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## **Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 14 October 2022**

### **Nursery**

The Children in the Nursery have been making potions. Mixing powder paints, glitter, cornflour and water, and talking about the changes we could see and feel.

We have been practising our over-arm actions by swinging our arms over our heads and splattering paint onto paper, trying not to splat our friends.

Finally, as a class we chose either to make cakes or chocolate apples, by standing next to a picture of a cake or a chocolate apple. Chocolate apples won!



### **Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week**

Y1, Donaldson Class: **Jahlil-Jye**, for trying his best with his work, particularly with his handwriting.

Y2, McKee Class: **Amiyah**, for trying really hard to become a more independent learner. You have shown great resilience.

Y3, Nichols Class: **Asaiah**, for good resilience and determination while learning the 4 times table

Y4, Rosen Class: **Ayesha**, for just being brilliant! You are a pleasure to teach and a fabulous role model for the rest of the class.

**Aarav**, for trying so hard this term, I was particularly impressed with your efforts in PE this week.

Y4, Zephaniah Class: **Scarlett**, for having a brilliantly behaved week, with lots and lots of smiles.

Y5, Leonard Class: **Giselle**, for being kind and thoughtful towards others. Well done!

Y6, Palmer Class: **Toby**, for having a really good week.

Y6, Jackson Class: **Enzo**, for your contributions this half term, in our English lessons

## Black History Month

Our theme for Black History Month this year is **"Time for Change: Action Not Words."**

We have been looking at people who are changing the world for the better, right now, and how they can inspire us to change the world as well.



**Year 1 and Reception** have been finding out about Missimi Issimi. When she was just 8 years old, Missimi started a campaign to clean up litter in Lagos, Nigeria, where she lives. She is 14 now and is an environmental campaigner. She has spoken at events all over the world about saving the environment, and has even set up a network of environment clubs, in schools in Nigeria. She encourages people to have hope that together we can make a difference to our environment.

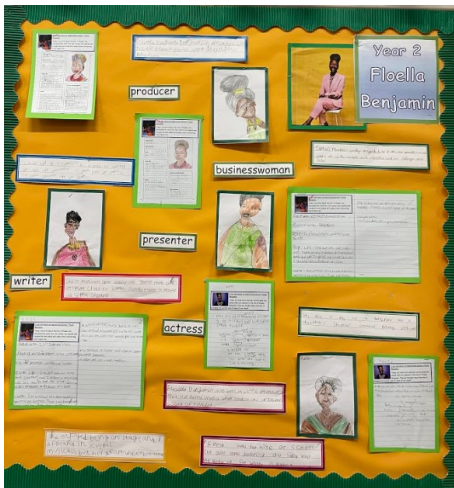
**Year 2** have been finding out about Baroness Floella Benjamin. She has done so many things to change the world. As well as being a brilliant actress, singer, presenter, director and writer, Floella has campaigned for children's rights, and to reduce child poverty. She has also campaigned for greater diversity in children's books and in the media. She was made a Baroness in 2010 for all her fantastic work.

Did you know that Floella was the person ever to appear on British TV when pregnant?

**Year 6** have been finding out about Baroness Doreen Lawrence, the mother of Stephen Lawrence. In the years after Stephen's death, Baroness Lawrence has campaigned tirelessly to commemorate Stephen's life and to seek justice for his murder.

She has also set up a charity, the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. The foundation works with young people from disadvantaged and underrepresented groups, to help them build their skills, gain qualifications and realise their full potential.

We have learnt that terrible events can inspire people to do remarkable things. But we have also learnt that we still have a long way to go to create a fair world for everybody.



**Year 5** have been learning about Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock.

She is a space scientist and science educator. As well as inventing part of a telescope which examines stars in far away galaxies, Dr Maggie campaigns to encourage young people, especially girls and people from underrepresented groups, to follow careers in science.



**Year 4** have been finding out about Marcus Rashford. Of course Marcus is a professional footballer, who plays for Manchester United and England. But he is also a campaigner. He is probably best known for his campaign, during the COVID-19 lockdown, to provide free meals for children, and for his on-going fight to end food poverty across the country. But he also set up FareShare, an organisation which takes food that would otherwise have been wasted and distributes it to people around Manchester who need it. In 2019, he worked with Selfridges to provide food boxes for homeless people. And he has campaigned for a permanent increase in the amount of money people get through universal credit.



## Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country

Well done to all of our Year 5 and Year 6 cross country runners, who took part in the Croydon schools competition this week, they all did brilliantly. Well done to Elina, who was our highest placed runner. But a special mention has to go to Jediah, who lost one of his shoes right at the start of the race but carried on, wearing just one shoe, for the whole race. What incredible resilience. Jediah, we are so proud of you! And of course, a big thank you to the parents and carers who came along to support us.

## Harvest Donations

Another big 'thank you' to those of you who have contributed to the Harvest donations over the past few weeks. The Salvation Army were very grateful and said that we were 'very generous'. We are sure that the items will be well received!



