



MONKSMEAD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January News 2020

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Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the Spring Term, including a fun morning yesterday when we welcomed an Olympic athlete to the school. Gianni Frankis, accompanied by Malachi, put the children through their paces with a range of exercises. The morning finished with a whole school assembly in which Gianni spoke to the children about his mantras of 'never give up' and 'keep on trying'.



Not only did he inspire the children with the story of his own journey, he also got children and staff to have a go at hurdling through the hall to the enthusiastic cheering and applause of all of us who were watching.

With kind regards
Lisa Bub
Headteacher



Monksmead School's governing body update - the finance committee

The governing body's finance committee meets twice a term, and is made up of Mrs Bub, Alastair Cox, Judith Williams and Richard Goldwater (a chartered accountant). We are fortunate to have Richard on our committee; his knowledge and experience is invaluable for challenge and support. We have clear terms of reference, and our role is to review and adopt financial policies (for example the charging and remissions policy), to have a 3-year financial plan which is linked to the school's improvement plan, and to draft and propose to the governing body an annual school budget, again taking into account the priorities of our improvement plan and raising standards and attainment. The committee reports back to the full governing body and alerts them to any potential problems. It also recommends the reviewed financial policies to the governing body for ratification.

At each finance meeting we receive and discuss monthly budget reports to ensure we are on track financially. All financial aspects are scrutinised - income, expenditure, strategy and planning, and management, including the potential for collaboration with other schools, benchmarking against other schools, and challenging contracts for goods and services to see if they offer real value for money. Following an internal finance audit last year we took action regarding all the recommendations that were made. We are required by the Department for Education to complete annually a SFVS (Schools Financial Value Standard). This self-assessment tool is designed to help us make better informed decisions about financial planning and management, by reviewing financial arrangements on an annual basis, taking a more strategic approach to planning and ensuring we are as efficient and effective as we can be, leading to an increase in value for money.

We are meeting in February and March to start setting the budget for the financial year April 2020 to March 2021, and we shall also be taking a look at Pupil Premium and Sports Premium spend and the impact of, and outcomes from, these premiums.

Judith Williams, chair of the finance committee

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

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

	10th January		17th January		24th January		31st January	
Year 1	Beau	Noah	Jack	Megan	Rafael	Isla	Antonio	Arjun
Year 2	Emie	Reece	Adam	Grace	Pheobe	Ben	Nebojsa	Dylan
Year 3	Tudor	Yousef	Chloe	Grace	Chandni	Parsa	Rio	Tudor
Year 4	Lewis	Noah	Ewan	Lucas	Noah	Temi	Riley	Leila
Year 5	Naomy	Zaynah	Kiara	Kayla	Chloe	Jasmine	Princess	Rivera
Year 6	Paige	Gabriel	Sandra	Gracie	Auston	Zachary	Year 6	
The park with the most merits this week	Aberford		Aberford		Meadow		Ripon	

NURSERY

Georgie
Noa
Olivia
Edward

FOUNDATION STAGE HEADTEACHER'S STARS

RECEPTION

Jasmine
Jude
Mia
Noah

FOOD BANK

You are invited to free Family Fun

This February half term Food bank are running a free family lunch.

This club will include lots of fun activities for families to enjoy, followed by a hot nutritious lunch and food to take home and cook.

When: 11.30am - 1.30pm, Wednesday 19th February

Where: St Teresa's Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road

The club is completely free to attend but advance booking is essential

via Text 07526084633 or

email: info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk.

Beavers

Reception and Year 1 parents wanting to sign their children up for Beavers, please contact Tim Rusby, who helps run the 1st Elstree and Borehamwood Beavers group and has a son in Year 2, on 07552 404433. Beavers is a weekly fun and adventure activity for boys and girls aged 6 and 7, but there is a waiting list of a few months so please make sure their names are on the list to avoid disappointment.

FEBRUARY UPDATE

Class Assembly Dates

Year 3 Thursday 6th February

Parents are welcome at 9:05am to come and join us.

HALF TERM

Monday 17th February
to Friday 21st February

GET READY FOR MARCH!

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. This year we will be asking the children to dress as fictional characters from their favourite book. Watch out for more information in the weekly newsletter.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February



Friday 28th February

Fundraiser Quiz Night

8:00-10:00pm approx

- Licensed Bar
- Pizza & Snacks
- Prizes
- Raffle

£5 per ticket includes a choice of snacks

Please look out for Friends of Monksmead
selling tickets.

