



MONKSMEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June News 2013

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Dear Parents

June has proved to be a bit of a winning month, with sporting triumphs in Cricket and Athletics, success in the interschool Maths challenge and of course our triumph in the Borehamwood Parade!

Can I take this opportunity to thank the whole school community who played such an important part in making this happen. From the wonderful decorations created in your kitchens and living rooms, to the fantastic volunteers and of course all the children and adults who carried on through the most terrible weather conditions, brightening the streets of Borehamwood. I was also very pleased to see the white PE shirts the following week, well done for getting rid of all the face paint! All parents and helpers who took part in the parade are welcome to attend next Friday (5th July), special celebration assembly with special guest The Mayor. June also saw the launch of our new website. Please make sure you check the School Calendar on the green News and dates tab. This is continually updated and lists the next 5 key school events. The class pages are also full of useful information such as timetables, topic news, dates for PE and of course photos of the class. Please let me know if there is anything else you would find useful to be included. What a shame our sports day was rained off today. Please see the sports page for new details.

Happy July!

Mrs Lesley

QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK NEW READING SCHEME

There were 41 responses out of 89 sent out. The results, even at this early stage are very encouraging. The number of reluctant readers has decreased now. We will continue to send one book per week and encourage parents to sit and read a range of books with their child, as well as read the book from the school reading scheme. We are instilling in the children as they get older and more able readers, that it does NOT follow that the thicker the book, the more challenging it is to read and comprehend.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

50% of families returned their questionnaires this month. This is a significant increase from last year. The vast majority of parents strongly agree that our school is a good school with a caring, safe environment where children enjoy their learning and make good progress. The school is well led and the children make good progress. A number of questionnaires listed communication as an area for improvement, we hope the new website will address this. Homework and school clubs were also listed as an area we could improve and so these have been added to the next Parent forum agenda to give parents an opportunity to discuss.



ANNUAL TOWN FESTIVAL CHURCH SERVICE

On Sunday 23rd June Monksmead Choir sang their hearts out at All Saints Church, Well Done!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAYRE

After holding a spectacular Scholastic Book Fayre this month a whopping £436 worth of books were sold in the school. We would like to thank you for your continued support for always making this such a huge success.

The commission from the sales will buy dictionaries for the children.



WISE UP MAGAZINE - YEAR 6

The 'Wise Up' magazine was recently handed out to all Year 6. Unfortunately on the page about the Bus and Train there was a print error which states that there is 'Free Travel for under 16's on buses and trains' This should say 'discounted travel is available for students 11-18 with a Saver Card'.

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Will donate £200 to the school to any parent who sells their house through Baron Estates.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

| | 7th June | | 14th June | | 21st June | | 28th June | |
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| Year 1 | Maksie Okoli | Zara Otchere | Louie Richings | Josephine Bickler | Vlad Drozd | Annie Phillips | Owen Burton | Kreshnik Koicici |
| Year 2 | Denzel Nyantachie | Caitlin O'Connor | Lucy Murphy | Ethan Waxman | Luisa Duncan | Bailey Hudson | Luke Bradley | Rosita Marsh |
| Year 3 | Gabriel Ndungu | Emma Leclerc | Harry Rogers | Alila Bowlin | Amelia Brown | Tomiwa Olukotun | Aaron Robbins | Jack Savage |
| Year 4 | Ricardo Coelho | Nathan Marriott | Reece Ogidih | Reece Blunt | Ruth Swalef | William Opoku | Nathan Marriott | Victoria Fordham |
| Year 5 | Sebastian Drozd | Christopher Brindley | Charlie Dell | Jake McInstosh | Chloe Bennett | Nathan Pike-Yeoman | Elise Carpenter | Olivia Faulds |
| Year 6 | Roy Butcher | Oscar Twitchell | Lily Downes | Joel Alexander | Nada Harichi | India Baker-Gorton | Elliott Wells-Neczyporczuk | Sam Tionsgon |
| The park with the most merits this week | Ripon | | Aberford | | Ripon | | Ripon | |

This month the following children have received a Head teacher award. Well Done to you all!

Would you like to be a Parent Governor?

We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed volunteer to fill our current vacancy for a parent governor on our Governing body.

What does it involve?

- **Involvement in the direction and focus of childrens' education and their time at school**
- **An opportunity to meet other people and staff of the school with the aim to raise standards in the achievement of all students**
- **No pay but lots of job satisfaction!**

**If you are interested please contact the school office or email
admin@monksmead.herts.sch.uk**

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and condolences are with the loved ones and friends who tragically have suffered the loss of two teenagers from Hertswood School. We are saddened and very shocked by this news.

We also wish to express our sadness at the sudden death of Dr Dena Coleman. Our most heartfelt sympathies and our thoughts are with Yavnah College community and also family and friends during this difficult time.

JULY UPDATE



Summer Fayre 4th July

Come and join in the fun
3:30—5:30 p.m.



Butterfly World
July 1st
Squirrels, Nursery and
Reception classes
Don't forget your packed
lunch!



Air Ambulance Assembly

Monday 8th July

New Reception Parents

Reception visits **9th & 10th July**
9.30-11.30am

Meeting at 6.30pm on **9th July**

New Nursery Parents 10th July

Nursery visits 1.30 - 3pm

Meeting starts at 2:15pm



Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July at 6.00pm
Further details to follow

WOW production to Parents

Monday 22nd July at 4.30pm



Status Quo

Drumming Workshop with Jeff Rich

Thursday 4th July morning
All children will participate in this session.
Please remember to bring in your £2
contribution to help fund this fantastic
event!

Open Evening—Thursday 11th July 5—7pm

Moving up day—Thursday 11th July

Year 6 will spend the day at their new
Secondary schools. All other year groups will
spend a morning lesson with their new
teacher.

School Production

The School production will be taking
place on the following dates:

Tuesday 16th July at 1.45pm
Wednesday 17th July at 6.00pm
Thursday 18th July at 6.00pm

Tickets will be sent home with your
child W/C **Monday 8th July**, please
look out for them.

Year 5 Taster Day at Hertswood

Tuesday 23rd July

End of term - Wednesday 24th July

School ends at 2pm

SPORTS NEWS

FIXTURES

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| July | |
| 5 | Boys Football Tournament at Hertswood Upper Site 2-5pm |
| 24 | LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.00pm |

Sports Day—Friday 5th July

9:30—10:30 Reception, Nursery and
Squirrels

10:30—12:30 KS2

12:30—1:30 Family Picnic lunch
(There will be a normal Friday lunch unless
you want to bring in a packed lunch to eat on
the field)

1:30—2:30 KS1



Congratulations

Well done to everyone who took part in Athletics at Hertsmere School, we came first which is fantastic news. A fun day was had by all.

SPORTS RESULTS



Cricket Match

Well done to Monksmead School for winning the Cricket match overall

Monksmead 249 v Cowley Hill 216
Monksmead 236 v Oakmere 202
Monksmead 250 v Wroxham 239
Saffron Green - Conceded

Girls Football Tournament

Monksmead made the semi finals.
Overall position 4th



Netball Tournament

At Hertswood School
Monksmead made the final
Overall position 2nd

Well done to everybody taking part in all sports and supporting the school.

Cricket

There will be no more cricket club on Fridays after school this term.

Please help our Office

We are receiving an increased number of requests for change in the office which is adding to the Office staff's workload at a particularly busy time of the year.

We would really appreciate your help with providing the correct money in a named envelope whenever possible.

We are also calling a number of parents daily regarding forgotten PE kit/ lunches etc, Please check the website for the dates your child has PE as we will not always be able to contact you.

Thank you for your continued support.