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Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 22 September 2023

Nursery

This week the Nursery children have been working together and reminding each other how to be careful when using the climbing equipment.

We have also been practising landing with two feet when jumping off apparatus.

Some of us worked really hard with our problem solving: when our favourite shaker broke, we were able to work together and fix it ourselves!



Statutory Assessments

The dates for the 2024 statutory assessments are:

- Year 6 SATs: 13 to 16 May
- Year 2 SATs: throughout May
- Year 4 Multiplication Table Check: weeks beginning 3 and 10 June
- Year 1 phonics screening test: week beginning 10 June

It is vital that children are in school for these tests so leave requests will not be authorised during these periods

Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

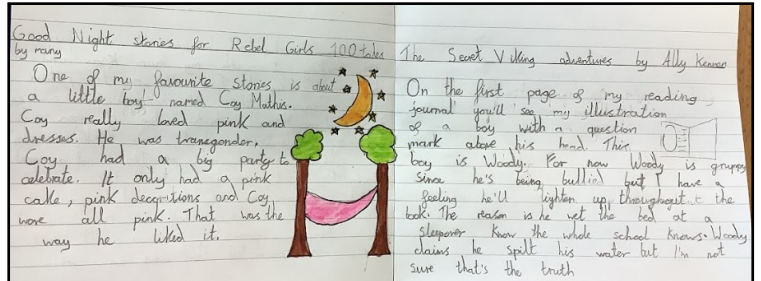
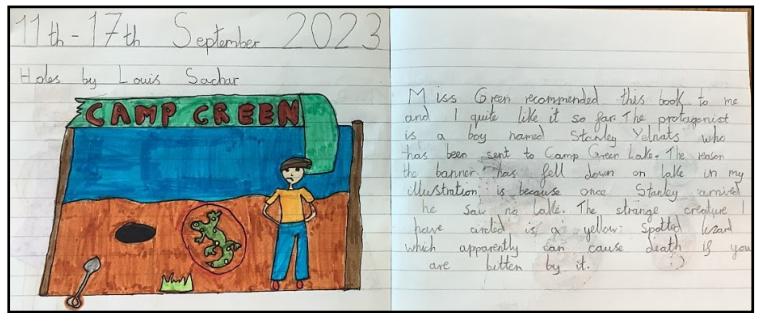
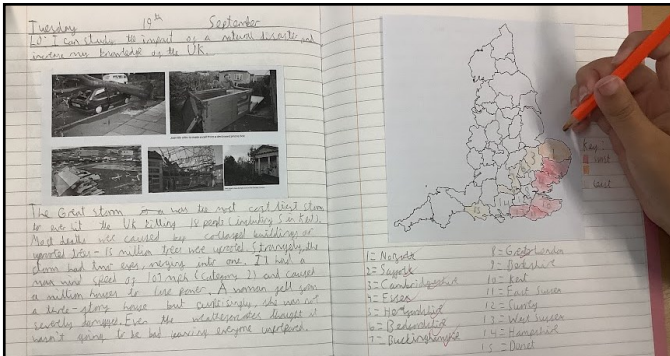
Y1, Donaldson Class:	Kajatan , for being a maths superstar!
Y2, McKee Class:	Carter , for trying so hard with all areas of learning this week.
Y3, Nichols Class:	Retaj , for her fantastic perseverance, for becoming more independent in her learning, and developing great confidence.
Y4, Zephaniah Class	Matthew , for always showing impeccable manners towards others.
Y5, Leonard Class:	Alena , for her great attitude to learning and for having full week in school. Alex , for his artistic flair and creativity.
Y6, Palmer Class:	Riley , for impressing Mrs Woodhouse and me with your participation and hard work.



Year 6

As part of our 'Extreme Weather,' geography topic this half term, we have been finding out about 'The Great Storm of 1987.'

And well done, Chloe, for your amazing work in your reading diary this week.



Year 3 and Year 4 Music

We started our ukulele lessons, with Ben Tranter from Croydon Music and Arts, this week. We have learning about the different parts of the ukulele and understanding how to use and play it very smoothly.



Reception

This week in Reception the children have been working really hard on their number recognition and matching objects to numbers.

