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Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 12 January 2024

Nursery

In the nursery this week we have been reading the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have made different types of porridge— one plain, one with fruit and one with sugar. We recorded which one we enjoyed the most on a tally chart. We have been using our mathematical language (big, medium and small) while retelling the story.



Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

YR, Murphy Class	Fred , for showing great resilience when writing. Well done, we are very proud of you!
Y1, Donaldson Class:	Zila , for his fantastic perseverance when making his hand puppet, during DT this week. We were super impressed with his independent sewing. Well done!
Y2, McKee Class:	Inaaya , for making fantastic progress with your reading. You always try so hard!
Y3, Nichols Class:	Joshua , for showing a great level of empathy with other children, and for his resilience.
Y4, Zephaniah Class	Maya , for her resilience in English this week, writing a fantastic poem using similes and metaphor.
Y5, Leonard Class:	McKenzie , for his fantastic resilience in maths.
Y6, Jackson Class:	Roman , for showing great aspiration and drive. You continuously show us that you want to do well in class.
Breakfast and After School Club:	Isabella , for showing empathy with other children in Afterschool Club, no matter which year group they are in.



Year 1 DT

Year 1 have had an exciting week planning, designing and making hand puppets of themselves, in DT. They made us very proud, especially when they had a go at sewing the fabric together. Thank you to the parents, and Mr Fairbairn, who came to help out! The children are so proud of what they have created.



Reception

The children have had a wonderful first week back; full of energy and enthusiasm for their learning.

We introduced the book 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' Our role play area has become the three bears' kitchen, and the children have been re-telling the story with props!

We are still working on building our number knowledge and number recognition. We have been counting the bears hidden in the porridge!

During our outside learning we have been exploring the environmental changes from day to day. One day crunchy grass and ice, and other days that were wet, dry, cold and freezing. This is developing our language further and consolidating our knowledge of the seasons.

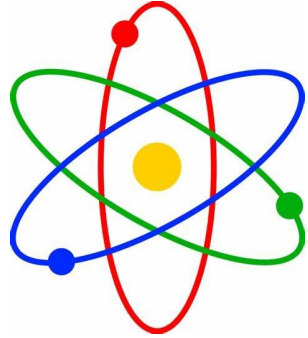


Parents and Carers Science Show



Wednesday 17 January

1:30pm to 2:45 pm

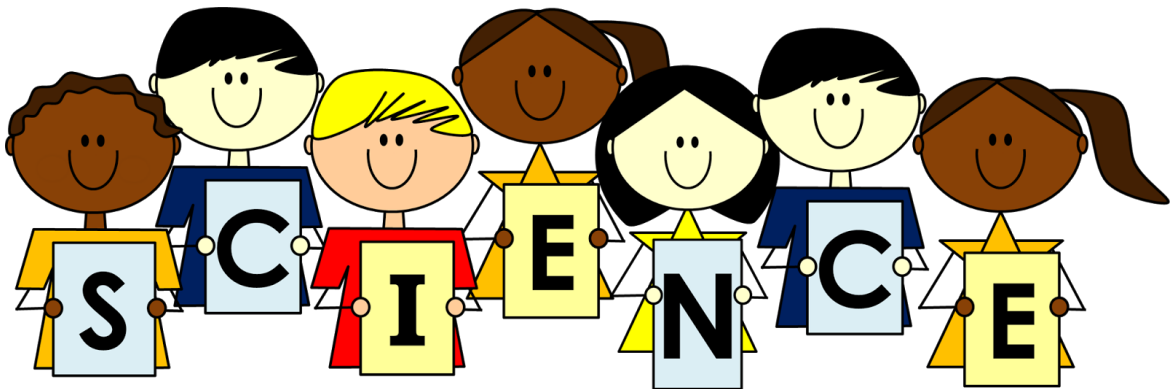


We are really lucky to have received a grant this year to pay for an incredible Science Day, delivered by The Royal Institution.

The day includes 3 fantastic science shows, 2 for the children **and 1 for parents and carers.**

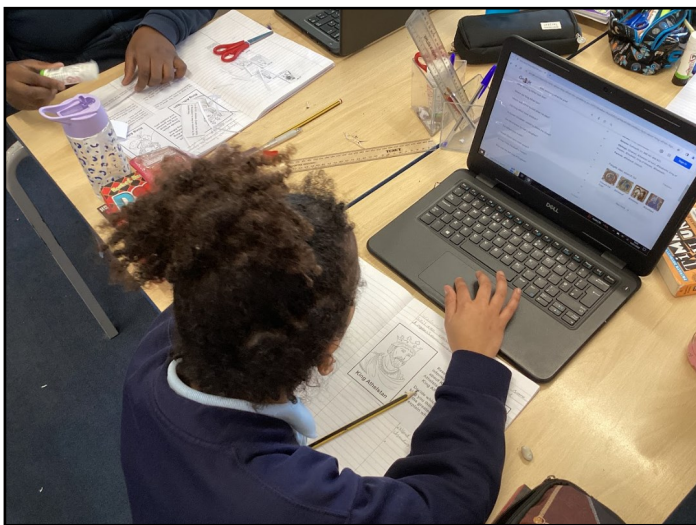
The shows will be jam-packed with experiments, explosions and hands-on participation.

