



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come

Friday 23rd February 2024

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell Mrs
Dakin
Deputies-Mrs Price
and Mrs Stewart

First

Dear Families of Monksdown,

It has been lights, camera, action this week for many of our children, parents and staff as we welcomed news reporters from Good Morning Britain and Channel 5 into school. I hope you managed to tune in or watch the footage on catch up . All involved spoke so passionately and eloquently about how the cost of living crisis is impacting on so many children and families and the benefits of providing free school meals for all primary aged children . The campaign continues.



Choices Education Lifelong Learning Skills service delivered a full day of workshops, discussions, interactive group sessions and role play activities to our year 6 children and the feedback from the children was so positive. This was funded by Cobhalt Housing as part of their early intervention programme.

Monksdown Pantry

Our pantry is once again up and running .The pantry is located on Key Stage One Playground at the rear of school.

Opening Times ;

Tuesdays - 8.45am - 9.15am and 2.45pm-3.15 pm

Every Wednesday morning we will be accepting any donations of non perishable food such as tins, packet or dried foods, nappies, household cleaning or washing items and new, unused toiletries. Please bring these to Class 6.3 which is located at the rear of school by the gate on Frinstead Road.

Thank You.

Our Stars!

- ★ N: John Paul Kemp
- ★ R.1: Wendy Connolly
- ★ R.2: Carter Connell
- ★ R.3: Krzysztof Rodzon
- ★ 1.1: Hope Daniels
- ★ 1.2: Evan-Taylor Jenkins
- ★ 1.3: Julia Hyusein
- ★ 2.1: Oscar Limbert
- ★ 2.2: Whole Class
- ★ 2.3: Sara Kilic
- ★ 3.1: Dylan Deary
- ★ 3.2: Nikidem Drazek
- ★ 3.3: Charlotte Kelley
- ★ 4.1: Luna Orme
- ★ 4.2: Jessica Draper
- ★ 4.3: Xiton Cai
- ★ 5.1: Sadie Murphy
- ★ 5.2: Summer Conway
- ★ 5.3: Lilla Racz
- ★ 6.1: Laura Namavira
- ★ 6.2: Mia Smith
- ★ 6.3: Rachel Pang

Week Ahead

Monday 26th February

Cross Country Race - 3pm
Sefton Park

Wednesday 28th February

Reception Children Medicals

A few snaps from Year 2's trip to Martin Mere





Get comfy with us on

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March

COME TO SCHOOL IN WHATEVER MAKES
YOU FEEL COMFY AND ENJOY A DAY
FILLED WITH FUN!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th February	Cross Country Race - 3pm Sefton Park
Wednesday 28th February	Reception Children Medicals
Thursday 7th March	Cross Country Race - Wavertree Sports Park
	9:15am Governors Resources Committee Meeting
	Governors Curriculum, Standards and Effectiveness Meeting
	World Book Day— Non Uniform Day—No Costume Needed
Wednesday 13th March	Year 6 Crucial Crew - Childwall
Friday 15th March	Netball Team visit to Manchester to watch Thunder v Surrey Storm Match
Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March	Parents/Carers Evening 3.10 pm– 6.00pm
Thursday 21st March	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day — No Costume Needed. Children will be creating in class.
	9:15am Full Governors' Meeting
Wednesday 27th March	3:30pm Talent Show Years 3-6 Parent and Carers invited
Thursday 28th March	2pm School closes for the Easter Holidays

Showcase Dates - Parents/Carers Invited

Wednesday 28th February	4.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 29th February	4.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 1st March	4.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 13th March	5.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 14th March	5.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 15th March	5.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 24th April	2.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 25th April	2.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 26th April	2.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Tuesday 21st May	1.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 22nd May	1.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 23rd May	1.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 19th June	3.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 20th June	3.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 21st June	3.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm

Spring Term Attendance Tournament

Week 4



Monksdown Attendance Table

Class	Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	Bonus Points	Total
1.2	4	0	0	12	8	25
5.2	4	0	0	12	1	18
4.3	4	0	0	12	2	17
1.1	3	1	0	9	5	14
2.3	3	1	0	9	5	14
6.3	3	1	0	9	2	14
4.1	3	1	0	9	3	13
3.3	3	1	0	9	1	13
2.1	2	2	0	6	0	9
6.1	1	3	0	3	2	8
5.3	1	3	0	3	3	6
4.2	1	3	0	3	0	6
6.2	1	3	0	3	2	5
1.3	1	3	0	3	1	4
2.2	0	4	0	0	1	4
3.1	1	3	0	3	0	3
5.1	1	3	0	3	0	3
3.2	0	4	0	0	0	0

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONKEY

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

Letting a child use the app without age verification means that someone younger could easily try to use it with a false identity.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the app – including those aged under 18.

