



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

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Dear Families of Monksdown

This week, KS2 pupils were delighted to welcome a visiting theatre production called 'Refugee Island' that shared an inspiring and thought-provoking exploration of the journeys children around the world may experience. Through powerful storytelling, pupils learnt how some children leave their homes, schools and families to begin new lives in different countries – sometimes by choice and sometimes due to forced migration caused by war or natural disasters.

The performance provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to stop, reflect and develop empathy, reinforcing the importance of kindness, tolerance and understanding. It also helped children gain a deeper appreciation of the experiences and resilience of some families within our own school community.

The production was truly moving and memorable. Knowing that the performer herself is a Ukrainian refugee added authenticity and emotional depth, making the experience both impactful and inspiring for everyone involved.

Mrs Price



★ Our Stars ★

Nur	Lucas Cui
R1	Joseph Walsh
R2	Maggie McGowan
R3	Steven Calvert
1.1	Nathan Onitsha
1.2	Jaiden Lawler
1.3	Ivy Ruddock
2.1	Lillie Shrimpton
2.2	Vicky Chen
2.3	Ross Kearney
3.1	Winnie Zu
3.2	Alan Parzecki
3.3	Bailey Wong
4.1	Rylee Smith
4.2	Jessica Hoos
4.3	Izabela Golda
5.1	Johnny Walker
5.2	Reegan Lawrence
5.3	Faith Daniels
6.1	Elsie-May Clegg
6.2	Dylan Brearley
6.3	Luis O'Donnell

Housing Conference Event

On Friday 23rd January, Monksdown Primary School is proud to be hosting a special Thriving Communities event as part of the national Discover Housing campaign, in partnership with Positive Footprints.

The event celebrates the fantastic learning our Year 5 children have been doing around aspirations, careers, and the important role communities play. Pupils will be sharing their ideas, voices, and learning with a range of organisations, demonstrating confidence, curiosity, and pride in their school.

We are incredibly proud of our children and the way they represent Monksdown, and we are honoured to showcase the strong community links that support our pupils and families.

Parents and carers of Year 5 children are welcome to join us, ready for the assembly at 10:30am. The event will finish at 12:00 noon.

Dates for the diary

Friday 23rd January

Housing Conference Event
(Year 5 parents welcome)

Year 6 Showcases (2.30pm)

6.1 - Monday 19th January

6.2 - Tuesday 20th January

6.3 - Wednesday 21st January

Class Showcases

Below you will find the dates for our class showcases taking place this year. Class showcases provide a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to come into school and see the fantastic learning that has been taking place in the classroom. During these sessions pupils will proudly share their work and demonstrate the progress they have made so far. We look forward to welcoming you into school and celebrating the children's achievements together. Every showcase starts at 2.30pm.

Month	Year group	Date
January	Y6	6.1 Monday 19th January 6.2 Tuesday 20th January 6.3 Wednesday 21st January
February	Y2	2.1 Tuesday 3rd February 2.2 Wednesday 4th February 2.3 Thursday 5th February
March	Y3	3.1 Tuesday 10th March 3.2 Wednesday 11th March 3.3 Thursday 12th March
April	Y4	4.1 Tuesday 21st April 4.2 Thursday 23 rd April 4.3 Friday 24 th April
May	Y1	1.1 Wednesday 6th May 1.2 Thursday 7th May 1.3 Friday 8th May
June	Y5	5.2 Wednesday 17th June 5.3 Thursday 18 th June 5.1 Friday 19 th June

Chess Tournament

Year 4, 5 and 6 chess club recently took part in an exciting chess tournament against other Liverpool schools at Our Lady & St Philomena's Catholic Primary School, where they demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, determination and teamwork. Although they didn't come away with a win this time, they represented the school proudly and impressed everyone with their positive attitudes and enthusiasm. The children embraced the challenge, enjoyed playing against pupils from other schools and showed great resilience throughout the day. Most importantly they had lots of fun, gained valuable experience and returned with big smiles and plenty of strategies for next time.



Parent Pod

We're really pleased to share that our Parent Pod is now up and running in the large playground at the front of school! This cosy little space is there for families to pop by, connect, and make use of some helpful resources, including our uniform recycle rail, lovingly looked after each week by the wonderful Mrs Prescott. She keeps everything neat, fresh, and ready to go, so if your child needs a spare jumper, trousers, or even a PE top, please feel free to take what you need. No forms, no fuss, just a helping hand when you need it. Using the uniform recycle isn't just practical, it's also a great way to support the environment. By reusing good-quality clothing, we're helping to reduce waste and avoid sending perfectly wearable items to landfill. It's a small step that makes a big difference, and we're proud to be building a more sustainable school community together. Thank you for your support, and do stop by the Parent Pod next time you're on the playground!



Nuts in school

Several children in our school have serious nut allergies, and even a small trace can cause a severe reaction. That's why we ask everyone to avoid sending in items like peanut butter, cereal bars with nuts, or homemade treats that might contain them. It's a small change that makes a big difference in keeping all our children safe and well. We know how much care goes into preparing your child's lunch each day, and we really appreciate your support in helping us create a safe and inclusive environment.



School Lunch Menu

w/c 12th Jan	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Tomato & Basil wholemeal Pasta 	Ham Roast Dinner with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast New Potatoes	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Chef Choice	Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon  with Chips & Garden Peas
	Vegetarian Chilli with Brown Rice 	Cheese & Onion Plate pie with Carrots & Peas 	Roasted Red Pepper Quiche with Salad 	Chef Choice	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Chips 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad	Barabirith	Pineapple & Coconut Sponge	Chef Choice	Cheese & Crackers



Available Daily: Jacket potatoes with tuna, cheese or beans, salad, hummus, fresh fruit and yoghurt

Please speak to a member of staff about dietary requirements. All menus are checked by a nutritionist and adhere to School Food Standards.

 Vegetarian
 Vegan
 Oily fish

w/c 19th Jan	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Carrot & Coriander	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice	Pea Soup	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Wholemeal Pizza & Wedges with Beans 	Jewel's Chicken Karahi with Wholegrain Rice & Green Beans	Chef Daniel's Beef & Bean Quesadillas	Chef Bonnie's Sunshine Pasta	Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas
	Vegetable & Lentil Stew 	Broccoli & Cream Cheese Pasta Bake 	Macaroni Cheese 	Spanish Omelette with Salad 	Veggie Sausage Roll with Chips & Garden Peas 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad	Apple Flapjacks	Iced Sponge Cake with Custard	Oat Cookies	Cheese & Crackers

Snacks and Drinks

Children in KS2 (Years 3—6) may bring a **HEALTHY** snack to eat at break time .This should not include crisps, sweets or chocolate.

Some suggestions:

- Fresh Fruit or Dried Fruit
- Low Sugar cereal bars that are not chocolate coated
- Crackers
- Vegetable sticks

We encourage children to drink water in school. If your child cannot drink water then a sugar free juice may be brought into school. Energy drinks such as Prime and Lucozade are not permitted.

Children in Early Years (Reception) and KS1 (Years 1-2) are provided with milk and fruit free of charge.

Swimming

This term, classes 5.3 and 4.1 will have swimming every Friday morning.



Online Payments

Dinners can be paid for via School Money online.

If you have not received your log in details please contact the school office where we will be happy to help.

Bikes and Scooters - Health and Safety

Bikes, scooters, and other wheeled equipment must not be ridden on the yard during school hours. These items can pose a risk of injury to both the rider and others nearby. If bikes are brought to school, they should be walked through the yard and stored in the designated bike racks.

