th May— Friday 19th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday 15th May	5pm New to Nursery Parent/ Carer Meeting 6pm New to Reception Parent/ Carer Meeting
Tuesday 16th May— Friday 26th May	Year 6 Level 1&2 Bikeability Courses
Wednesday 17th May	Reception Trip to Knowsley Safari Park
Thursday 25th May 9:15am	Full Governors' Meeting
Friday 26th May 2pm	School Closed for Half Term
Monday 29th May— Friday 9th June	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
Monday 12th June	School re-opens to pupils
Monday 19th June—Friday 23rd June	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 21st June 9:30am	ASD Parents Coffee Morning
Monday 26th June	Reception Sports Day 1:30pm Parents/ Carers Invited
Tuesday 27th June	Year 1 Sports Day 10am Parents/Carers Invited Year 2 Sports Day 1:30pm Parents/Carers Invited
Wednesday 28th June	Year 6 Sports Day 10am Parents/Carers Invited Year 4 Sports Day 1:30pm Parents/Carers Invited Year 5 Learning Showcase 2:15pm Parents/Carers Invited
Thursday 29th June	Year 5 Sports Day 10am Parents/Carers Invited Year 3 Sports Day 1:30pm Parents/Carers Invited
Friday 30th June	Table Football Competition Sports Day Backup Day dependant on weather conditions
Tuesday 4th July 10.00 am	R1 Assembly 10 am —Parents/Carers Invited
Wednesday 5th July	Liverpool Secondary School's Transition Day Year 6 Pupils R2 Assembly 10 am —Parents/Carers Invited
Thursday 6th July 10:00am	R3 Assembly 10 am —Parents/Carers Invited
Tuesday 11th—Thursday 13th July 7pm	School Performance—Oliver
Friday 14th July	French Day in School
Tuesday 18th July 10am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Parents/Carers Invited
Wednesday 19th July 2pm	<b>Schools out for Summer!</b>



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety –

97%

of children had access to the internet at home in 2022

89%

of children played video games

25%

played with people they didn't know

22%

talked to people they didn't know

## POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by under-18s were ...



YouTube: 88%



WhatsApp: 55%



TikTok: 53%

Snapchat: 46%

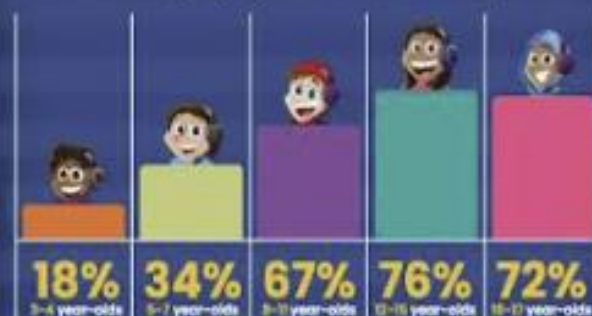


Instagram: 41%

LIVE

## PLAYING GAMES ONLINE

Who's playing – and at which age?



## TALE OF THE TECH

Devices most often used to go online:



75% of 3-4s use tablets



88% of 5-7s use tablets



70% of 8-11s use tablets



96% of 12-15s use phones



87% of 16-17s use phones

## PARENTAL CONCERNS

Parents and carers most commonly worried about their child ...

75%

seeing age-inappropriate content

18

CONSIDERED

70%

being cyber-bullied online

70%

seeing pro-self-harm content

65%

giving out personal details to strangers

65%

having their data collected by companies



National Online Safety  
#WakeUpWednesday

Do\*#!

3 in 10

children had experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them on apps or platforms.

70%

of 12 to 17-year-olds were confident in their ability to identify a fake profiles. But 23% were unable to do so when tested.



£38

children's average monthly spend on video games

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## IMPORTANT LETTER ABOUT TAKING CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME

Dear Families of Monksdown,

Monksdown Primary School is determined to do everything they can to ensure your child has the very best start in life. An essential part of this is that every child is punctual and attends school. As a parent or carer, you have an important part to play. Your child has the right to a good education and **you** have a legal responsibility to ensure that they go to school on time, all of the time.

Pupils should only be absent from school if:

- They are too ill to attend
- They have a medical appointment that can't be arranged out of school hours
- There are exceptional circumstances
- Advanced permission has been granted from school

Leave of Absence during term time:

Parents/Carers do not have a right by law to take their child on holiday during school term-time.

Only in **exceptional circumstances** may school grant leave of absence for a holiday. A written application to the Head Teacher or myself, Chair of Governors, must be made in order for the school to consider this. If a parent/carers takes a child on holiday without prior permission from the school, the Local Authority may issue a Penalty Notice of £120 per child, reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. **Even if a leave of absence is permitted it still counts as an absence and is recorded as Unauthorised. Permission simply means a fixed penalty will not be issued.**

If you are experiencing issues with your child's attendance the school's attendance team are there to support. Please contact the school should you require their help.

I have attached the school calendar dates for 2022-2023 for your information.

Kind Regards

Martin Reynolds  
Chair of Governors