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Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 26 January 2024

Nursery

In nursery this week we have been reading the book 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have made wolf, Little Red Riding Hood and Grandma masks which we used to act out the story. We made Grandma some treats in the mud kitchen using our pouring and stirring skills.



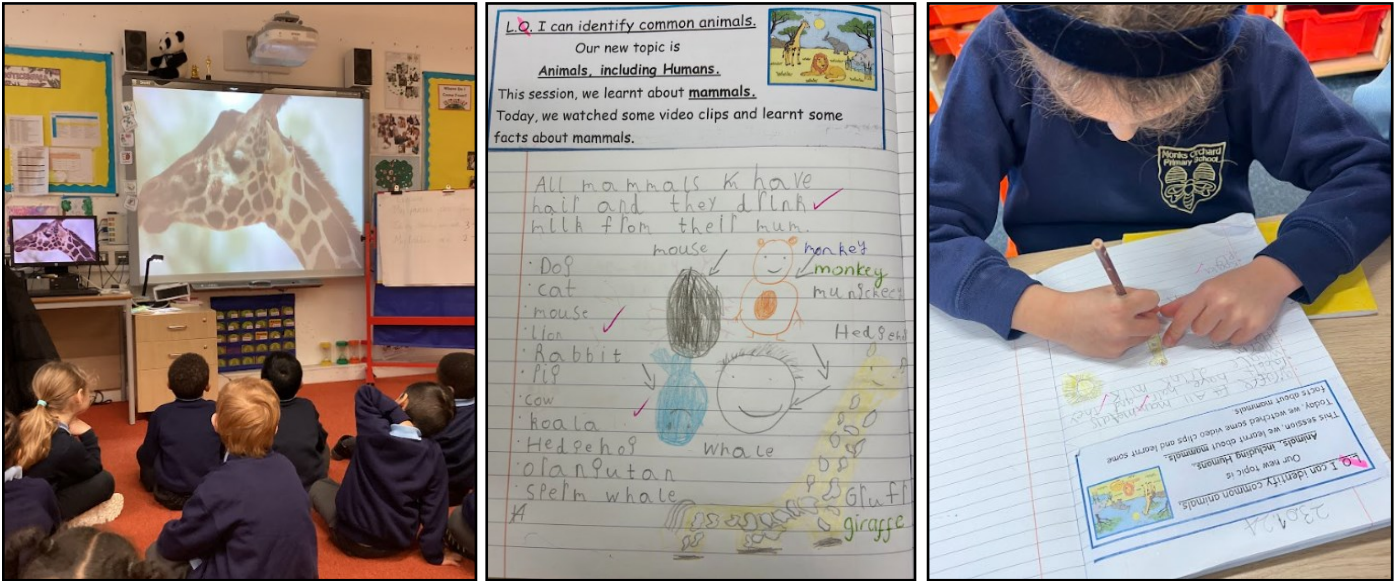
Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

YR, Murphy Class	Malay , for working collaboratively with her peers, to solve a maths problem.
Y1, Donaldson Class:	Liam , for persevering with his handwriting, when writing his autobiography in history this week.
Y2, McKee Class:	Kyra , for resilience in maths and English and for your amazing attitude and fantastic behaviour in all your learning.
Y3, Nichols Class:	Zwany , for his fantastic resilience and determination in all our class maths challenges.
Y4, Zephaniah Class	Rian , for being a supportive learner by helping others with division, in maths this week.
Y5, Leonard Class:	Ayesha and Aleza , for your kindness and empathy towards others, and for being good role models.
Y6, Jackson Class:	Fabian , for showing resilience and aspiration, both in class and when learning the piano



Year 1

Year 1 have started a new topic in Science 'Animals Including Humans'. This week they learnt about 'mammals'. They watched video clips, found out lots of information about mammals and listed lots of them!



Year 3

In Geography, the children were able to use an atlas to identify the position and significance of the Equator, North and South hemisphere, and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, on a world map. They were able to explore the many countries within each continent and discussed whether they were North of the equator, on the equator or South of the equator.



Year 6

Year 6 have been enjoying their World War Two topic. In their most recent lesson, they looked at the outbreak of war and The Munich Agreement. They started the session by comparing maps of Europe from 1917, 1919, 1938 and 1939.



Reception

This week in Reception, we have been following on from our 'Goldilocks and Three Bears'. We introduced estimating, which the children found a little challenging initially but with perseverance they were then able to estimate how many spoons of porridge would be needed to fill the various bowls. The children used the wooden bricks to build beds for the bears, carefully measuring to ensure the bears would fit. Finally lots of racing outside on the bikes and scooters recording who was first, second and third with the chalks.



Breakfast and After School Club

We celebrated Burns night at afterschool club on Thursday, and we iced cakes. We have also been looking at the art of Claude Monet and creating our own art work, based on his style. As it's the last Friday of the month, this morning was Pancakes for breakfast!



Another Blue Peter Badge Winner

Well done Anastasia, for winning her Blue Peter Book Badge. She is now our third Book Badge Winner and we look forward to more...

[Blue Peter Book badge | Find out how to earn the Book BP badge - CBBC - BBC](#)

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

Science Coffee Morning next Thursday, 1 February

We know many of you were disappointed when we couldn't let children join the parents/carers science show last week. So Mrs Bernard has organised another show for Next Thursday morning, 1 Feb. We have been promised a fun, practical session, with explosions and lots of experiments. So if you are able to, please come along and spend some time with your children at the science show.

Vouchers available

A couple of weeks ago, we told you that the local authority has provided the school with a small number of vouchers, which can be redeemed at any Tesco store. We have a limited supply of vouchers but we do still have some available.

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.

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.

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:

1 Feb: Science Coffee Morning

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

20 and 21 Mar: Parent/Carer Meetings (*details to follow*)

Thursday 28 March: Last day of term

29 Mar to 14 Apr: Easter Holiday

15 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
Y5, Leonard	95.29	14
Y1, Donaldson	94.17	7
Y2, McKee	93.91	1
Y6, Jackson	93.57	8
Y4, Zephaniah	93.04	3
YR, Murphy	92.22	3
Y3, Nichols	86.84	3

