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Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 1 December 2023

Nursery

We have been very busy in nursery this week putting Humpty Dumpty together again after reading the book 'After the fall.' We have a new role play area which is a cosy front room, with a Christmas tree which we decorated all by ourselves. We also enjoyed a frosty walk around our school field listening to the crunching noises under our feet.



Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

YR, Murphy Class

Amelia, for coming in to school with a smile and no fuss. Well done, we are all very proud of you.

Y1, Donaldson Class:

Adam, for improving his focus and the quality of his work. He has been trying **so** hard. Well done, Adam!

Y2, McKee Class:

Arnav, for making fantastic progress this half term. We are so proud of you!

Y3, Nichols Class:

Rafael, for fantastic work in his maths assessment, and for independent problem solving.

Y4, Zephaniah Class

Asaiah, for great focus and concentration in all lessons this week.

Y5, Leonard Class:

Aariana, for her super kindness and consideration towards her peers and adults.

Y6, Jackson Class:

Chloe, for just being you. You're fabulous!

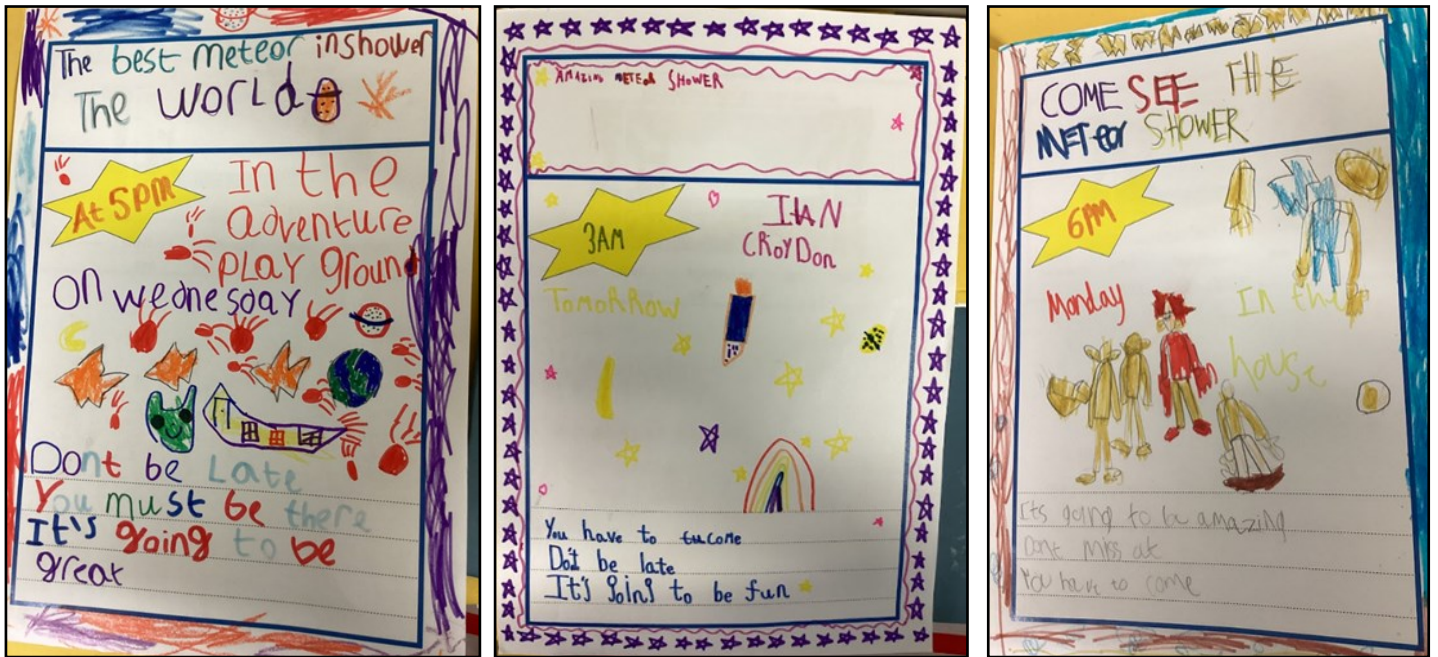
Breakfast and After School Club:

Malik, for his brilliant effort in After School Club this week, he has been very helpful and kind to us all



Year 1

Following on from last week's research about 'What makes a good flyer?', Year 1 have been creating their own 'meteor' flyers this week...look at some of their fantastic work!



