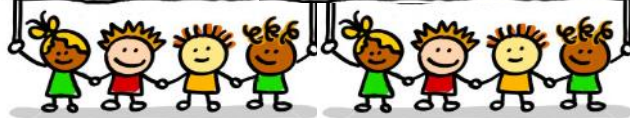


October

Monkhouse Mail



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Together Everyone Achieves More



23rd Oct	Last day of Term 1
3rd Nov	Start of Term 2
4th Nov	Yr 5 Space Centre Trip
12th Nov	Nursery and Reception Open Day
12th Nov	Autumn Disco Yrs 1, 2 & 3 (4.30-5.45pm)
12th Nov	Autumn Disco Yrs 4, 5 & 6 (6- 7.15pm)
19th Nov	Individual school photos
2nd Dec	Flu vaccinations (mop-up session)

School Council

Well done to everyone who put themselves forward to represent their class as a School Councillor.

Congratulations to all pupils who were elected.

Year 1 – Leonor & Elsie

Year 2 – Florence & Betsy

Year 3 – Stanley & Zach

Year 4 – Jacek & Luca

Year 5 – Mia S & Ada

Year 6 – Matas & Edith



Autumn Discos Wednesday 12th November

A letter has been emailed out regarding the Yr 1, 2 & 3 and Yr 4, 5 & 6 Autumn Discos. A copy of the letter can also be found on our school website under 'Latest News & Events', 'Letters Home'.

We hope you have an enjoyable half term. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 3rd November.

Attendance



Class attendance for
13th - 17th October



KS1: Mrs Jensen 96.3%

KS2: Mrs Gilbert 94.32%

Overall school attendance: 94.32%

Safeguarding Snippet

Firework safety tips

There's no substitute for good adult supervision when it comes to young children and firework safety. But it's never too early to start teaching them how to stay safe around bonfires, fireworks and sparklers. Follow these tips to help keep you and your family safe this bonfire night:

- Fireworks are exciting, but they can be very dangerous and can hurt you. Listen to your grown-up about where is a safe place to stand.
- Never touch a firework. Don't pick up a firework after it has been used.
- Wear your gloves when you hold your sparkler and keep it away from your body.
- Keep your sparkly sparkler safely away from other people and don't run around with it.
- Don't throw your sparkler in case it hits someone.
- Once your sparkler is finished, put it into a bucket of water, don't pick it back up. It stays hot for a long time and can burn you.
- Leave your dressing up clothes at home on fireworks night, wrap up warm instead.
- Stand well away from the bonfire and stay close to the grown-ups.
- Don't be tempted to throw things into the bonfire or poke at it with sticks.
- If you're going to a firework display, hold hands with your grown-up and stay with them all the time.
- If you catch your clothes on a flame, don't panic - STOP, DROP and ROLL:
 - ◇ STOP what you are doing.
 - ◇ DROP to the ground and cover your face with your hands.
 - ◇ ROLL over and over to put out the flames.



Drama Club Starlight Express Trip

Last week Mrs Gilbert took a very excited group of children and an equally excited set of adults to the Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre to watch the musical Starlight Express. Everyone had the most amazing time, the show was incredible and the children were a credit to our school. Members of the public commented on how lovely it was to see the children enjoying themselves and how well behaved they were.



Football Tournament

On Tuesday 21st October, a group of Y 5/6 girls travelled to West Pinchbeck to take part in a girl's football tournament. Some of the girls had played many matches before and some were stepping onto the field for the first time, but all of them willing to give it their all. The morning session was an incredible success, playing 3, winning 2 and drawing 1 (0-0, 4-0 and 4-0) meaning we topped our group without conceding a goal, advancing to the gold section of the knockout rounds. We played a tough and determined John Harrox side in the quarter finals but managed to produce a 1-0 victory. In the semi-finals we met up with an incredibly strong Tower Road side. After going 1-0 down, the girls knew they had to give everything they had until the final whistle. Which is exactly what they did, coming back to win the match 3-1 and advance all the way to the grand final! In the final we faced Eye Primary who unfortunately, were very well set up and managed to defeat Monkshouse 2-0 to take home the trophy. Despite losing in the final, the girls did themselves extremely proud getting all the way to the final and representing the school in the best way possible, getting compliments from organisers and other schools on their behaviour and team spirit. Well done girls!



Drama Club Needs Your Help

Our Drama Club is on the lookout for unwanted knee pads and elbow pads – the kind used for biking, skating, or similar activities. If you have any at home that are no longer needed, we'd be very grateful for your donations. These will help support our students during rehearsals and performances.

Donations can be handed in at the school office or to Mrs Gilbert

Wellies and Coats

After half term, we are asking that all children across school have a named pair of wellies that they keep in school at all times. We will be starting to use the field in all weathers for our playtimes and lunch times, but children will need wellies on to be able to go on the field. Please send them into school in a named carrier bag.

We would also appreciate any donations of wellies that are too small for your child so that we can support every child with having their own pair.

A gentle reminder that the weather is getting colder and we expect children to bring in a **wa-terproof** coat every day. We aim to get outside in most weathers, so this is vital for ensure your child stays warm and dry.

Thank you!



Reception – Mrs Woods



What a fabulous first term we have had in Wrens class! We have been basing our learning around traditional tales, with this weeks' focus being the Billy Goats Gruff.

Trip, trap, trip, trap...

the children worked collaboratively to build a bridge, using junk modelling. Which materials would be best? How could we attach the materials? Will it be strong enough so the goats don't fall into the trolls river? The children showed great imagination and amazing teamwork, we are so proud of them all!



Yr 1 – Miss Moscatiello

We have been making windmills in design and technology.

We made sure that we could do the following

- I can widen a hole.
- I can join parts together.
- I can attach a supporting structure.
- I can test a structure.

Well done Robins!



Yr 3 – Miss Doubleday



This term in Year 3, we've been focusing on mindfulness and creativity. During our mindfulness sessions, the children have learned to calm their minds

and stay present in the moment.

They made their own breathing sticks to guide slow, steady breaths.

They also enjoyed playing mindful games like "Caught You Peeking" to help with focus, although this game had many giggles along the way!

In Art, the children have been experimenting with watercolours, mixing shades inspired by natural objects such as leaves and flowers. They've practised blending to capture nature's colours and are now ready to create their own final pieces using the technique of pointillism. What a great term you have had Puffins, well done!



Yr 5 – Mr Bullock



In Science this week, Hawks explored how levers can make lifting



easier. Using a pencil, ruler, weights and a force meter, the children tested how moving the pivot point changed the force needed to lift an object. They were fascinated to see how small changes made a big difference, helping them understand how everyday tools like seesaws and wheelbarrows work. A fun and hands-on way to bring science to life!



Friday 17th October

Pupil of the Week

Mya, Sandra, Davids, Ava, Wojciech, Isaac, Patryk, Eddie, Kuba, George, Ariana, Victoria, William

Values

Theodore, Rudy, Kajus, Owen, Daria, Evelyn, Alex, Freddie, Karina, Majus, Macie-Mae, William, Arjuna

Well done!