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Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 15 December 2023

Reception

This week in Reception we have extended our Santa's workshop to the outside learning area. We have made Reindeer food, a sleigh, and a post box! We have been writing our Christmas lists and Christmas cards.

The children have still been working on their number recognition. We created a bridge for cars to cross from one side to the other to find the correct garage with matching number. Another busy week!



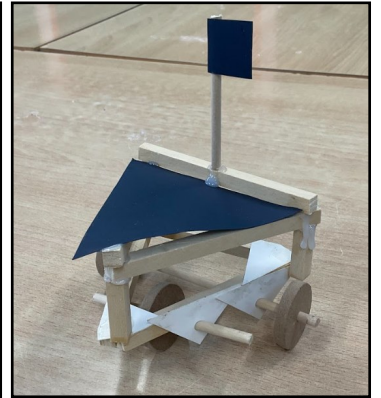
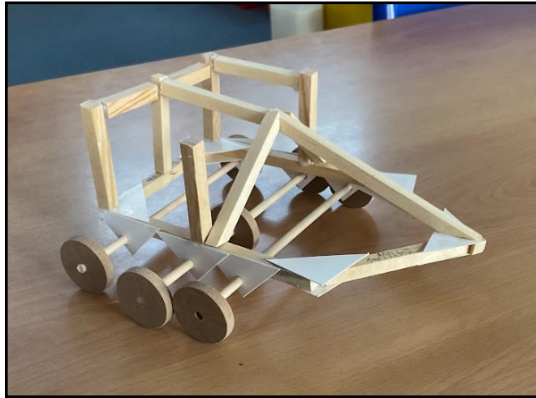
Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

YR, Murphy Class	The whole class and the Nursery , for a brilliant performance this week.
Y1, Donaldson Class:	The whole class , for an amazing Christmas production! We are so proud of you all.
Y2, McKee Class:	Harley , for standing out this week, for all the right reasons. You have been really engaged and eager to learn, all week. Well done!
Y3, Nichols Class:	Edwin , for his fantastic reading and pronunciation skills.
Y4, Zephaniah Class	Rose , for her amazing recreation of Tutankhamun's mask, in art this week.
Y5, Leonard Class:	Tirunesh-Li , for her challenging questions in maths, and her determination to learn.
Y6, Jackson Class:	Kayden , for always being a role model to others and for working hard every moment of every day.
Breakfast and After School Club:	Tate , for showing great resilience, determination and team spirit.



