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Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 19 January 2024

Nursery

This week in nursery we have been reading the book 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have been building bridges, using different shaped blocks to help the goats to cross the river. We have also been retelling the story with props. We have been learning new vocabulary related to the story using actions, which we have really enjoyed. We have been busy shopping in our role play shop, taking turns with the shopping trolley and till, and making our own creations from different materials. We have had to think really hard about what to use to attach the materials together.



Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

YR, Murphy Class

Anayah, for showing great resilience when doing her writing. She always approaches it with a smile.

Y1, Donaldson Class:

Gabriel, for showing fantastic resilience in both maths and English this week. Well done!

Y2, McKee Class:

Harley, for showing such maturity this week and shining in all that he does.

Y3, Nichols Class:

Aashmeen, for showing great resilience, working hard in all areas.

Y4, Zephaniah Class

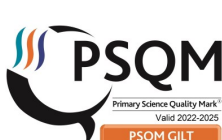
George, for showing great aspiration, 'going the extra mile,' when programming in computing this week.

Y5, Leonard Class:

Keira, for your dedication towards your learning; through your consistent perseverance, and working collaboratively to improve your understanding as well as to help your peers.

Y6, Jackson Class:

Brooke, for always looking out for people and being so very kind and helpful.



Royal Institution Science Workshops

As part of our Science programme, children and teachers across all key stages (EYFS, KS1 and KS2) , explored and engaged with excitement in our science workshop (Explosive Foods).

This workshop brought the curriculum to life and supported children's understanding of complex scientific concepts, subjects, and theories. The experience boosts and expands children's imagination their ability to remember knowledge and make connections.

But most of all—it was great fun!



Some of our Parents and Carers got involved too. They also had fun, and thought the activities were great!

We really hope we can get the Royal Institution in again, to do more workshops in the future.





Croydon Music and Arts

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Head of Service: Graeme Smith

Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Sharon. I teach piano at Monks Orchard Primary School, for Croydon Music and Arts, and I currently have space available to take on new students!

Learning a musical instrument has been proven to improve children's ability to concentrate in other lessons, as well as boosting their confidence, co-ordination and creative expression. Qualities such as discipline, responsibility and patience are also developed through regular practice.

Besides all of that, it's FUN! Everyone loves music!

Lessons are taught during the school day, on a Tuesday. For those who are interested in this opportunity, please follow the link below for details.

<https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/music-lessons>

Also, if you have any queries, please feel free to contact me personally.

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I really look forward to hearing from you and starting your child on their young musician's journey!

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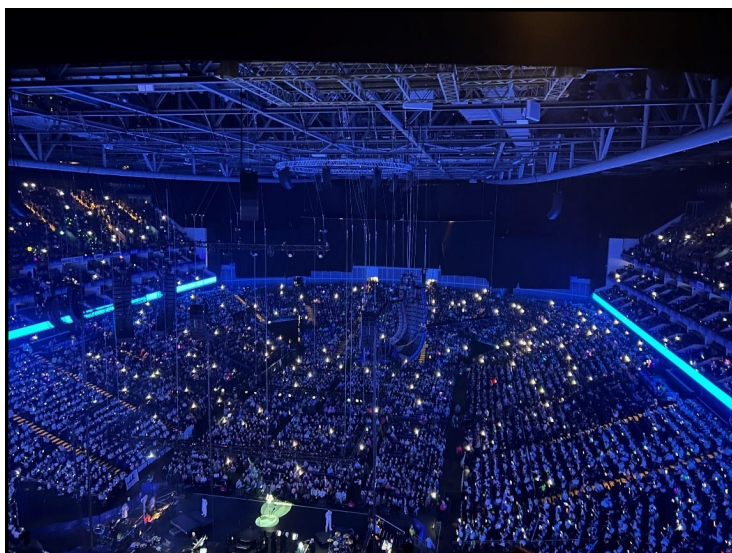
Young Voices

Well done to the Year 5 and Year 6 choir, who performed at the Young Voices concert at the O2 this week. The special guests this year were MC Grammar, Natalie Williams and Nandi Bushell (the brilliant 13 year old drummer).

We had a great time and sang and danced brilliantly!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who braved the freezing weather and came along to watch, and to Miss Green, Mrs Woodhouse, Miss Millie and Mr Fairbairn for organising it for us.

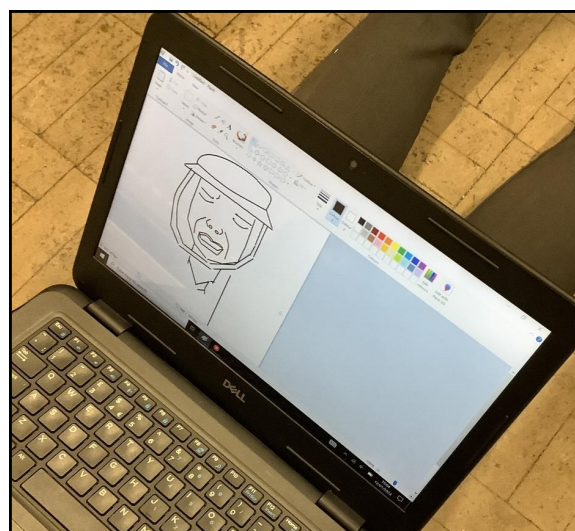
We are looking forward to going again next year!



Year 6 Digital Art

This week we had a go at recreating this image of a soldier, using a painting programme on the laptops.

We spent a lot of time looking at the techniques the artist used to convey emotion. It was really tricky but we persevered and have made a good start.



Year 2

In DT, we've made 3D habitats linking to our 'Animals and Their Habitats,' science topic. The animals can move across their habitats. Thank you so much for the shoebox donations!



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

Breakfast and After School Club

It may be cold outside but we are still having fun indoors, at after school club. 'Donkey,' is a great indoor ball game, for all ages.



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.

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.

Dates for your diary:

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 McKee Class for the best attendance of this week with 98.64%.

Class	% Attend	Lates
Y2, McKee	98.64	7
Y3, Nichols	97.65	4
Y4, Zephaniah	95.65	12
Y5, Leonard	93.82	9
YR, Murphy	91.67	7
Y1, Donaldson	90	4
Y6, Jackson	88.93	3



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