## Parent and Carer Coffee Mornings/Workshops

Our (*nearly*) fortnightly series of coffee mornings and workshops for parents and carers starts up again after half term. The sessions will be at 9am on Thursdays, and so far we have booked:

10 October	Mrs Deveci	<b>Get-to-know your grammar</b> Learn more about how grammar is taught and join in with some games. It's fun, promise!
24 November	Miss Ffrench	<b>The Big Wide Web</b> Learn more about the many online social platforms and gaming, and how to keep your child safe online.
1 December	Mrs Shilling	<b>Zones of Regulation</b> Come and find out about this effective method for helping children to recognise and regulate their feelings
8 December	Miss Green	<b>Fractions, Decimals and Percentages</b> Children begin looking at fractions in Year 1, decimals in Year 3 and percentages in Year 5. At your request we have arranged for Miss Green to run this session, so that you can come and have a look at our approaches to teaching fractions, decimals and percentages, and share ways that you can support your child at home.

If you have any ideas for sessions you would like us to run, or if you know of any appropriate organisations who would like to run sessions, do please get in touch with Mrs Deveci to let her know.

## Mrs Gardiner

Mrs Gardiner starts her maternity leave at half term, so will not be in school when we come back from the holiday. We wish her all the best for the coming of her new baby, she has promised she will keep in touch to let us know how things are going.

During Mrs Gardiner's maternity leave, Mrs Shilling will take on the Interim Deputy Headteacher role, and Mrs Deveci and Miss Green will be take on interim Assistant Headteacher roles.

## Reading Week at Monks Orchard

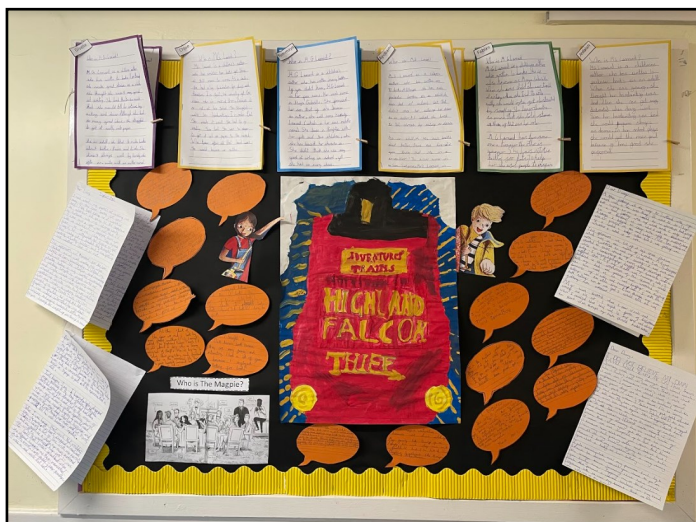
Last week was our reading week. It was a huge success and the children had a great time reading, and talking about reading. We have put up some displays showing the books we have read, and the work we did about them. Here is a small selection.



Year 1



Reception



Year 5



Year 4

## TCS Mini-Marathon

Thank you to everybody who made donations to our TCS Mini-Marathon event. With some donations still to come, we have raised over £700 so far!

The money will go towards having netball court lines painted on the junior playground and buying more equipment for the children to use at play and lunchtime.

## Free School Meals

Is your child entitled to free school meals? If you are not sure it is very easy to check. Just go to:

[Free School Meal Eligibility Checker \(lgfl.org.uk\)](https://www.lgfl.org.uk/free-school-meal-eligibility-checker)

Or come and talk to us in the school office, and we will be happy to help.

## Contact Details

Please let us know straight away if your contact details change. It is very important that we can contact parents/carers in case of emergencies. If you know that there are times when the school will not be able to contact you, please make sure we have an alternative contact—just in case. Thank you.

## Half Term

Don't forget, today was the last day before half term.

We are closed for next two weeks, and we re-open on Monday 31 October.



## Pumpkin Carving Competition



Freshwater Theatre Company are running a Pumpkin Carving Competition across UK schools with winning entries receiving a free theatre workshop for their entire class.

If you carve a pumpkin over the holidays and wish to enter the competition, please send a picture of your pumpkin to my email ([rgreen43.306@lgflmail.org](mailto:rgreen43.306@lgflmail.org)) with your child's full name and class. Please ensure that all entries are with me by 9am on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October as the entries need to be uploaded by 5pm.

Fingers crossed one of our entries will be chosen as the winner!

Miss Green

### Dates for your diary:

**14 Oct:** Final day of half term

**15 Oct to 30 Oct:** half term break

**31 Oct:** children return to school

**4 Nov:** Multi-cultural Day

**9 Nov:** Parent/Carer meetings (in person)

**10 Nov:** Parent/Carer meetings (virtual)

**w/b 14 Nov:** Cross Trust TT Rock Stars Battle

**18 Nov:** Y5, Y6 Cinema trip

**21 Nov:** Y6 at Trinity School, Festival of Music

**23 Nov:** Y4, Y5, Y6 Festive Concert, at Trinity School  
(details to come after half term)

**28 Nov:** Flu immunisation team in school

**28 Nov:** Y6 family Learning session (tbc)

**16 Dec:** Last day of term

**17 Dec to 2 Jan:** School holiday

**3 Jan:** Children return to school

### Attendance

Congratulations to Donaldson Class, this week's best attendance with 99.13%.

Class	% Attend	Lates
Y1 Donaldson	99.13%	4
Y4 Rosen	98.95%	0
Y3 Nichols	97.62%	2
Y6 Jackson	97.14%	2
Y2 McKee	96.36%	7
Y4 Zephaniah	95.56%	1
Y6 Palmer	93.64%	2
Y5 Leonard	93.33%	2
YR Murphy	91.82%	3



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