



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Friday 9th February 2024

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell Mrs Dakin
Deputies-Mrs Price and Mrs Stewart

Dear Families of Monksdown ,

School has been a hive of activity this week and the children have experienced many opportunities to enhance their learning. I have included a selection of the events that have taken place in this newsletter . I also want to give you some advanced notice about **World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024**. This year **we won't** be asking the children to come in a costume, but rather will be having a non uniform day. We will be promoting reading and encouraging our children to further their love of books. Enjoy the half term and see you all soon . Kind Regards *Mrs Price*

Now Festival



It was a very proud and emotional evening for us all when our children performed with such passion and confidence at The Lighthouse Theatre as part of Mental Health Week. Speaking out about feelings and emotions is not an easy task, yet our children did this so beautifully .

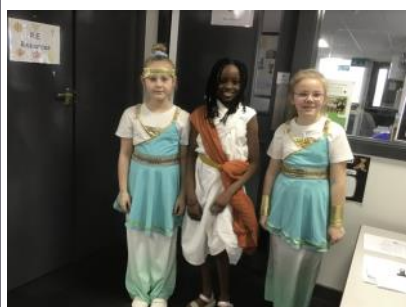
Feeling the Love

We certainly did just that when a number of local schools joins us for a morning of singing based on the theme LOVE.



Roman Invasion

Year 4 children recently concluded their study of Ancient Rome with an engaging and interactive activity – a Roman feast! Collaborating with the Food and Nutrition Teachers Mrs Wright and Food Technician Miss Gail, the students delved into the culinary world of ancient Rome, immersing themselves in the culture and flavours of the time.



Our Stars!

- ★ N: **Whole Class**
- ★ R.1: **Alya Sayili**
- ★ R.2: **Jack Kilcourse**
- ★ R.3: **Dorian Skierczynski**
- ★ 1.1: **Harmony Hoare-**
- ★ 1.2: **Langley**
- ★ 1.3: **Tom Potter**
- ★ 2.1: **Layla Hall**
- ★ 2.2: **Raitis Grinvalds**
- ★ 2.3: **Sofia Kirby**
- ★ 3.1: **Thomas Murphy**
- ★ 3.2: **Eunice Adepoju**
- ★ 3.3: **Mason Collins**
- ★ 4.1: **Michael Davis**
- ★ 4.2: **Jeremiasz Drozdek**
- ★ 4.3: **Mason O'Donnell**
- ★ 5.1: **Jesse Parker**
- ★ 5.2: **Max Gonzalez**
- ★ 5.3: **Ellie May Kanu**
- ★ 6.1: **Zoe Hoos**
- ★ 6.2: **CJ Forster**
- ★ 6.3: **Joan Kasimu**

Week Ahead

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

Gong Xi Fa Cai

Text The Year of the Dragon has been celebrated in many ways this week. Monday's assemblies detailed the traditions and origins of the Chinese New Year. Reception classes cooked up a delicious Chinese banquet and a group of children visited the famous Arch in China town

If you have any time over this weekend then the celebrations in the city centre are well worth a visit.



As well as the usual Chinatown takeover which includes traditional dragon, lion and unicorn parades, firecracker displays, family workshops, Tai Chi demonstrations, live music, a fairground and food and craft stalls – Culture Liverpool has commissioned brand new cultural pieces to celebrate Europe's oldest Chinese community. These will take place in the run up to the main day of celebration on the Sunday, and on the day itself.

From Friday 9 to Sunday 11 February, the traditional Chinese story of the Boy and the Pearl will come to life as it's projected on the Bombed Out Church. Taking place from 5.30pm-9pm each night, the projections will transform the building with captivating animation and a newly composed soundscape. The show, which lasts for ten minutes, will run on a loop each evening.



Empire Gets The Golden Ticket

Well done to all members of Empire House who were the worthy winners of our Autumn Term House Point Challenge. Watching "Wonka" alongside snacks and drinks made for a memorable evening for all.

Who will be this term's champions?



Dates for your Diary

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 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
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Spring Term Attendance Tournament

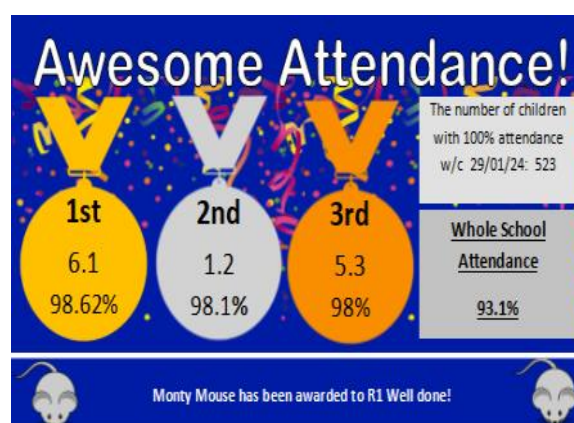
Week 4



Monksdown Attendance Table

Class	Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	Bonus Points	Total
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6.2	1	3	0	3	2	5
1.3	1	3	0	3	1	4
3.1	1	3	0	3	0	3
4.2	1	3	0	3	0	3
5.1	1	3	0	3	0	3
2.2	0	4	0	0	1	1
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 means that someone younger could easily try to connect with them.

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.



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 academic 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



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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Join us on an eco adventure!

**Central Library 1-3pm on Tuesday 13
and Saturday 17 February
Norris Green Library 11-1pm on Friday
16 February**

Coding and making, with an eco twist!

**Drop-in sessions - no need to book,
arrive any time within the window**

**Some children may need help from
their parents**

STORYTIME WITH ARTSGROUPIE TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

**NORRIS GREEN LIBRARY
11AM, 12PM, AND 2PM**



Liverpool
City Council



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 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	179 DAYS OF EDUCATION	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	172 DAYS OF EDUCATION	165 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!



Monksdown Primary School

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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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October 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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