



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Friday 2nd February 2024

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell Mrs Dakin
Deputies-Mrs Price and Mrs Stewart

Dear families of Monksdown

Pupils from our school showcased their commitment to community welfare at the Liverpool Citizens meeting on Thursday. We hosted over eighty representatives from local charities, faith and community groups as part of our collective 'listening campaign'.

Children, staff & parents passionately discussed plans to address local issues such as free school meals for all, housing, and other social concerns in Liverpool. Their inspiring ideas and dedication to positive change left a lasting impression on all attendees.

Citizens UK have been at the forefront of change, as you know our children feel strongly that their voices should be heard. The Liverpool branch of Citizens UK launched in 2023 and we are the first Primary School to be involved. If you or your workplace or community group would like to get involved or find out more please contact Mrs Price or Mrs Ferrigan.



Thank you for supporting the NSPCC Number Day today. The day began with a cake sale on the playground followed by the children participating in various math-related activities to raise funds to support the NSPCC's crucial work. Everyone looked great in their costumes.



Week Ahead

Monday 5th February - Friday 9th February

Childrens' Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February

ASD Training Course for Parents/Carers 9:00 - 10:00am

Wednesday 7th February

NOW Festival - The Lighthouse
Parents/Carers Invited—TICKET ONLY

Thursday 8th February

Inter School Choir
Performances 10:00am - 12:00pm

Year 4 Roman Experience Day -
Dress up as a Roman

Empire Competition winners
for Autumn term - Film Night

Friday 9th February

Family Learning Parent/Carer
Maths Workshops 9:30am - 11:30am

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM

MONKSDOWN **CLEAN UP** SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY



MEET AT 11 AM
MONKSDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

FINISH AT MONKSDOWN AT 12 NOON



Don't forget to
bring your bin bag, gloves or litter picker!

Let's do what we can to keep Norris Green
clean of litter!

For further information see
Mrs Ferrigan or Mr Corrigan

Liverpool
citizens

Dates for your Diary

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Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Half Term

Monday 19th February	School reopens after half-term holiday
Tuesday 20th February	ASD training course for parents and carers 9am
Wednesday 21st February	School Council visit to the Town Hall Year 6 CELLS Project
Thursday 22nd February	Classes 2.1 and 2.2 Martin Mere Trip Reception Parent/Carer Maths Workshop 2pm
Friday 23rd February	Class 2.3 Martin Mere Trip
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

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—Costume Needed 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	2.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 26th April	1.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 22nd May	1.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 23rd May	1.3 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

Progress and Reading Award Winners

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 January. Well done!

	READING AWARD	PROGRESS AWARD
N. AM	John Paul Kemp	Esme McLoughlin
R.1	Ayesha Diab	Amelia McGuinness-White
R.2	Danil Mahmoud	Molly Brannigan
R.3	Bobby Walker	Aurora Lomas
1.1	Liam McKeown	Freddie Green
1.2	Vada Dennis	Benjamin Green
1.3	Sebastian Chiru	Mailey Rahman
2.1	Amelia Nichols	Hollie Nethercote
2.2	Antoni Zborowski	Daniel Murphy
2.3	Orlaith Kasek	Scarlett Brennan
3.1	Ridoya Adebayo	Florence Wood
3.2	Aryana Khan Arabzai	Chloe Huang
3.3	Mera Benesa	Lewis Robinson
4.1	Elsie-May Clegg	Amelia Kedzia
4.2	Kareem Amer	Jayden Chen
4.3	Amayah Critchlow	Ivan Lawal
5.1	Caglar Ozturk	Ignacy Trzcinski
5.2	Anna Boardman	Elylson De Melo
5.3	Ava Williamson	Yuelin Chen
6.1	Lily Griffiths	Francis Kryś
6.2	Kyle Henney	Abdoulaye Toure
6.3	Sienna Critchlow	Isabelle Eccleson

Spring Term Attendance Tournament

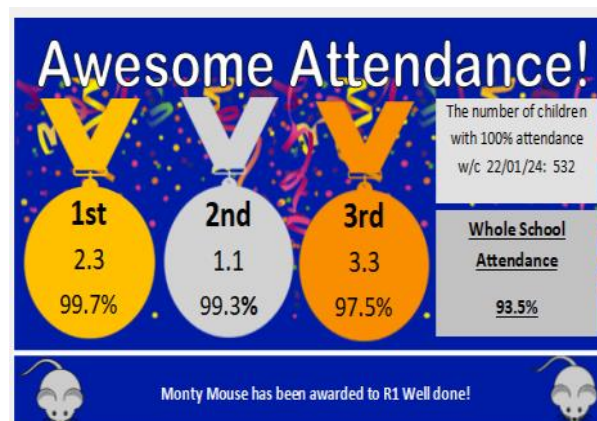
Week 3



Monksdown Attendance Table

Class	Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	Bonus Points	Total
1.1	5	0	0	15	6	21
6.2	4	0	0	12	8	20
4.1	4	0	0	12	4	16
4.2	4	0	0	12	1	13
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3.2	2	0	0	6	2	8
5.2	2	1	0	6	2	8
6.3	2	1	0	6	2	8
5.3	2	1	0	6	0	6
5.1	1	0	0	3	2	5
3.1	0	1	0	0	3	3

