



# Monkspath news

THE NEWSLETTER FOR MONKSPATH JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

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October 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

The end of the first half of the Autumn term has arrived and as ever school has been extremely busy over the past few weeks.

- Year 6 were evacuated to Holdenby House and the children experience a taster of how children lived during WWII. They also had a visit from Professor McGinty who told tales of events during the war in a fun and informative manner. Some of the Year 6 children also visited the residential activity trip to the Red Ridge Centre in Wales and had a thoroughly exhilarating and exhausting time.
- Year 2 have experienced a very exciting Africa Day; they took part in a role play activity, presenting their “passports” at the Airport, “watched an inflight movie” and in the afternoon were visited by the Animal Man who brought along a selection of animals ranging from meerkats to snakes!! The children presented a celebration of this topic to their parents and a great time was had by all.
- Year 4 visited the Wroxeter Roman City to visit the Roman excavations there and had a very exciting day which enhanced their topic work this term.
- The whole school took part in School Book Week and Year 5 held a special Roald Dahl Day.
- Year 3 Parents attended the Parent and Child Growth Mindset Workshop and made Carrot Cars with the children!!
- Pre-school FS1&2 held a Celebration Day for parents on the subject of Friendship.
- A new venture this year is Bikeability for children in Years 3 & 4, the children have benefitted greatly from this experience which will prepare them for their Bikeability Test when they are in Year 5.
- There have been various information workshops for Parents; FS1 and FS2 held curriculum information evenings, Yr 1 had a morning drop in, Yr 6 invited parents to see what their children will be doing during their Health and Relationships Week and, of course, the Parent/Child consultations are taking place this week. It is always lovely to see so many of our parents attending these events which in turn help broaden the curriculum we deliver to the children.
- The PTA have also been extremely busy hosting the ever popular children’s Spooky Disco and the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning and Uniform Sale, we would like to take this opportunity of thanking the PTA Team for their continued support of the school.

As you know, school closes this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm for the half-term break. We do hope that you all enjoy a well-earned rest, that the weather stays good (although the forecast is not so good!!) and we look forward to seeing you when we re-open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November for the run-up to Christmas!!

*W J Hutchinson*

Headteacher.



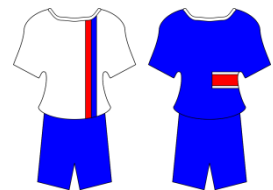
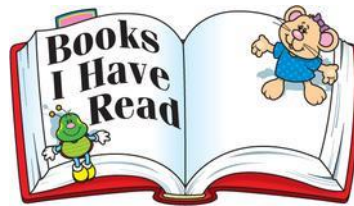
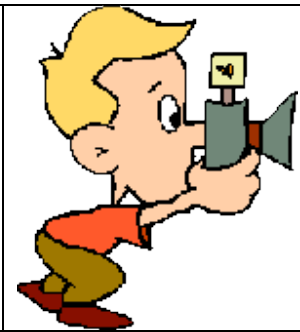
Following on from the success of winning the National Water Explorer Award last month two members of our Eco group visited London yesterday to attend the International Final which was held at the HSBC Head Office in Canary Wharf. 11 schools representing 11 countries attended the event, Callum and Chloe from Year 5, represented the school in an exemplary manner and were confident and eloquent, networking the room presenting the work the team have completed over the last 12 months.

**We were awarded the International Award for the Sustainable Development Goals which is a World Wide set of targets one of which is ensuring that everyone has access to clean water and sanitation by 2030.**

The International Team Award was won by Switzerland.

We are extremely proud of the whole team who have worked very hard to achieve this award. This is a first for Monkspath School – gaining a world wide award is quite an achievement!!

As you already know the children had their photographs taken recently and should have brought their proof plan home at the end of last week. All orders are on-line this year, please ensure you place your order without delay to ensure delivery for Christmas.



Please ensure your child **arrives at school with all of the items** they will need during the day i.e. PE Kit, musical instrument, drink, lunch, coat etc. We are frequently required to take items to classes during the course of the day and not only does it create extra tasks for the school staff but results in the class being interrupted during lessons.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



The School Councillors have been “out and about” in the community recently and have done an amazing job of planting spring bulbs by the doctors and dentists. They were actually thanked by a member of the public for making the area better. We look forward to seeing the results of their efforts in the Spring.

Well done to everyone involved and thanks to Cllr Ken Hawkins for making the arrangements.

Animated teach dance/gym classes and are looking for extra parent helpers in these after school classes. In return your child would be able to attend the class free of charge whenever you help.

This does not need to be every week, it can be on rotation with another parent, half termly or the whole term. All helpers need to have an enhanced DBS check which they will happily apply for and pay for.

If you are interested, please mail them at [admin@animateddance.co.uk](mailto:admin@animateddance.co.uk)

## SCHOOL TERM HOLIDAY DATES 2018 – 2019

### AUTUMN TERM 2018

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Half Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Half Term Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

### SUMMER TERM 2019

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### In-Service Training Days – Year 2018 – 2019

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

**We have also attached an updated copy of the School Calendar for your information.**