



MONKHOUSE MESSENGER JULY 2019

Staffing Update:

We say a fond farewell to a few members of staff this term. We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Tullock who after 7 successful years as deputy head teacher, is taking up her new position as the Primary Lead for the Great North Maths Hub. Over her time in school, she has worked in almost every year group and is well respected by everyone in school; staff, children and parents. We say a huge thank you to Mrs Tullock and wish her all the best in her new position! We also say a fond farewell to Mr Joseph and Miss Dudding who will leave Monkhouse with so many memories and we wish them both the very best in their new jobs and thank them for their commitment and support to the children at Monkhouse. We welcome some new additions to our amazing staff team in September. Miss Atkinson joins us as a teaching assistant in Year 5 and Miss Gray, who is already one of our lunchtime supervisors, joins us as a teaching assistant in Nursery.

OPAL Play update

We have had a wonderful summer term of adventurous play on the school field and yard, with both areas now extended for the children to enjoy. There is a wide variety of choice for the children to make their playtimes varied and stimulating. The sandpits are a big hit with all the children, as is our recently extended mud kitchen where 'tasty' treats are concocted daily. It has been amazing to see so many children fly across the monkey bars, with Year 1 children proving themselves to be the equal of the older year groups. Recently-added wooden structures including wigwams, outdoor seating, balance beams and drawing easels are all very popular.

We have recently introduced a new OPAL out of school club which we will be continuing next year. It is hoped that a 'play & stay' session can be arranged to allow parents to join their children in the new year.



OPAL PLAY REQUESTS

Scalextric Tracks, cars and dolls	Sand pit toys – buckets, spades, sieves, tools	Wheeled trolleys, wheelie bins	Space hoppers	Pop up tents, small two man tents	Wheeled bags and pushchairs
Old small wooden tables or chairs / patio furniture.	Strong planks of wood / scaffold boards	Old plastic/metal mixing bowls, Old pots and pans	Clothes horse, old hoovers	Old curtains/ sheets, material, Old rugs/ Blankets	Cable Reels and paint



NEW SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER & EMAIL

Throughout May Half Term we had a new telephone and email system installed.

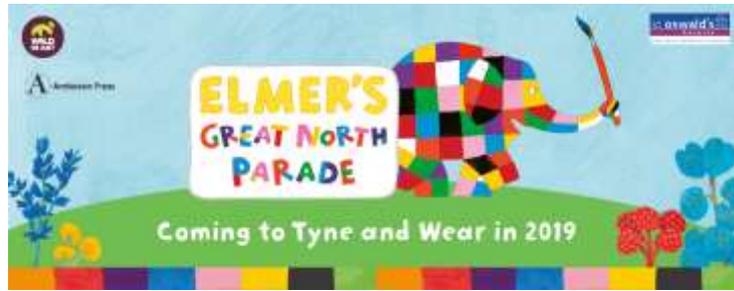
This meant our school telephone number & email address has changed. Please ensure you update your contact information for school. **Our new telephone number**

is 0191 300 0490 and new email address is office@monkhouseprimary.co.uk

Elmer's Great North Parade:

Over the summer keep an eye out for our Elmer called 'Sunshine Showers and Rainbows' who will be taking part in the Great North Elmer Parade across the north east starting in August. Our Elmer's design was made by Paige in Year 2 and was brought to life during Elmer Club.

Please let us know if you spot our Elmer or any of the other elephants in the herd on [@elmerMHPS](https://twitter.com/elmerMHPS).



Year 6 Leaver's Sleep Over!

What a great celebration night we had on Friday 5th July at our Year 6 sleepover treat - happy memories made to treasure forever! We enjoyed a yummy takeaway, marshmallows and ghost stories around a camp fire and a feel good film, but the biggest highlight has to be....hide and seek around school! We all loved it, although Miss Moulder did panic slightly when she found Jess inside a school locker! Great fun! We are so proud of our Year 6 children and the celebration night was a joy to host...even with the 3am backflips!



Sports Day:

Sports day was a great success again this year! The children worked together seamlessly in their houses to take part in a range of sporting events. It was great to see their encouragement, enthusiasm and support for others in their group. It is obvious that the children have worked hard within their PE session in school to perfect some key strategies to support their running, jumping and throwing. We would like to again thank the parents for all their support and involvement in sports day. We couldn't do it without you!!

