



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Friday 12th February



Our school's
child protection
officers are
Mrs Price, Mrs
Stewart and Miss Makin.

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to school to you all. It was wonderful to see the children returning with their usual enthusiasm and excitement. Even though temperatures are a little on the low side, the sunshine has allowed for many more outdoor activities and children to wear the summer uniform. May I comment on how smart they look in their summer dresses and shorts.



Enriching Our Curriculum

After School Clubs commenced again this week for the first time since the start of the pandemic. We have a wide range of rich activities on offer to spark the children's interests. Many thanks to the staff for giving up their time to provide these opportunities for our children.

Polling Day—Thursday 6th May 2021

School will be used as a Polling Station once again and therefore open to the general public. In order to safeguard our pupils school will be **CLOSED** for children on this day.

Staffing News

Ms Farley begun her maternity leave this week and we look forward to hearing of the safe arrival of her new baby. Miss Barnacle, who has been working in school this year, will now be teaching Class 3.3.

Uniform News

Thank you to those of you who completed the survey regarding the proposed change to our school uniform.

There vast majority of you were completely in favour of the new uniform proposal. Having carefully considered the views from all stakeholders: Children, Parents and Carers, Staff and Governors, I am very excited to share with you the final outcome...

New Uniform from September 2021

Winter

- Navy blue cardigan/jumper with grey stripe at the neck with school logo
- White shirt
- Navy blue and silver grey striped elastic tie
- Grey skirt / Grey trousers
- Grey or Navy socks
- Black sensible school shoes (suitable for polishing)



Summer

- Navy blue and white checked dress
- Navy blue polo shirt with school logo
- Navy blue cardigan/jumper with grey stripe at the neck with school logo
- Grey shorts or long trousers
- Navy blue, grey or white socks
- Black sensible school shoes suitable for polishing



PE Kits

- Navy Blue PE Shorts
- White T-Shirt with school logo



(All items with school logo can be purchased from Unitform or Brienda's Muirhead Avenue. Other items may be purchased from supermarkets and high street stores.)

Our Stars!

- ★ NAM: Maggie Kehoe
- ★ NPM: Mark Jnr Burgess
- ★ R.1: Nathan Jonikas
- ★ R.2: Jim Gardner
- ★ R.3: Wyatt Ryan-Keouski
- ★ 1.1: Riley Lowndes-Nurse
- ★ 1.2: Imogen Birch
- ★ 1.3: Ruby-Leigh Carney
- ★ 2.1: Grace B abalola
- ★ 2.2: Riley-Edris Nicholls
- ★ 2.3: Nathan Williams
- ★ 3.1: Libby Walker
- ★ 3.2: Nelly Wu
- ★ 3.3: Imogen Pruden
- ★ 4.1: Daniel Rice
- ★ 4.2: Ameera Awwad
- ★ 4.3: Harvey Hampson
- ★ 5.1: Noah Barron
- ★ 5.2: Ruby Mae Longworth
- ★ 6.1: LJ Taylor
- ★ 6.2: Jay Shaw

Dates to Remember

Monday 3rd May
Bank Holiday **School Closed**

Thursday 6th May
Polling Day
School Closed to Pupils

Tuesday
11th, 18th and 25th May
Language Box Nursery

Friday 28th May
2pm School closes for half
term break for 2 weeks

Monday 14th June
Children return to school

And I think to myself... what a wonderful school.....

Our corridors certainly reflect this statement. Take a look at the “wonderful” work our children have produced showcasing learning across many areas of the curriculum.



Motivating Monday

Start your day with a Joe Wicks workout. (You tube)
Make up an exercise or dance routine and teach it to your family, You could do it to music.

Talking Tuesday

Start your day with Cosmic Kids Yoga. (You tube) Set up a phone call with a friend or someone in your extended family.

Wellbeing Wednesday

Start you day with a Joe Wicks workout. (You tube)
Talk about different feelings with your family. Using some creative materials make some faces showing different emotions.



Here are our top achievers:

- 1st - Malek Benesa
- 2nd - Artin Kananian
- 3rd - Reece He
- 4th - Fortune Azubuike
- 5th - Eliam Pollaa
- 6th - Aswinn Ravichanddra
- 7th - Dylan Foster
- 8th - Denas Kuliesius
- 9th - James McGorrian
- 10th - Jason He

Top three classes:

- 1st- 6.2
- 2nd- 4.2
- 3rd- 5.2

Thoughtful Thursday

Start your day with Cosmic Kids Yoga. (You tube)
Decorate an old cardboard box and create a Happy Box. Draw or put in some things that make you happy. You could include some photographs of people that make you happy.

Wellbeing 19/4/21

At this strange and difficult time it is more important than ever to look after your wellbeing. It is normal at this time to feel sad, lonely and scared. Covid-19 has impacted on our usual coping strategies and we may need to be more creative than ever. This sheet provides you and your family with some activities you can complete each day to look after your wellbeing!

Fitness Friday

Start you day with a Joe Wicks workout. (You tube)
Put on your favourite music, crank up the volume and have a dance party. For extra fun, turn out the lights and add sun fun lighting such as a disco ball or glow sticks.

Awesome Attendance!

1st

1.2

98.0%

2nd

4.1

97.5%

3rd

3.1

97.3%

The number of children with 100% attendance w/c 22/03/21: **430**

Whole School Attendance

94.3%

Monty Mouse has been awarded to R3, 1.2 & 4.1. Well done!



Book amnesty

Please can you look at home if you have any school books and return them . Thank you



Dogs no matter how cute, cuddly or well behaved must not be brought on to school grounds. Some children are frightened of dogs and we want our school to be a safe, happy place for everyone. Thank you.