Come along for a fun evening and help us

Applying for a Nursery Place for September 2020

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 can apply for nursery places until the **13th March 2020**. Your application will be for a nursery place for **September 2020**.

How do I apply?

Our application for Nursery places for September 2019 is found on the Monksmead School website / Admissions / [Nursery application form 2020](#).

Parents will need to fill in parts of the form before returning it to the school office. Incomplete applications will not be considered as part of the nursery admissions.

How are applications considered?

Once the closing date has arrived, we will then consider all the applications made. If there are less than 30 applications made, all offers will be made. If we receive more applications, then the following will be applied.

1. Does your child have an EHCP?
2. Is your child a looked after child?
3. Does your child have any medical or social reasons why Monksmead is the school they should go to?
4. Does your child have a sibling in the school?
5. Are you taking up the 30 hour offer?
6. The distance you live from the school.

To be eligible for criteria 1-3, further documents will be required at the point of application. If these are not sent in with the application form, these criteria will not be considered.

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Nursery Open Mornings at Monksmead School

Please phone the School office if you would like to attend one of our open mornings, please do not turn up without booking a place before hand :020 8953 3328

NEWS

February

- 3 Y5/6 Boys football
Monksmead v Parkside (AWAY)
3:30pm kick off - 4:20approx
- 5 Girls Football Match
Monksmead v Woodlands (HOME)
Kick off 3:30pm - 4:20approx
- 7 Y4/5 Boys football
Monksmead v Shenley AWAY
Kick off 3:30pm - 4:20approx
- 12 Y5/6 Boys football
Monksmead v Meryfield(AWAY)
3:30pm kick off - 4:20approx



Football



Y5/6 Boys Football
St Teresa's 7 v 0 Monksmead
Man of the match - Ayman



The staff would like to say
a huge thank you for all
the lovely Christmas gifts.

Calpol

Today your child will be coming home with a Calpol letter asking for parental consent, as members of staff will be able to administer Calpol to your child such as a tummy ache or headache. Please complete and sign the form and return it to the School Office as soon as possible.



Medical Notification

We are aiming to go paperless regarding first aid notification of a pupil. At the moment parents receive notification if their child accidentally hurt them self, banged their head, scrapes, bumps etc via a letter in their child's bag. We will advise parents shortly when first aid notifications will start via email only. Please look out for an update on the weekly newsletter of when this will start.



**family
lives**

FAMILY LIVES SPRING 2020 PARENTING GROUP PROGRAMME

Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with SEN (8 weeks)

East Herts – Asda, Watton Rd, Ware, SG12 0AD
Wednesday 22 January – 18 March 2020, 7pm – 9pm

Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with ADHD (6 weeks)

North Herts – Hitchin Youth Trust, 111
Walsworth Rd, Hitchin, SG4 9SP
Tuesday 25 February – 31 March 2020, 9.30-11.30

Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with ASD & ADHD (6 weeks)

Stevenage – Peartree Primary School, Hydean
Way, Stevenage, SG2 9GG
Wednesday 29 January – 11 March 2020, 12.45-2.45

Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with ADHD (6 weeks)

Watford – venue tbc
Thursday 27 February – 2 April 2020, Times tbc

Getting on with Your Pre/Teens at risk or showing signs of concern (6 weeks)

Broxbourne – Tesco, Brookfield Centre, Chesh-
unt, Waltham Cross, EN8 0TA
Tuesdays 25 February – 31 March 2020, 9.30-11.30

East Herts – Bengoe Cricket Club, Boundary
Drive, Hertford, SG14 3JG,
Tuesdays 25 February – 31 March 2020, 12.45 – 2.45

Hertsmere – Borehamwood venue tbc
Mondays 24 February – 30 March 2020, times tbc

Hitchin – Hitchin Youth Trust, 111 Walsworth
Rd, Hitchin, SG4 9SP
Thursdays 27 February to 2 April 2020, 9.30-11.30

Watford – Asda, Odhams Trading Estate,
St Albans Rd, Watford, WD24 7RT
Thursdays 27 February to 2 April 2020, 6pm – 8pm

Welwyn & Hatfield – Christchurch Baptist, 20
Tewin Rd, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1BW
Thursdays 27 February to 2 April 2020, 12.45 – 2.45

**Contact Louise on 01707 247032 / 01163
666087 for information/book a place or
send completed referral form via
HertsFX to louisev@familylives.org.uk**