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Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 1 March 2024

Nursery

In the nursery this week we have been painting daffodils. We looked very carefully using the correct colours. We have been strengthening our fine motor skills by using a pipette to squeeze water into the small holes on top of the construction bricks.



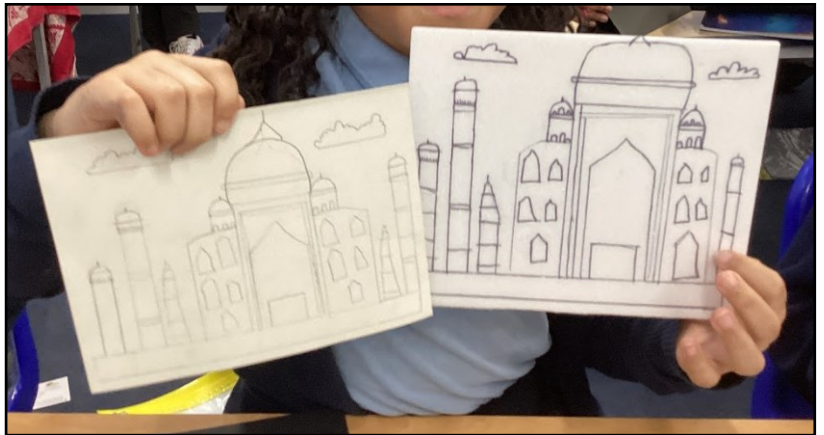
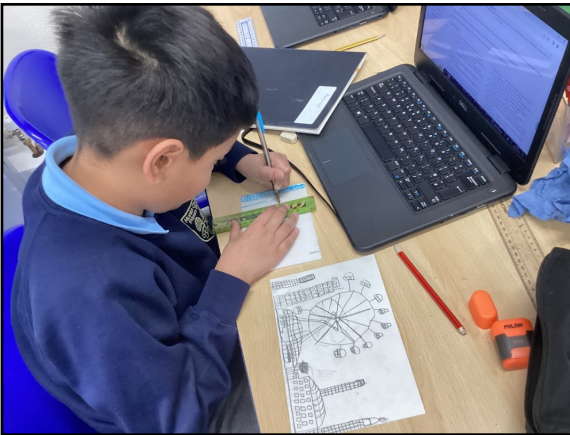
Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

YR, Murphy Class	Maddison , for always trying her best and for showing great <u>resilience</u> in her writing.
Y1, Donaldson Class:	Lilia , for a great effort in both English and maths this week. Lilia has been trying really hard to become a more independent reader. We are so proud of you!
Y2, McKee Class:	Harley , for being an absolute Superstar with his maths this week! ★
Y3, Nichols Class:	The Whole Class , for their fantastic performance of 'The Prince and The Pauper,' in our class assembly this week. And to Zwany and Hakeem for their fantastic determination and <u>resilience</u> with their acting and for performing so well.
Y4, Zephaniah Class	Shyann , for great perseverance and <u>collaboration</u> in all lessons this week.
Y5, Leonard Class:	Joseph , for showing <u>resilience</u> in his work and <u>respect</u> for his peers. For staying focussed and for <u>reflecting</u> on the advice he has been given.
Y6, Jackson Class:	Steven , for a great effort in your learning.
Breakfast and After School Club:	Jessica , for always showing <u>respect</u> and kindness to her peers and to the Breakfast and After School Club team.



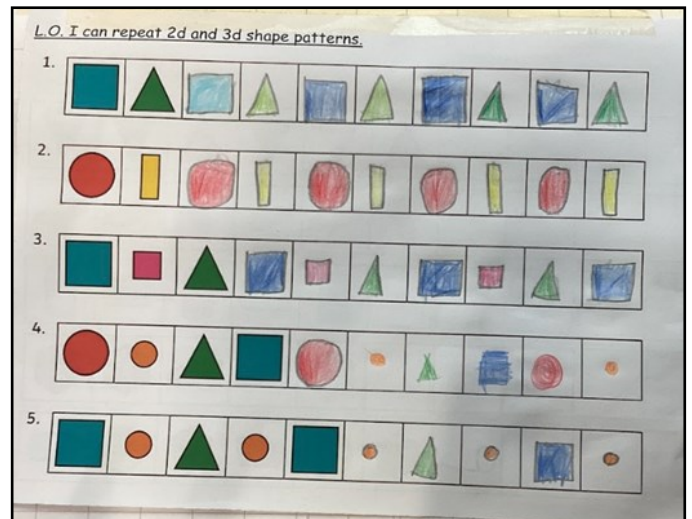
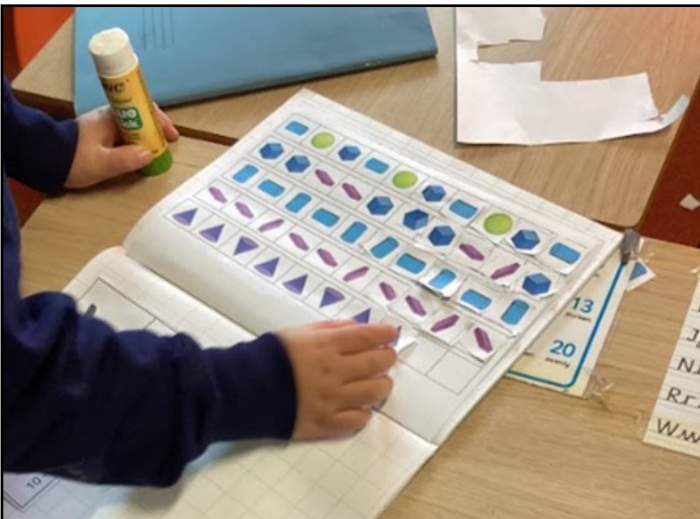
Year 5