Year 6

This week Year 6 went to Trinity School to enjoy their concert. We listened to performances from their pop band, choir, wind ensemble, a string orchestra and big band. It was great fun!



Reception

In Reception this week the children have been working together to create a Santa's Workshop. This is still a work in progress and we are hoping to have the opening ceremony very soon!

We have been exploring the outside environment, collecting leaves and talking about the differences we can see and feel, then creating our own autumnal pictures.

During our outside learning we have been jogging and stretching to strengthen our muscles, adding in lots of climbing and balancing.



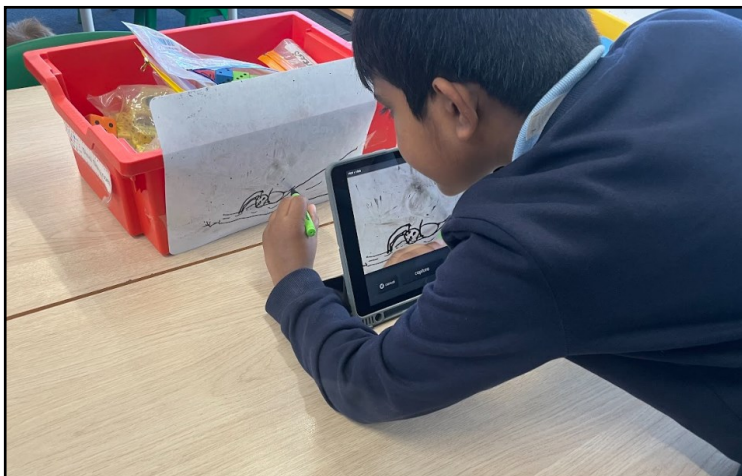
Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic time at the Horniman Museum last Friday. It supported our learning of our Ancient Egypt topic. We took part in a workshop about mummification. We got a chance to look at, and handle, actual artefacts which would have been used in the mummification process. We will use the information we found out to write a explanation text in English next week.



Year 3

Year 3 have been having a great time creating animations, in computing this week. We used an app called iMotion to make stop-motion animations, taking photographs of our whiteboard drawings.



Goodbyes

We have said goodbye to two members of staff recently.

Mrs Roper, who has worked in the school office for over 25 years, retired at the end of last week. We thank her for all of her hard work over the years she has been at Monks Orchard.

And this week we say goodbye to Mrs Humphreys, our learning mentor. Though she has only been with us a few years, Mrs Humphreys has worked with many children and has had a massive impact. As she moves on to 'pastures new,' we also want to say a big thank you.

We wish both Mrs Roper and Mrs Humphreys all the best for the future.

Attendance

Congratulations to Jackson Class for this week's best attendance with 95.71%

Class	% Attend	Lates
Y6 Jackson	95.71	3
Y4 Zephaniah	95.22	6
Y1 Donaldson	94.58	6
Y2 McKee	94.09	2
YR Murphy	92.78	6
Y5 Leonard	91.43	6
Y3 Nichols	85.29	4

Dates for your diary:

7 Dec: Y6 height and weight checks

8 Dec: Y4/Y6 festive performance (2pm)

12 Dec: Y5 festive performance (9:15am)

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)

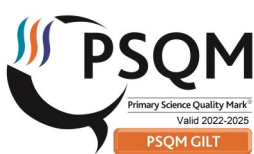
(More details re performances to come.)

Thursday 21 December: last day of school

22 Dec to 7 Jan: Christmas Holiday

8 Jan: Children return to school

17 Jan: Royal Institution Science workshop for parents/carers (PM), *details to follow*



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