



# MONKSMEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November News 2017

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## Dear Parents

As you know we are always looking for ways to enhance our curriculum and give our children the best possible educational opportunities available. This month we are introducing virtual reality to the children as a tool to bring the curriculum to life. VR 'Experiences' will be sent to the headsets, linking to the learning objective and controlled by the class teacher from the whiteboard. Thanks go to the Friends of Monksmead who have contributed to the purchase of these amazing headsets. I am sure you will hear all about them in future weeks!

Another reality is the fact that Christmas is almost upon us, in fact the tree arrived today, ready to decorate next week.

Please see the December date page to keep up to date with all our festive events.

**Happy December**

*Mrs Elsley*

**Headteacher**

**This half term the British Value focus is:**

## Individual liberty

Children are taught about personal responsibility, choices, ambition and aspiration. They are encouraged to take opportunities to follow their interests.

Last week workshops were held for the KS1 children to build creative approaches to learning and KS2 to develop their resilience.

## Virtual Reality arrives at Monksmead!



The children have had the chance to try out the first experiences and get used to working the controls. Some were nervous swimming with sharks but loved visiting different world locations such as the Rainforest, New York, Dubai and the Great Wall of China.

The headsets also allow the children to experience augmented reality where an object 'comes alive' by looking through the headset.

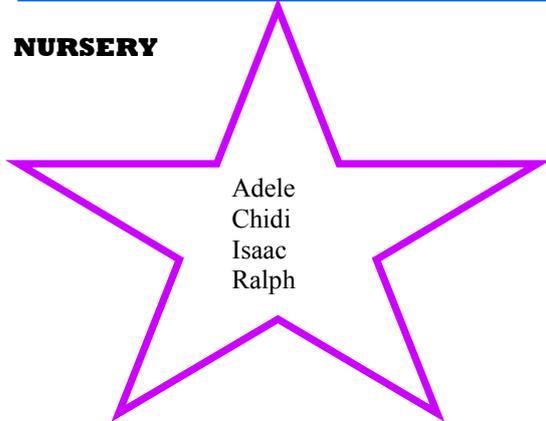


## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

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

	3rd Nov		10th Nov		17th Nov			24th Nov	
<b>Year 1</b>	Yousuf	Tomi	Joseph	Tia	Rina	Sienna	Alex	Daisy	
<b>Year 2</b>	Leila	Lui	Neo	Harvey	Rudina	Jake	Jason	Alexia	
<b>Year 3</b>	Chloe L	Nicholas	Kayla	Lorik	Emmanuella	Gwen	Krish	Emmanuella	
<b>Year 4</b>	Fabion	Willow	Ashaan	Ella	Zemi	Jack	Zachary	Tinu	
<b>Year 5</b>	Rishan	Harry	Miracle	Mahmoud	Rishan	Leo	Neema	Janelle Danielle	
<b>Year 6</b>	George	Melody	Poppy	Charlie	Liam C	Tobi	Owen	Jayden	
<b>The park with the most merits this week</b>	Ripon		Maxwell		Ripon			Aberford	

### NURSERY



### RECEPTION



## FOUNDATION STAGE HEADTEACHER'S STARS



**Did you know that a car travelling at 20 mph would take the length of the school hall to come to a complete stop? In assembly this week the children heard about how important it is for cars to travel at low speeds and also how, at this time of year, it helps to wear something bright when you are walking to and from school.**

Want to know more?

<http://roadsafetyweek.org.uk/pledge>

### NSPCC ART SHOW

Well done to the children who took part in the NSPCC Art Show at Allum Hall.

1st Prize  
Izzy and Oliver

2nd Prize  
Jessica and George

3rd Prize  
Chloe and Caitlin



# DECEMBER UPDATE

**Last day of School**  
**Tuesday 19th December**  
**School finishes at**  
**1:30pm**



## Foundation Stage Christmas Dates for School Play

Tuesday 12th December at **10.30am**

Wednesday 13th December at **6.00pm**

## **Carols at Christmas**

Sunday 26th November - Monksmead choir are singing at All Saints Church at 2:00-3:15pm (entrance by ticket only) followed by the turning on of the Christmas lights.

## **KS1 Carol Concert**

Please join us Monday 18th December at 5pm to hear Christmas songs sung by Year 1 and 2. Letters will be sent home very shortly with tickets. Tickets are free but you will need them with you when you attend the Carol Concert.

## ***New Nursery Class Visit*** ***Tuesday 5th December***

Children are invited to spend time in Nursery from 9:30-10:30am

## Winter Fayre

**Friday 1st December**

**3:30-5:30pm**

Come and try your luck at the tombola or enter

the raffle, with lots of amazing prizes to be won.

We have so many stalls, with some lovely items which could be given as gifts for Christmas. Here are just a few of the stalls to mention :

Santa's Grotto  
Bottle Tombola  
Mulled wine & Baileys  
Gifts

Crafts  
Raffles  
Sweets  
Cakes

**Whole School Christmas Dinner**  
**Wednesday 13th December**

**Red Option - Christmas Dinner**  
(sliced turkey breast, chipolata sausage, sage and onion stuffing & gravy)

**Green Option - Quorn fillet & sage & onion stuffing**

No blue option available on this day

***Flu Nasal Vaccine***  
***Rec - Year 4 in the hall***

***Wednesday 6th December***

## Last day of Gym Jams

Thursday 14th December

Yr 5 Dragon Apprentice Event

Wednesday 6th December

# SPORTS NEWS

## Cross Country-Year 5



On Tuesday 31st October, Y5 took part in a cross country run with a number of other local primary schools. After a good warm up, the children were ready to run! The girls race was first, with Eve, Lucy and Danielle finishing quickest for Monksmead. Then came the boys race, with a great effort from Miracle, who finished 6th in the overall competition, and Harry, who took 20th overall. A super effort from children!

## Cross Country-Year 6

Well done to our Year 6 team who took part in the District cross country tournament for the first time at Queenswood. Congratulations to Vlad and Annie who were our first boy and girl over the finish line.



## Game on Year 3 Tournament

Well done to all our Year 3 who took part in the Game on football festival this month. The children from all the schools taking part played with great attitude and showed brilliant sportsmanship.

The Monksmead player of the tournament was Frankie Geddes.

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## Football Results

Y5/6 Boys Saffron Green 0 v 4 Monksmead  
Man of the match - Liam

Y5/6 Boys Monksmead 11 v 0 St Nicholas  
Man of the match - Kreshnik

Y4/5 Boys Saffron Green 0 v 12 Monksmead  
Man of the match - Ayman

Y5/6 Boys Meryfield 1 v 7 Monksmead  
Man of the match - Koby

Girls 5/6 Monksmead 0 v 11 Saffron Green  
Girl of the game - Akshadha

Please can football kits be returned as soon as possible in the bag provided.

There will be no more Boys and Girls football with Mr Jevon this term.  
This will resume in January.

If you have a school football kit please return it as soon as possible in the PE bag provided. Thank you.