The science show for parents will start at 1:30pm, in the school hall on Wednesday 17 January.



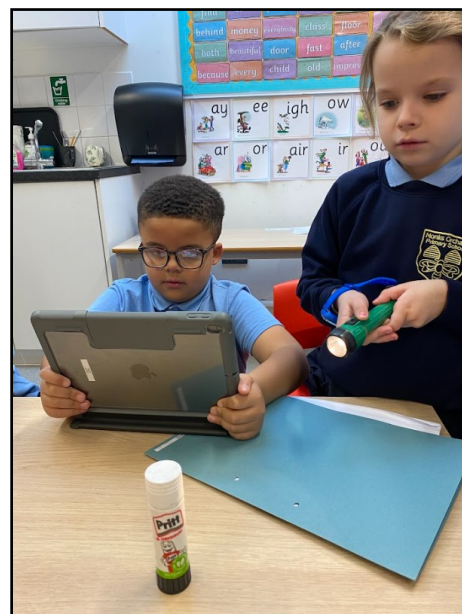
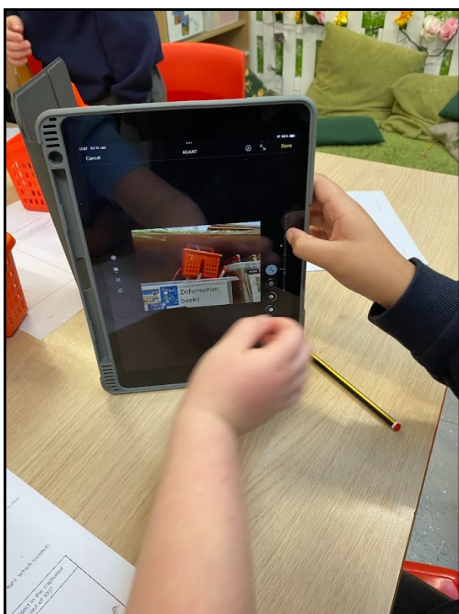
Year 5

We have begun our new topic, about 'The Vikings.' First we found out about Britain before the Vikings. We have been researching who King Alfred the Great and King Athelstan were. We then tried to decide who was the greater king, and why!



Year 2

We have been having lots of fun, editing digital photos and experimenting with lighting, in our computing lessons.



Benefits-Related Free School Meals

As you know, all primary school children in London can have a free school lunch, this academic year. We really hope that you will take up this opportunity to save yourself some money, if you haven't already done so.

If you are concerned that your child won't eat from the school menu please don't hesitate to come and talk to Michelle, our school cook. She is on the gate most mornings and is always more than happy to talk through the menu with you. Do remember that we can cater for allergies and differing dietary requirements.

Some of you will also have received vouchers during the Christmas holidays. There are more to come at half term and then again at Easter, but in order to claim these you need to have registered your child for benefit-related free school meals. This is really easy to do. Just follow this link: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> and answer a few, very simple questions. Once we have been notified, the school will then issue you with holiday time vouchers. Every child registered on this site also brings in more money to the school, which is spent on employing teaching assistants and buying resources to support our children. We are most grateful to those of you who have done this. If you think that you might be eligible please follow the link.

NSPCC



Dear Parents and Carers,

NSPCC Number Day is back and on Friday 2nd February, the children will play maths games, look at famous mathematicians and solve problems.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

On average, a child contacts Childline every **25 seconds**

We will be joining hundreds of other schools in *Dress up for Digits*. On Friday 3rd February, pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!) or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers themed costume. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. Please could children bring in their donation on Friday 2nd February.

It all adds up

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Monks Orchard will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

We are delighted, once again, to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 2 February 2024**.

Thank you.

Rebecca Green
Maths Lead

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at nspcc.org.uk

Vouchers available

This can be a very difficult time of year, financially, for many families. To help out, the local authority has provided the school with a small number of vouchers, which can be redeemed at any Tesco store.

Anybody with a child at the school can claim one of these vouchers. These are not the same as the vouchers which people who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals are able to claim. If you would like to claim a voucher please e-mail Mrs Shilling: dshilling@monkorchard.co.uk All e-mails will be treated with strict confidentiality.

Please note, we only have a limited supply of vouchers, so they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

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

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.

Dates for your diary:

17 Jan: Royal Institution Science Day, workshop for parents/carers at 1:30pm

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

19 Feb: Children return to school

27 Feb: Reception height and weight measurement

w/b 4 Mar: Book fair in school

5 Mar: Infant (Y2) Choir Festival at Fairfield Halls

7 Mar: World Book Day

Thursday 28 March: Last day of term

29 Mar to 7 Apr: Easter Holiday

8 April: Children return to school

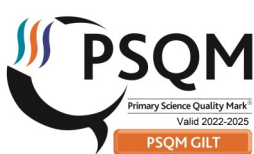
Attendance for Last Term

Congratulations to Zephaniah Class for the best attendance of last term with 95.67%.

Class	% Attend	Lates
Y4, Zephaniah	95.57%	74
Y5, Leonard	95.1%	70
Y2, McKee	94.81%	32
Y6, Jackson	94.71%	41
YR, Murphy	93.77%	58
Y1, Donaldson	93.71%	48
Y3, Nichols	91.28%	32



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