NLT Star Awards:

The NTLT Star Awards is an exciting opportunity for all Trust partner schools in North Tyneside to nominate any child or young person for one of the 11 categories, to acknowledge hard work, successes and inspiring achievements they have recently made. We are pleased to announce that Monkhouse Primary had many children nominated for a star award. The 48 shortlisted finalist were then invited to celebrate their success at a glittering awards ceremony at the Assembly rooms in Newcastle on Tuesday 2nd July. We were proud to be represented in the final by Molly from Year 6, who was nominated

for the 'Inclusion Award' this award recognises a young person who has demonstrated an understanding and acceptance of other young people and actively promotes tolerance and cohesion. Well done Molly, you are an excellent ambassador and role model in school.



Year 6 Polar Explorers

Year 6 enjoyed a great afternoon as Polar Explorers in collaboration with Marden High. We unleashed the scientists in us by making and testing our predictions and developing our scientific enquiry skills. A fabulous way to enhance our skills and think about supporting the environment we live in. The children loved it!



iPAD BATTLE OF THE BANDS:

Children from Year 5 and 6 took part in an amazing night of music at this year's iPad Battle of the Bands at the Whitley Bay Playhouse. They did incredibly well and the night was a huge success! Performing 'Starman' by David Bowie (with matching face paint!) we were lucky enough to close the show!



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

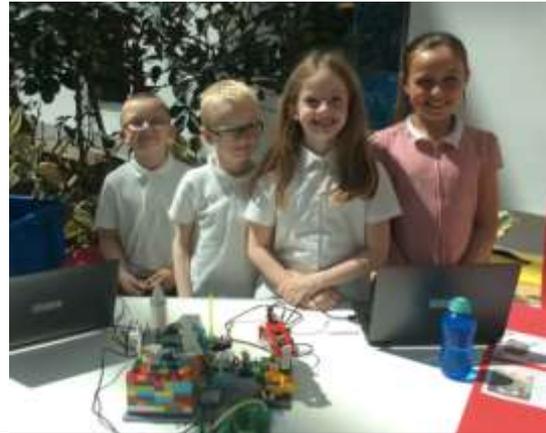
Arts mark

We are delighted to announce that Monkhouse is receiving the Gold Artsmark Award. Artsmark is Art Council England's award for schools and education settings that champion cultural education. It celebrates settings that embrace the arts across the curriculum, bringing them alive for the children.

In order to achieve our Gold Award we have worked over the last two years to develop our arts and cultural provision to embed a broad and balanced curriculum across the school.

LEGO LEAGUE JR.

This year saw our first ever event for the FIRST Lego League Jr. take place at the Sage UK. With our project being titled 'Mission Moon', we embarked on a journey into space and looked at the barriers we might face if we lived on the moon. In the lead up to the EXPO, we explored the use of our Lego resources and combined them with computers to create working models that moved using coding! 27 schools attended the EXPO and it was a big achievement. All of the children did fantastically well when discussing their ideas with the review teams and other schools. A BIG well done!



Year 1 and 2 Beach Clean:

On Wednesday 3rd July KS1 completed a beach clean on Cullercoat's Bay to conclude their project 'How can we help animals?' after learning all about the damage plastic is causing. Staff and children would like to say a huge thank you to all the grown ups who came down and supported them.



Year 2 Skipping:

We are so proud of our Year 2 children who took part in the Year2 Skipping festival at the part. All the children showed great sportsman's ship through out and we're so proud to have children who achieved Bronze and Silver certificates.



Winning House Treat:



Congratulations to St Mary's who were the lucky winners this term. They got to come into school wearing non-uniform and then they all enjoyed a fun filled afternoon playing all sorts of games on the field in the glorious sunshine... with the added extra treat of an ice lolly!



Year 3&4 Exhibition:

Following a term of exploring the wonders of the world, South America and the marvels of the Shang Dynasty, Year 3 and 4 invited parents along to share their learning. The exhibition began with a play that took us back to Ancient China. Here we watched the story of an unhappy Emperor whose wife never smiled. After this, we investigated different artefacts from the Shang Dynasty, created our own wonders of the world and used ancient Chinese letters to create a story. The main highlight of the afternoon was using the instant alpha feature on Keynote to create digital art that included the wonders of the world and our families. The pictures looked fantastic!



WaterAid day:

On Friday, the Pupil Leaders and Eco warriors held a day for Water Aid, to raise awareness of how people around the world have limited access to water.

Everybody wore blue and had a water themed biscuit, a big thank you for everyone who helped to decorate over 200 water themed biscuits!!

The children, in houses, then took part in a challenge created by the pupils groups where they carried water in a variety of containers including spoons. Children from nursery up to yr 6 all had fun completing the obstacle course helping each other. All houses worked together extremely well to transfer the water through the tricky obstacle course... the winner was Collingwood for collecting the most water.



