



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First



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

Friday 16th June 2023

Officially Open

I'm sure that you will agree with me that the outdoor environment is looking amazing! This week we opened up our fantastic huts and they have really enhanced the outdoor spaces and the learning that goes on. The children have loved spending time relaxing, reading and socialising.

Please feel free to pop into the Parent Pod and have a browse at the uniform recycle and take what you need - I noticed a Ralph Lauren coat in there so it is well worth a nose. Why not arrive at school a little earlier at home time and sit outside on the bistro tables. If you are looking for a Summer read then the book swap has some of the latest titles. Take one home and return when you've finished.



Our food pantry is open each Tuesday 8.45 am and 2.45 pm please feel free to visit and collect any essentials you may need. Thanks to the parents who dedicate their time ensuring this service is run smoothly and efficiently.

Our Stars!

- ★ N: Michael Morrison
- ★ R.1: Liam McKeown
- ★ R.2: Zakary Faulkner-Brown
- ★ R.3: Amelia Rose Hickey
- ★ 1.1: Amelia Nicholas
- ★ 1.2: Leo Madine
- ★ 1.3: Nathan Morris
- ★ 2.1: Mason Barrow
- ★ 2.2: Nathan Jonikas
- ★ 2.3: Chloe Huang
- ★ 3.1: Mavis Chung
- ★ 3.2: Louie Donnelly
- ★ 3.3: Ivan Lawal
- ★ 4.1: Riley James
- ★ 4.2: Amelia McDonald
- ★ 4.3: Mayah Aadum
- ★ 5.1: Georgie Creighton
- ★ 5.2: Lucy Kelley
- ★ 5.3: Maisie Collett
- ★ 6.1: Jacob Sadowski
- ★ 6.2: Sienna Hodgson
- ★ 6.3: Valentina Silveria

Sports Days

Parents/Carers Invited

Monday 26th June

Reception 1:30 pm

Tuesday 27th June

Year 1 10.00 am

Year 2 1:30 pm

Wednesday 28th June

Year 6 10.00 am

Year 4 1:30 pm

Thursday 29th June

Year 5 10.00 am

Year 3 1:30 pm

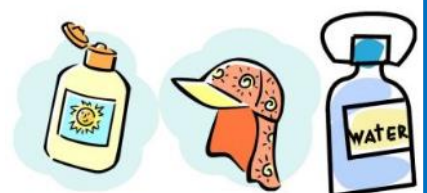
Green Fingers

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Michaela Wright and the Gardening Club for all their hard work in tidying up the outdoor allotment. As you can see from the photographs it looks fabulous.



Summer is Here

What glorious weather we are having. Please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle. Sunscreen should be applied before school. We would recommend the 8 hour cream that is applied once and lasts throughout the day.



PGL—Parents Get Lost!

We wish Year 6 a fabulous time at Boreatton Park Adventure Centre Shropshire next week and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return. Even though we will all miss you, we know you are going to make memories to last a lifetime. Happy holidays everyone.

Open Days

Parents and Carers of Year 5 will very soon be thinking about choices of Secondary Schools. Please visit the websites of the individual school and check the dates and times of the open days.



Belvedere Academy Open Evening

Thursday, June 23rd, 2022. 4:00pm - 6:30pm

Principal's talks at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm

www.belvedereacademy.net



[belvedereacademy](https://www.instagram.com/belvedereacademy)

Belvedere Road, Princes Park, L8 3TF

Summer Term Attendance Tournament



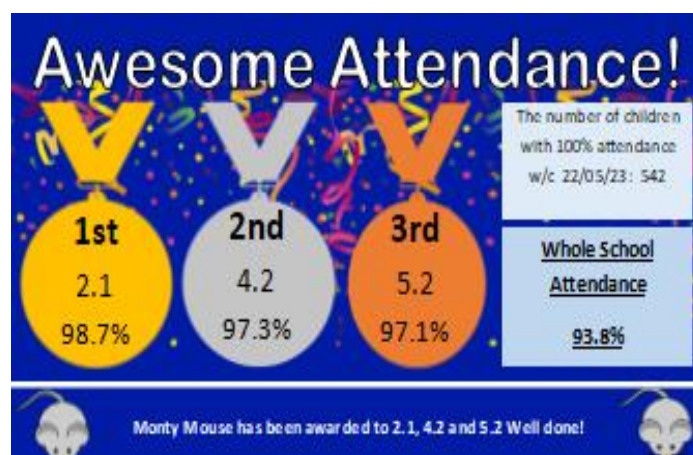
Summer Half Term 1 Final results
Well Done to Class 6.3 who won the competition