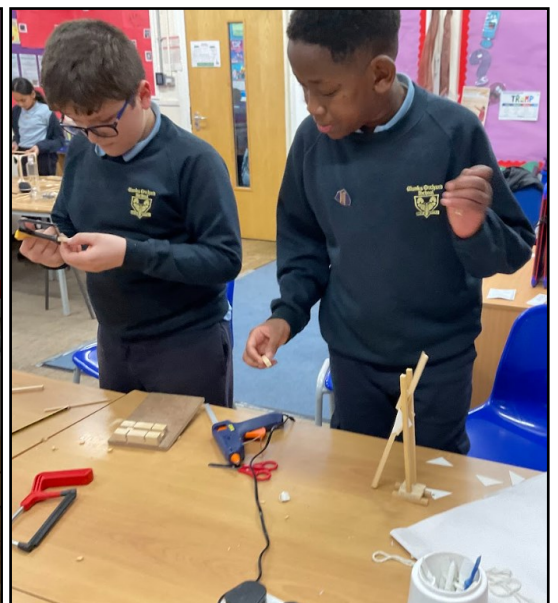
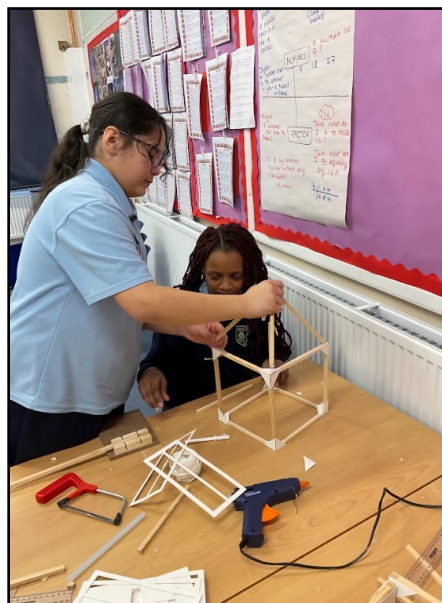
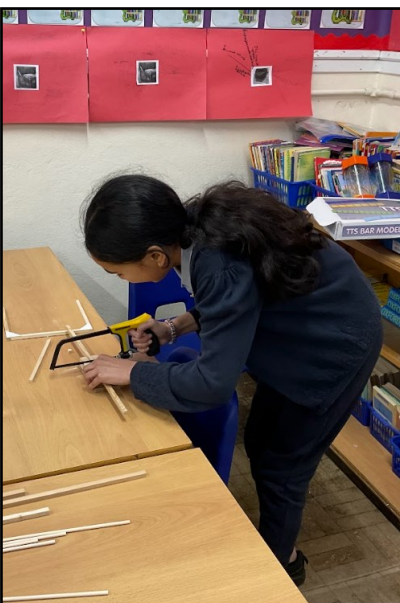
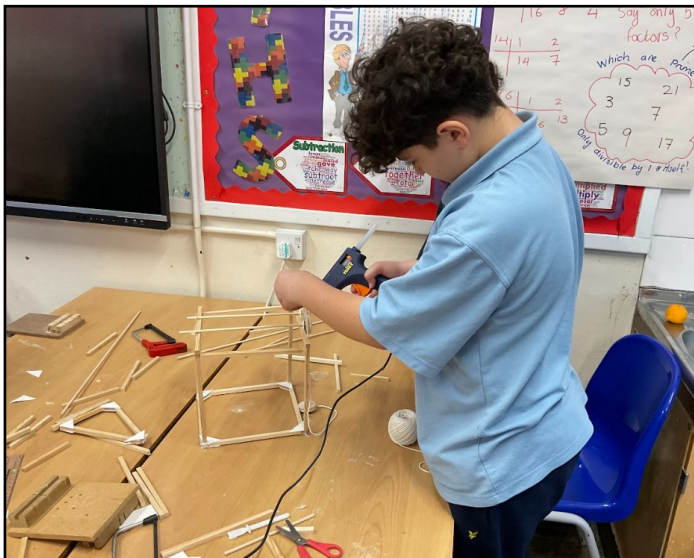
Year 5 Buggies

Over the last few weeks Year 5 have been designing and making buggies, in DT. We have nearly finished now, and next we will be testing them, to see which can travel the farthest when we roll them down a ramp.



Year 6 DT

In Year 6 we have been designing and making models of World War 1 trench lifts. It has been really tricky getting them to work, and the glue guns have been difficult to use. But we have persevered and we hope to have them finished before the end of term.



Year 4

Zephaniah immersed themselves in creating their own interpretations of Tutankhamun's mask in Art this week. They used a range of different materials to create their masterpieces and found inspiration from many different artists. They have really enjoyed their Ancient Egypt topic this term.



Art and Craft Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Art and Craft Coffee morning this week. Everyone had a good time, helping each other with our special, festive craft activities. And it was lovely to see younger siblings joining in as well. A big thank you to Ms James for organising it.



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.

Breakfast and After School Club

Because of the wet weather, we have been doing lots of indoor art and craft activities this week.



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 \(factrust.org\)](http://factrust.org)

Or talk to Mrs Bennett, in the school office.

Dates for your diary:

20 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day , Christmas Lunch and class parties.

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*

17 Jan: Young Voices Concert at O2 Arena (Y5/Y6 Choir)

22 Jan: Y5 trip to British Museum

25 Jan: Y5 STEM afternoon at Trinity School

26 Jan: Y4 trip to Science Museum

2 Feb: NSPCC Number Day

9 Feb: last day of half term

10 to 18 Feb: Half term break

Attendance

Congratulations to Zephaniah Class for this week's best attendance with 99.13%

Class	% Attend	Lates
Y4 Zephaniah	99.13%	9
Y6 Jackson	94.29%	1
Y3 Nichols	91.28%	5
YR Murphy	90%	4
Y2 McKee	90%	5
Y5 Leonard	89.43%	6
Y1 Donaldson	88.75%	7



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