In art this half term we are going to be making prints of cityscapes. This week we were preparing, by choosing some famous landmarks, researching them, sketching them and creating our printing blocks from polystyrene tiles.



Year 1

Year 1 have been continuing their learning about 2d and 3d shapes this week. They focused on continuing patterns and managed to complete these carefully and accurately. Miss Binns was very impressed!



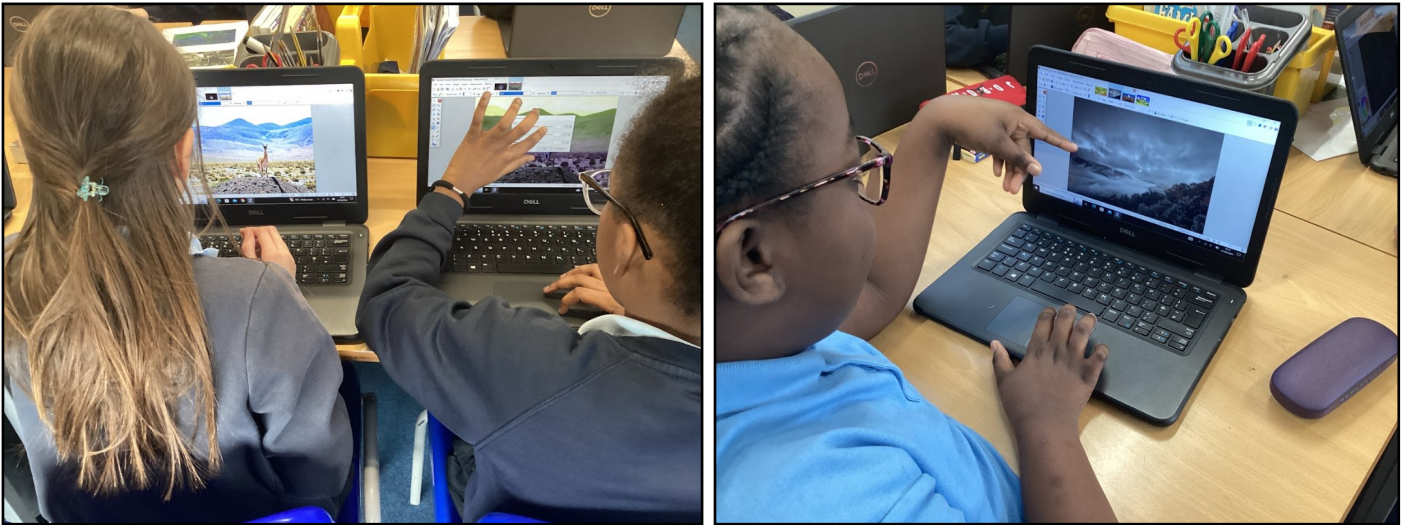
Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about the importance of good hygiene and how we can prevent germs spreading by washing our hands. We learned how easily germs spread by placing different colour 'glitter germs' on our hands, then shaking hands with our classmates to see if the 'glitter germs' spread. We were surprised at how easily they spread from one child to another!



Year 4

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their photo editing unit in computing this half term. This week they have been experimenting with colour changes; by changing an image's brightness, contrast, hue and saturation. They even had a go at altering an image into black and white or sepia to see how this could change the way you feel about an image.

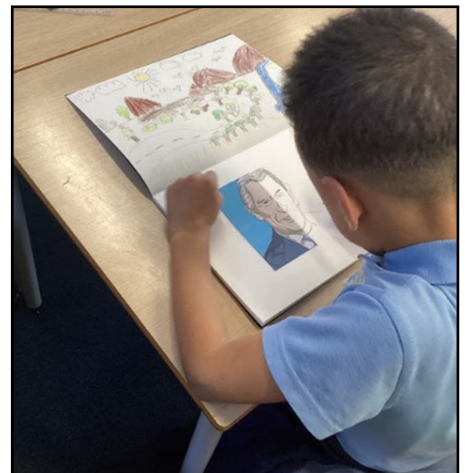


Year 3

In Year 3, the children have been learning about British Kings and Queens and they have enjoyed drawing a portrait of the King, King Charles III.