UNDER 18

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connection. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.

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IN-APP SPENDING

While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of Knock Knock chat (Monkey's text-based messaging option), rather than the app's Chatroulette-style random video calling feature, will need to pay to be able to do so.

INTRUSIONS ON PRIVACY

According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-contributed content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third parties.

17+

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.



REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Monkey states in the safety section of its site that "people are given the power" and that, to a large extent, Monkey is "self-governing." If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the "police" emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Bullock is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various research papers and content and research for the Australian government concerning internet use and online behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING

If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you do allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in apps such as this.



SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.



The National College

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National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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Incentives

Early Years -



The Early Years class with the best attendance each week will be treated to a visit from Monty and his chocolate companions.

Individual Rewards -



100% attendance each term - a token to spend in the prize shop plus a certificate
97%+ attendance each term - a certificate

Improved attendance against the previous term - a token to spend in the prize shop

Class Rewards -



Key Stage One and Two winners of the half termly attendance tournament enjoy a day out at the park
100% attendance for the whole week - a special celebration breakfast in class

Meet the Team

Our Children's Champions are dedicated to promoting attendance throughout the school and ensuring that every child's voice is heard. They play a fantastic role in boosting attendance.



Our staff members are also here to lend a helping hand. Every adult at Monksdown has your child's best interests at heart. We are committed to working together with you to ensure your child attends school regularly. If you have any questions or concerns related to attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of our team. We are always here to assist and support you in any way we can.



We understand the importance of your child's attendance at school, and we believe it plays a crucial role in their growth and development.

There is a clear connection between regular attendance and academic progress, and we're committed to supporting your child's educational journey. We are here to collaborate with you to ensure your child can come to school regularly, enjoy learning, and spend quality time with their peers. Together, we can make a positive impact on their education.

Did you know?

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS		175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.				
180 DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	20 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence	
	180 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	160 DAYS OF EDUCATION	139 DAYS OF EDUCATION	101 DAYS OF EDUCATION	63 DAYS OF EDUCATION	
	180 days for your child's education	170 DAYS OF EDUCATION	161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	143 DAYS OF EDUCATION	
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	
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GOOD Best chance of success, sets 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!

Our Approach to Attendance and Supportive Measures

According to legal requirements, schools must keep records of absences and the reasons for them. To ensure everything is in order, please reach out to us as soon as possible on the first day of your child's absence and provide a reason. The most convenient way to do this is through our StudyBugs App.

Alternatively, you are welcome to send us an email or give our school office a call.

Contact us at:

Email: monksdown-ao@monksdown.sch.uk

Phone: 0151 226 1606 (Option 1)

Remember, if no reason is given, it will result in an unauthorised absence mark for your child. We're here to assist you every step of the way!

- We believe in the importance of regular attendance and typically do not authorise absences without a valid reason.
- If we haven't received communication from you regarding your child's absence, you can expect a friendly phone call or text message from our team.
- Our attendance monitoring is diligent and if we notice any concerns with your child's attendance, we will reach out to you through a letter.
- In the event that attendance challenges persist, we'll kindly request a meeting with you to discuss how we can work together to support your child's attendance at school.
- If, despite our collective efforts, there is no improvement in attendance, we may need to involve the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) and this could potentially lead to legal action as a last resort. We aim to work collaboratively to prevent reaching this stage.

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?

- Please make sure your child arrives on time, ready for a great day at school.
- It's a great idea to prepare packed lunches, school bags, and breakfast items the night before to start the day smoothly.
- Consider setting an alarm at a reasonable time to ensure you have enough time to get everyone up and ready in a relaxed and stress-free manner. Your child's mornings will thank you!



Monksdown Primary School

Where children come first

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Important Information about School Attendance

Thursday 7th September 2023

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/carer takes a child on holiday without prior permission from the school, the Local Authority may issue a **Penalty Notice of £120 per parent per child**, reduced to **£60 per parent per child** 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.

Kind Regards

Martin Reynolds
Chair of Governors



Calendar 2023/2024



School Open

School Closed

Bank Holiday – school closed



September 2023

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
35					1	2	3
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October 2023

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44	30	31					

November 2023

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December 2023

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January 2024

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June 2024

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August 2024

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Bank holidays 2024/25 UK

26 August '24	August Bank Holiday	26 December '24	Boxing Day	18 April '25	Good Friday	5 May '25	Early May Bank Holiday
25 December '24	Christmas Day	1 January '25	New Year's Day	21 April '25	Easter Monday	26 May '25	Spring Bank Holiday

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