Eco Warriors:

Last month, we took part in the National Outdoor Classroom Day. The children enjoyed exploring and playing outdoors with their friends and teachers! 😊

This term, Miss Gibson ran an Outdoor Gardening club which will involved gardening and restoring the outside areas. A big thank you to everyone who helped in this club!



Technology:

Monkhouse has recently been recognised in the 2019 EdTech 50 Schools publication in the 'Ones to Note' section. EdTech 50 Schools celebrates schools from across the UK that use Education Technology to support teaching and learning and describes Monkhouse as a 1:1 iPad using Primary that seeks to open new doors to learning.



LITTER



We have been contacted by a Wallington Avenue resident as they have noticed a large amount of litter is starting to become more frequently deposited throughout the surrounding streets. Please remind your children that they should use Litter Bins provided and not to drop any rubbish onto the ground. We are aware that Marden High students also use this area as a route to school but we wanted to take the time to remind our parents/carers about this issue too.

PTA EVENTS

The PTA have had another fantastic year at Monkhouse Primary School. Thank you to every PTA volunteer for all your help with discos, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, organising Fayres, wrapping Christmas gifts, serving teas and coffees and supporting our amazing school. We also need to give a **huge** thank you to all the amazing parents and children in our school for being so generous with their donations. Without you, we would not receive such amazing contributions to help fund the fantastic playground equipment and special surprises for the pupils. As always, we are looking for more and more volunteers to help with any event within School. Even if you can't make every meeting, but you feel you can help in any way, please please please, let us know and you can join in with the amazing, friendly PTA team throughout the next school year.

SCOOTER & BIKE SAFETY

Please remind all children to use the new scooter and bike racks provided. Large lorries drive up to that area in school to empty the bins and deliver to the kitchen. There have been a number of occasions this week when the drivers have had to move bikes or scooters that have been left in the middle of the road. We do not want any bikes or scooters getting damaged as a result of being left on the road.



New School Menu

From Monday 3rd June 2019, there was a new school menu. Catering Services offer a wide choice of four main courses and a selection of puddings prepared everyday by our school kitchen. Children can also help themselves to freshly prepared salads from our salad bar.

WEEK 1		WEEK 2		WEEK 3										
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY					
CHIEF'S CHOICE Stein baked pork tenderloin served with roasted potatoes	BBQ glazed chicken served in a bowl with new salad wedges	Pasta Bolognese	Roast turkey served with Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes	Pineapple salmon fillet with a parsley rice served with new potatoes	Beefy mince beef & dumplings served with roasted potato	Chicken fillet in a tomato sauce served with roasted potato	Pork & apple rib eye	Roast beef Yorkshire pudding served with new potatoes	Decorated fish fingers served with chipolatas					
MEAT FREE CHOICE Stein vegetable in a tomato & sweet onion sauce with chicken dumplings	Leek and tomato vegetable pie	Mixed bean & cheese omelette with a spicy tomato sauce	Beef pasta dish with a spicy tomato sauce served with tomatoes	Chicken and broccoli served with roasted potatoes	Vegetarian burger served with oven baked potato wedges	Roast beef in a tomato sauce served with roasted potato	Chicken and tomato pie	Beef and onion vegetable served on a bed of brown rice	Spaghetti and ricotta served in a homemade tomato sauce					
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SWEET CHOICE Homemade gingerbread served with cream cheese	Children's choice of cake served with cream & berries	Homemade waffles/pancakes served with jam & custard	Tiffin apple crumble with vanilla sauce	Peanut yogurt served with a milk chocolate sauce	Lemon drizzle cake served with cream	Homemade chocolate brownies served with custard	Ice cream/pancake served with raspberry sauce & fresh fruit	Homemade fudge served with coffee milk	Pancakes served with custard & tiffin sauce					
Fresh hot salad and yogurt is available daily					Fresh hot salad and yogurt is available daily					Fresh hot salad and yogurt is available daily				

Medically Prescribed Diets

If your child requires a medically prescribed diet such as gluten, egg or milk free due to an allergy or intolerance to certain foods, you must contact Catering Services (see below for contact details). Catering Services need to speak to you directly so in addition to advising the school of your child's allergies you must also contact North Tyneside Council's Catering Services Team to arrange an appointment to discuss your child's specific dietary requirements. From a safety point of view, we can not provide your child with a meal until you have agreed a menu with Catering Service. Telephone: 0191 643 8355 or Email: catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES

COASTAL CLUB.

