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Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 24 November 2023

Reception

In Reception we have been working on our gross motor skills, using bucket stilts to manoeuvre around obstacles and improve our balance and spatial awareness.

We have been cutting out bear shapes then carefully threading around them. This is to strengthen the muscles in our fingers to support our handwriting development, which we are practising every day.

The children have enjoyed exploring our natural resources activity. This has enabled the children to build on their existing vocabulary and use descriptive language to describe the items they could see and feel.



Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

| YR, Murphy Class | Skyla, for always coming to school with a smile and for trying her best at all times. | |
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| Y1, Donaldson Class: | Zareena, for trying really hard to improve the presentation in her books, across all subjects. Well done! | |
| Y2, McKee Class: | Kamari, for working so hard to catch up on his story—and what a beautiful story it is! | |
| Y3, Nichols Class: | Gabriela, for beginning to make good progress in phonics and reading. | |
| Y4, Zephaniah Class | Y4 were on a trip, their certificate winner will be back next week. | |
| Y5, Leonard Class: | Mizuki, For always going 'Above and beyond.' | |
| Y6, Jackson Class: | Levelle , for your excellent work in English this week. You have listened to all of the advice and vocabulary and put it into your writing. | |
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Breakfast and After School Club Malay, for being helpful and kind to others.



Year 1

As part of our English text 'Look Up', Year 1 have been researching 'what makes a good flyer?'

The children looked at various flyers and noted the features. Next, they are going to design their own flyers inviting people to a 'Meteor Shower.' They are super excited!



Year 6

Year 6 have been looking at the work of the artist Chris Ofili. He created this piece, 'No Woman, No Cry', to honour the work of Doreen Lawrence, who lost her son Stephen Lawrence in 1993 in an unprovoked racist attack.



Year 5

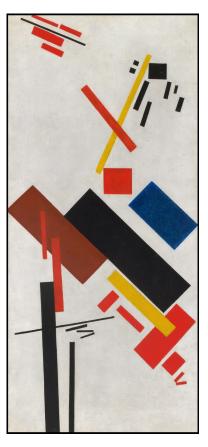
This week we had a visit from Maddie Henderson, former Croydon Councillor, as part of our Parliament Week. We learnt the difference between Parliament and local Councils. We found out about secret ballots and formed our own independent political parties. We discussed our ideas, created pledge cards and a manifesto.



Year 2

We have been looking at the art of Kazemir Malevich. He used simple shapes and lines to create abstract art in what is called a Suprematist style. This inspired us to create our own Suprematist compositions





Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have enjoyed the story of 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?' We have been on a listening walk and a bike ride and recorded all the sounds we heard. We then played a listening game and matched the pictures to the sounds.

We have created our very own Polar Bear world with snow and ice and talked about how the Polar Bears are a little sad because the ice is their home and it is melting. The children also used their fine motor skills, using mini rods for number ice fishing.







Carrying on with our senses, we created a herb tray for the children to explore and smell. Some, then took it to another level squeezing and making their own orange juice.

Under fives sessions at Croydon Libraries

| Ashburton | Rhymetime - Thursdays 11am | |
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| Bradmore Green Rhymetime - Fridays 11am | | |
| Broad Green | Rhymetime - Mondays 11am | |
| Central | Rhymetime - Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 11am | |
| Coulsdon | Rhymetime - Thursdays 11am | |
| New Addington | Rhymetime - Fridays 11am | |
| Norbury | Rhymetime - Thursdays 11am | |
| Purley | Rhymetime - Tuesdays 10.30am | |
| Sanderstead | Rhymetime - Mondays 10.30am | |
| Selsdon | Rhymetime -Wednesdays 10.30am Storytime - Saturdays 10.30am | |
| Shirley | Rhymetime - Fridays 11am | |
| South Norwood | Rhymetime - Fridays 11am | |
| Thornton Heath | Rhymetime - Wednesdays 11am | |

Our Rhymetimes and Storytimes can help your child learn to talk and develop their imagination. Come along and join the fun. Places are limited, please book in advance by contacting your library





Dates for your diary:

27 Nov: Y6 at Trinity School Concert (PM)
7 Dec: Y6 height and weight checks
8 Dec: Y4/Y6 festive performance (2pm)
12 Dec: Y5 festive performance (9:30am)
13 Dec: Y1/Y2 festive performance (9:15am)
13 Dec: EYFS festive performance (1:45pm)
14 Dec: Y1/Y2 festive performance (2pm)
15 Dec: Y3 festive performance (2pm)
(More details re performances to come.)
Thursday 21 December: last day of school
22 Dec to 7 Jan: Christmas Holiday

8 Jan: Children return to school17 Jan: Royal Institution Science workshop for parents/carers (PM), *details to follow*





Congratulations to Leonard Class for this week's best attendance with 97.71%

| Class | % Attend | Lates | |
|--------------|----------|-------|--|
| Y5 Leonard | 97.71% | 4 | |
| Y6 Jackson | 97.41% | 4 | |
| Y4 Zephaniah | 94.78% | 5 | |
| YR Murphy | 93.33% | 4 | |
| Y1 Donaldson | 92.50% | 2 | |
| Y3 Nichols | 90.59% | 2 | |
| Y2 McKee | 89.55% | 3 | |