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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about PERSUASIVE DESIGN ONLINE

'Persuasive design' refers to the techniques that companies employ to influence our thoughts and behaviours when we're on the internet. These approaches can be spotted on websites, in apps and even as part of some video games. Persuasive design means that this content has been deliberately presented in a way that's intended to encourage you to spend your time or money (or both). These methods often prove highly effective at keeping people engaged and invested for longer than we might expect.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POTENTIAL ADDICTION

In the digital world, persuasive design can make certain activities more addictive and harder to walk away from: some people may begin to feel anxious or irritated without access to their device or their favourite app, for example. It can also often leave users feeling isolated, as – if they spend most of their time on social media – they may start to find it difficult to talk to other people in real life.

MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Scrolling online or gaming without regular breaks is proven to be harmful to our mental health. The constant bombardment of news stories (many of them negative), images and influencers' posts can create sensations of unease, uncertainty and FOMO (fear of missing out). Young people can get so immersed in this environment that they become less likely to spot misleading posts.

PROLONGED SCROLLING

Social media can draw any of us – regardless of age – into a continuous pattern of refreshing our screen, following posts and links down rabbit holes or reading countless comments made by others. This aimless scrolling can set up time which could have been spent on more productive activities. It could also lead younger users into areas of the online world which aren't age appropriate.

KEEP SCROLLING

SENSORY OVERLOAD

Repetitively scrolling, clicking on links or playing games can create an unending stream of new information and visual stimuli. Put it this way: social media isn't exactly renowned as a carefree, chilled-out environment. Such overstimulation can become too much for young people to handle, resulting in sensory overload and causing them to feel stressed, overwhelmed and exhausted.

COSTLY ADDITIONS

Video games sometimes display offers for downloadable content or loot boxes which can be bought with real money. While these 'microtransactions' temptingly promise to improve a player's gaming experience, most of the time they are money sinks. Young people, in particular, excited by the chance of enhancing their game, could spend quite a sizeable sum very quickly indeed.

PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES

Hours spent sitting and scrolling means far less time moving around and getting exercise: hardly ideal for a young person's physical health. Additionally, prolonged exposure to the light given off by a phone's screen can lead to eye fatigue and discomfort, especially if viewing it in the dark. Extended phone use before bed can also impact on sleep quality, affecting mood and energy levels over the following days.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ESTABLISH LIMITS

Talk to your child about setting some time limits on how long they can use their phone, tablet or console in the evenings or at weekends – or perhaps how often they can go on a specific app, game or website. You could also decide to involve the whole family in creating this shared screen time agreement, making things fair (and healthier) for everyone.

NIX NOTIFICATIONS

Stop knee-jerk responses at the source by turning off push notifications and alerts. Whether it's a gaming notification or a social media update, these not-so-gentle reminders are designed to catch our attention and lure us back to our device, switching them off – or even deleting any particularly intrusive apps – can help prevent your child from being reeled back into the online world.

ENCOURAGE MINDFULNESS

Acknowledging any addiction is key in overcoming it – and compulsive scrolling is no different. If anything mentioned in this guide sounds familiar, it could help to have an honest, open chat with your child about how much time they spend online. Get them to think about how often they scroll through social media aimlessly or habitually open it up whenever they have a spare moment.

MAKE A CHECKLIST

Considering a list of relevant questions can be an effective way of helping children figure out why they're scrolling on certain sites or consuming particular pieces of content. A checklist can prompt young people to ask themselves if they're learning anything or benefiting from this activity – or if they're wasting their time. Taking a step back can sometimes help us to see things more clearly.

Meet Our Expert

Julianne Jennings has more than 20 years' experience in the field of relationships, sex and health education (RSHE), as well as delivering workshops and training for young people, parents and schools. She is also an expert member of staff at NCS for the Department of Education.



The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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, hobbies, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.			
100% attendance	95% attendance	90% attendance	85% attendance	80% attendance	75% attendance
180 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	160 DAYS OF EDUCATION	135 DAYS OF EDUCATION	110 DAYS OF EDUCATION	85 DAYS OF EDUCATION	60 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
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!



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Mrs J Price

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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

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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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