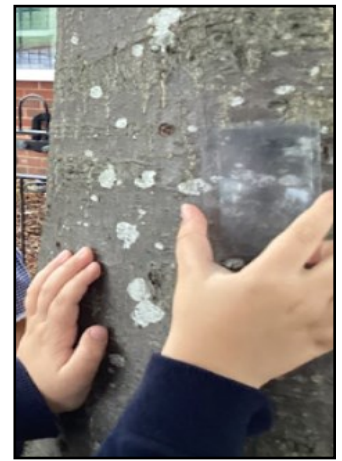
We have also been practising our letter formation for our names, using paintbrushes, pens and chalks.

We are still trying our best to use gentle hands and being kind to our friends, which we are getting really good at!



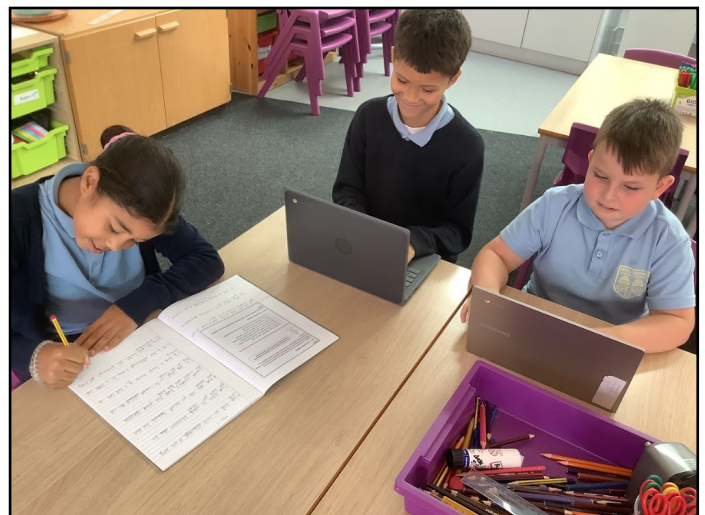
Year 2

In science this week, we went outside to find minibeasts and to explore micro-habitats.



Breakfast and After School Club

This week in breakfast club we had our first "Treats Thursday," which will happen once per month. We always have great activities at After School Club. On Mondays we have homework club where the children get help to complete their homework or they can go on TT Rockstars. And on Wednesdays we do art and craft, this week we made bracelets



Places are still available in Breakfast Club and After school Club. Breakfast Club runs from 7:15am until the start of school, and costs just £4 per session.

After School Club starts straight after school and runs until 6pm. After School Club costs £9 per session. We also have a shorter After School Club session, finishing at 4:30pm, which costs just £5 per session.

For more details, see the Breakfast and After School Club page on our website:

[Fairchildes Academy Community Trust - Breakfast and After School Club \(factrust.org\)](https://www.fairchildesacademycommunitytrust.org.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-club)

Or talk to Mrs Bennett, in the school office.

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about plants in Science. They managed to find some sunshine this week and went on a 'Wild Flower Hunt,' on the field. They recognised lots of different wild flowers including dandelions, daisies, buttercups, nettles and brambles.



Free School Meals

Thank you to those parents and carers who have applied for free school meals. As well as being ready for when the Mayor's free school meals funding ends, every child in receipt of free school meals means more money in the school's budget, so it really makes a difference. We advise all parents to check if they are eligible. It is very easy to check. Just go to:

[Free School Meal Eligibility Checker \(lgfl.org.uk\)](https://www.lgfl.org.uk)

Or do come into the office to talk to us, we are more than happy to help.

Dates for your diary:

2 Oct: Travelling book fair arrives (for the week)

4 Oct: African dance and drumming workshops (Y1 to Y6)

6 Oct: Y6 trip to fire station

9 Oct: Y5 trip to Science Museum

11 Oct: School photographer (individual and family group photos)

13 Oct: last day of school

14 to 29 Oct: Half term break

30 Oct: Children return to school

31 Oct: Deadline for secondary school applications

31 Oct: Y5 trip to Frylands Scout Centre

6 Nov: Y6 trip to Imperial War museum

7 Nov: Parent/Carer meetings

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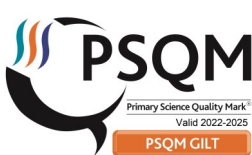
Attendance

Congratulations to Zephaniah Class for this week's best attendance with 100%

Class	% Attend	Lates
Y4 Zephaniah	100.00%	3
Y2 McKee	99.00%	2
YR Murphy	95.56%	4
Y1 Donaldson	95.42%	1
Y6 Jackson	94.83%	1
Y5 Leonard	93.43%	4
Y3 Nichols	90.59%	0



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