Monksdown Attendance Table

Class	Wins	Losses	Points	Bonus Points	Total
1.1	2	3	6	2	8
1.2	3	2	9	3	12
1.3	3	2	9	1	10
2.1	4	1	12	5	17
2.2	2	3	6	3	9
2.3	2	3	6	4	10
3.1	3	2	9	0	9
3.2	3	2	9	0	9
3.3	1	4	3	6	9
4.1	2	3	6	3	9
4.2	2	3	6	4	10
4.3	2	3	6	1	7
5.1	2	3	6	1	7
5.2	3	2	9	1	10
5.3	2	3	6	3	9
6.1	3	2	9	2	11
6.2	2	3	6	1	7
6.3	4	1	12	6	18

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

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

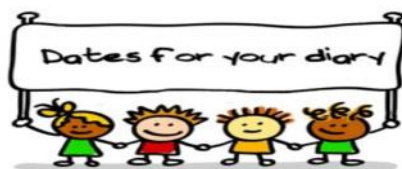


Progress and Reading Award Prizes

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 May. Well done!

	READING AWARD	PROGRESS AWARD
N. AM	Aria Leddon	Lily - Marie Cook
R.1	Peggy Costain	Cody Browne
R.2	Adam Chelkowski	Annie Xu
R.3	Vincent Patterson	Nevaeh Calvert
1.1	Raitis Grinvalds	Seren Lockett
1.2	Daniel Murphy	Amber Smith
1.3	Oscar Zhao	Lilianna Diekos
2.1	Maximus-Graham Faulkner Brown	Alex Lin
2.2	Louie Nevin	Sophia Henderson
2.3	Aryana Khan Arabzai	Max Jackson
3.1	Alicja Pyszcak	John-Paul Donovan
3.2	Ivyleigh Lawless	Amelia Kedzia
3.3	Arda Kahraman	Kieran Flynn
4.1	Riley James	Rebecca Green
4.2	Madison Irvine	Zachary Moktar
4.3	Grace Babalola	Josie Smith
5.1	Nelly Wu	Connor Pinto
5.2	Maddison Brooks	James Daley
5.3	Courtney McArdle	Kendra Pinto
6.1	Milosz Swiecki	Roxy Kemp
6.2	Ollie Stubbins	Ruby Devine
6.3	Connor Cowan	Karolina Sproge





Monday 19th June	Year 3 ISing
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 2:30pm 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 10am —Parents/Carers Invited
Tuesday 4th July p.m.	Transition— Children to be collected from their new classroom
Wednesday 5th July	Transition— Children to be dropped off at their new classroom 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
Wednesday 12th—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	School's out for Summer!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law. Involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgemental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at www.moneymules.co.uk) has plenty of useful information and advice.

REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Meet Our Expert

Ross Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 15 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior advising expert positions at various organisations and delivers customer-facing and consultancy to government and private sector clients worldwide.



Source: www.moneymules.co.uk | <https://nationalonlineagency.gov.uk/moneymuling>
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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



Date: 9 June 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Summer HAF programme starts on the 24th July and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16 (including year 11 leavers), who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the summer holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost. There's a great range of activities across the city including boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, discos, films, basketball, arts and crafts, drama, ~~bbq's~~, water games, trips out and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.

To find out where your nearest scheme and all the details of what is on click on this link - <https://merseyplay.com/summer-haf-holiday-activities-food-2023/> or visit www.Merseyplay.com and click on the Summer HAF link.

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.

- ☐ If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- ☐ You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.
- ☐ If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- ☐ If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>
- ☐ If your child is not eligible for benefits related free school meals you may be eligible for support with childcare costs - <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, Sutton Croft and the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Summer 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

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