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## Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 22 March 2024

### Nursery

In the nursery we have been reading the book 'The Giant Jam Sandwich.' We made our own sandwiches, some of us had Jam and some chose cheese. We have been busy in the nursery garden taking the weeds out of our planters to make room for our planting. We have planted some wild flowers and some herbs.



### Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

YR, Murphy Class

**Maia**, for settling in really well and show great resilience during her learning.

Y1, Donaldson Class:

**Ayden**, for showing great resilience in maths this week. Ayden was able to add by counting on, independently.

Y2, McKee Class:

**Ava**, for showing such maturity in her learning. Keep it up!

Y3, Nichols Class:

**Imayan**, for his fantastic participation in, and contribution to, our frozen fossils science investigation.

Y4, Zephaniah Class

**Honya**, for having a great understanding of electrical circuits, in science.

Y5, Leonard Class:

**Alaiyah-Mai**, for consistently showing all of our school values, and striving to do her best.

Y6, Jackson Class:

**Ayo**, for your hard work and dedication to your learning.

Breakfast and After School Club:

**Asaiah**, for showing respect and resilience and for always making the adults smile.







# SOUNDSTEPS<sup>®</sup>

Music School

## Free Children's Piano/ Keyboard Taster Sessions Available Now

- Weekly 1 hour Lessons available Monday to Sunday for Children aged 5-13.
- Children Learn to Read, Write and Play Music in every lesson. We also provide the Keyboard at every lesson!
- Termly Exams and Certificates along with opportunities to sit internationally Recognised Exams and Perform at live events!



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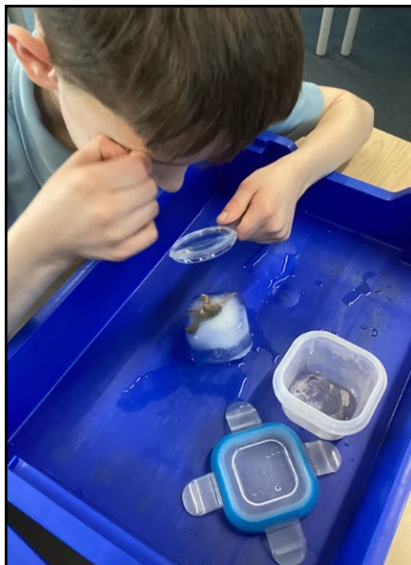
### Year 3

As part of science week, we did an exciting frozen fossil investigation. We found out about Mary Anning, a British fossil collector whose discoveries changed our understanding of geological timelines. The children enjoyed learning about different types of fossils and were inspired by her discoveries to create their own fossils.

We had a class discussion about frozen fossils and now know that these fossils usually occur when an animal becomes trapped in some way—in mud, tar, a crevasse or a pit—and when the temperature drops rapidly, effectively “flash freezing” the animal. These fossils often date back to the end of the last ice age or beyond and are extremely rare.

The children choose a toy animal or person, or plant to be frozen. We did this in a clear deep container filled with water, then put the containers in the freezer over the weekend. The following week, children brought in their frozen fossils and together we used a magnifying glass to examine the animal/plant/human through the ice. This activity brought the curriculum to life and supported children’s understanding of how scientists/palaeontologists made their discoveries.

The children then carefully used a chisel and hammer to gently away the ice to reveal the frozen fossil. The experience boosted and expanded children’s imagination and helped them to gain knowledge and make connections. They all enjoyed the investigation and took part brilliantly.



#### 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.



# 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



## New Vicar at St George's

We had a special visitor this week, Reverend Hilary came in to give a special assembly. She introduced herself as the new, interim vicar for St George's Church, after Reverend Barry retired last summer. She also spoke to us all about Easter. It was lovely to meet her and we will be seeing her again soon.



## Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been learning how to add, by counting on. They used tens frames to complete their calculations and to help find their answers accurately.



## End of term

Please don't forget that the end of term is next Thursday, 28 March.

The children come back to school on Monday 15, April.

## Attendance this week

Congratulations to Jackson Class for the best attendance this week with 97.5%.

Class	% Attend	Lates
Y6, Jackson	97.5	5
Y1, Donaldson	95.0	5
Y4, Zephaniah	93.9	8
Y5, Leonard	92.4	8
Y2, McKee	91.9	4
Y3, Nichols	91.7	3
YR, Murphy	90.0	5



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