The Coastal Club is a fun, active and educational school holiday activities camp for children aged 5-11. They run camps in the Summer holidays at other venues. The Coastal Club can get full very quickly therefore if you are interested we would recommend checking their facebook and website for more details. Website: www.thecoastalclub.co.uk & Facebook: www.facebook.com/thecoastalclub

**DOVE MARINE LABORATORY**

The Dove Marine Laboratory will be running a week-long summer schools for 9 to 11-year-olds.

Location: Dove Marine Laboratory, Cullercoats, and field trips

When: Monday 5th–Friday 9th August 2019.

Time: The course runs from 10:00am until 3:00pm each day. The Key Stage 2 summer school is a great introduction to the marine environment. In this week-long summer school, pupils will investigate the animals and plants that inhabit our oceans. They will be able to explore marine life at first-hand on local rocky shores, in the University's aquarium and by using microscopes.

Booking a place: Registration for our Summer Programme 2019 is now open. Please visit the website:

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/nes/outreach/marine/schools/summer/> and download the Splashways 2019 KS2 parental consent application form. The course fee of £130 can be paid online, using their payment portal.

**SLIMMING WORLD**

Slimming World will be holding sessions in the Out of School Club every Tuesday 6:30 – 9:00pm if anyone would like to join. There are leaflets in the main school entrance if you require more information prices / activities etc.

PE

Please ensure that your child has all the right kit when coming into school

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1	Year 4	Reception	Year 6 (Swimming)	Year 6
Year 2	Reception	Year 3	Year 1	Year 5
Year 3	Year 2		Year 5	
			Year 4	



Earrings - For health and safety reasons, children cannot take part in PE with earrings. Children should be able to remove their own earrings for PE lessons or parents do this at home prior to coming to school on the days your child has PE. **For this reason we ask parents not to have children's ears pierced during the school year.**

SPORTING SUCCESS

We have had many sporting successes so far this year! We have seen many year 5 and 6 children take part in football matches where their teamwork and communication was incredible to lead their team forward. We look forward to the upcoming events which will run throughout the rest of this year!

GDPR (General Data Protection Requirements)

Our school, along with many companies, has updated its data protection practices and protocols to meet new national guidance. We collect and use personal data in order to meet legal requirements and legitimate interests set out in the GDPR and UK law, including those in relation to Article 6 and Article 9 of the GDPR and the Education Act 1996. For more information about GDPR please refer to the Schools' Privacy Notice on our website www.monkhouseprimary.co.uk or request a copy from Monkhouse Primary School Office.

Bob a Job Campaign:

A close family friend of the Maley family has recently been diagnosed with multiple myeloma (an incurable blood cancer) and he needs a drug (Revlimid) which is currently not available on the NHS. This drug has been proven to give, on average, an extra two years of life to newly diagnosed myeloma patients, but it's not cheap. A fundraising campaign 'Help Buy Time for Dave' <https://www.gofundme.com/please-help-buy-time-for-dave/> has been started and already raised over £37000. To reach the goal schools and clubs have been encouraging their children to get involved with 'Bob and Job for Dave'. Children would be given a flyer and a sponsorship form and ask members of their family to sponsor them to do jobs during the summer holiday such as household chores, gardening, dog walking or washing cars with the target of raising £5. It'll get children off their iPads and get them out and about in the sunshine and fresh air! There are prizes which we will give to the best fundraisers.

Please submit your sponsorship form by the 3rd September to Janine Jameson (07590474282)

<u>HOLIDAY DATES</u>	School Closes	School Re-opens
<u>SUMMER TERM 2019</u>		
SUMMER MID TERM	Friday 24th May 2019	Monday 3rd June 2019
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	Friday 19th July 2019	
<u>AUTUMN TERM 2019</u>		
OCTOBER MID TERM	Friday 25th Oct 2019	Tuesday 3rd Sept 2019
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Friday 20th Dec 2019	Tuesday 5th Nov 2019 Monday 6th Jan 2020
<u>SPRING TERM 2020</u>		
SPRING MID TERM	Thursday 13 th Feb 2020	Monday 24th Feb 2020
EASTER HOLIDAY	Friday 3rd April 2020	Monday 20th April 2020
<u>SUMMER TERM 2019</u>		
MAY DAY	Friday 8 th May 2020	
SUMMER MID TERM	Friday 22nd May 2020	Monday 1st June 2020
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	Friday 17th July 2020	

**TRAINING DAYS 2018-19 – school
will be closed to pupils**

Monday 2nd September

Monday 4th November

Friday 14th February

Monday 13th July