

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Newsletter – July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another unusual school year. This time last year, most of the children were still at home, and we had not seen them since March. Whilst there have still been some challenges and differences this year, at least we are ending it together!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the school community again for playing their part in keeping our children in school. We have done really well, and have only had to close one bubble all year, which has meant better consistency and education for the children. Well done to all our families for supporting us with this – it is a huge community effort!

We don't yet know what September will bring us. Whilst at the moment the message is that things should be more normal, it's hard to know if that will still be the case in six weeks time, based on previous experience! We will communicate with you in September to clarify exactly what the arrangements will be – especially if you are like me, and have forgotten what it was like when things were 'normal'!

Year 6

Today is the last day of primary education for our Year 6 children. They are the year group that started at MJS at the same time as I joined the school, so are the first group where I have seen their whole journey from year 3 to year 6. They have come so far, learnt so much, and matured into a fantastic group of young people who are considerate, hardworking and kind. Year 6 whilst you will be very much missed here, we know you are ready to start your secondary education. Each and every one of you will continue to shine. Best of luck with it!

Trips & Experiences

All of our year groups have been on a school trip this half term, and it has been great to be able to have the opportunity to do so again. Year 3 started us off a few weeks ago with a trip to Layer Marney Tower, for a Victorian experience day. Year 4 went to Highwoods, and took part in some outdoor learning opportunities such as pond dipping and bug hunting. They did so well, that I even received a phone call to praise how excellent their behaviour was. Year 5 had a trip to Colchester Zoo, and saw lots of animals – including the tigers, very close up! Year 6 went to Nuclear Races and took part in various adventurous activities, including a 'death slide'!

As we could not do our usual Sports Day, each year group took part in a sports experience. Year 3 did a dance workshop, Year 4 learned some fencing, Year 5 took part in archery, and Year 6 did athletics. All of the year groups behaved brilliantly, and we are very proud of them!

**Staffing Updates**

Today we say goodbye to Miss Nathie and Mrs Wilson. We thank them for their hard work, and we wish them the very best for the future. Miss Atwell will be joining us for two days a week as SENCO in September. I would like to thank Miss Pool, Mr Visagie and Mr Beerjeraz for running the One Plans this term in Mrs Wilson's absence.

Term Dates for 2021-2022

As we have made some changes to the beginning of the September term, I have attached an updated copy of our term dates for you.

We hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break over the summer. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Kind Regards,
Miss McCutcheon & the MJS Team

Monkwick Junior School (Sigma Trust)
Term Dates – Academic Year 2021-2022
Updated July 2021



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	Schooldays / Weekends		School Holidays
	Bank Holidays		Non Pupil Days
	Year 3 Only		