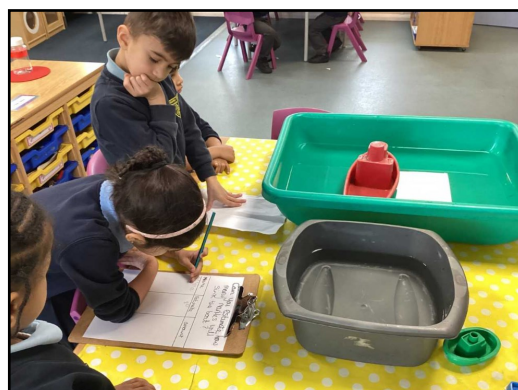
The children were inspired by the Artist Nicky Philipps, who is an artist specialising in portraits and has painted many portraits of the royal family.

The children experimented with various pencils, close observation of the pictures, analysing the head's shapes and proportions. Then they made sketches and accurately drew their portraits.



Reception

This week Reception have been reading the story 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'. We have been acting out the story in groups, we have built our own boats and sent out invitations to our friends to join us on the boat. Finally we decided to see how many marbles it would take to sink our boat.



Legacy

An OnSide Youth Zone



Easter Community Day!

Saturday 23rd March, 12pm - 4pm

Come on down to Legacy Youth Zone Croydon for an afternoon of fun including mini challenges and games and see what Legacy is all about!

What's on:

-  Sports challenges
-  Easter egg hunt
-  Food
-  Activities for all ages and so much more!

Get your
FREE
Tickets



Have you tried our Holiday Club yet?



Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April 2024.
We have lots of fun activities throughout the week – there's something for everyone. If you're aged between 8-12 years old then join our Easter Holiday Club.

Book your space by scanning the QR Code



Not a member of Legacy Youth Zone yet?

If you're aged between 8-19 (or even up to 25 if you have an additional need) then you can access all of what we offer for just £5 per year, and only 50p per visit.



Become a member by scanning the QR Code

Charity Registration No: 1173107

Holidays During Term Time

You will have seen in the news this week that fines for non-attendance at school are due to increase in September; from £60 per child per parent, to £80 per child per parent. And these fines may be imposed after 5 days of absence.

We wanted to take this opportunity to clarify some points about holidays during term time.

The school does not authorise holidays during term time. This is a Trust-wide policy.

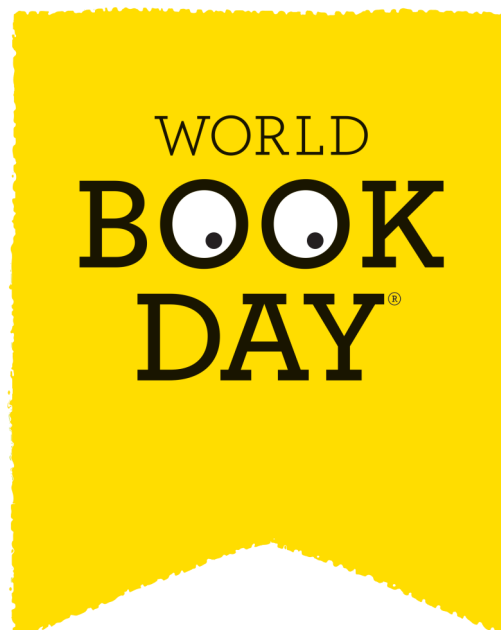
If you choose to take your child on holiday during term time the school will refer the absence to the local authority, who may choose to impose a fine.

Please do still let us know about holidays and provide as much information as you can. We submit any information you give us to the local authority, who may consider this when making their decision about a fine.

Parents/carers who provide no information or do not inform the school are far more likely to be fined.

Any fines are issued by the local authority. The school does not issue fines. The school is not part of the decision making process about fines. The school does not receive any money from fines that are issued.

The school's Attendance Policy is available on the website: www.factrust.org/mopolicies



This year World Book Day is on Thursday 7 March. On the day we would love your children to dress up as their favourite character from a book.

We will have lots of other activities going on to celebrate, and our book fair will be in school for the whole of that week.

You can find lots of ideas for celebrating World Book Day on the website: www.worldbookday.com

Dates for your diary:

w/b 4 Mar: Book fair in school

5 Mar: Infant (Y2/Y3) Choir Festival at Fairfield Halls

7 Mar: World Book Day

7 Mar: Year 5 Class Assembly

8 Mar: Y3 trip to Hampton Court Palace

14 Mar: Y1 Class Assembly

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

21 Mar: Reception Class Assembly

28 Mar: Nursey Class Assembly

Thursday 28 March: Last day of term

29 Mar to 14 Apr: Easter Holiday

15 Apr: Children return to school

Attendance this week

Congratulations to McKee Class for the best attendance this week with 95.9%.

Class	% Attend	Lates
Y2, McKee	95.9	2
Y4, Zephaniah	94.8	8
YR, Murphy	94.2	12
Y1, Donaldson	93.8	4
Y6, Jackson	92.9	4
Y5, Leonard	92.4	6
Y3, Nichols	89.4	2

