



## **Newsletter – March 2025**

### **Headteacher's Update**

It's been a lovely half term, here at Monkwick Junior School! As the weather has been bright recently, and we have been really working on lunchtimes being more exciting for the children, this has been a real highlight for all of us for the last few weeks. We have even more planned for this, so we can't wait to see how it develops and improves over the summer. Thank you to Mr Spriggs and Mrs Hughes who have been leading this, as well as our parent volunteers who have given up their time and talents to help us develop and build things. We are very grateful!

We hope that you have a lovely half term break. Easter is at the end of the break, so **we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.**

### **Trips and Visits**

Year 3 took part in a Holi Festival Celebration. The children threw coloured powder dye, tried different foods and learned about the celebration. They had a fantastic time. Year 4 learnt some new circus skills with JC Aerial School including aerial skills and tricks. Year 6 went to Highwoods Country Park, whilst there they enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, including orienteering, forest crafts and den building! Year 5 have one of our most exciting trips next term - skiing!

On Wednesday 26th March 2025 we welcomed M&M Theatrical for a production of the 'Secret Garden', it was a wonderful experience for all those that attended.

### **Red Nose Day 2025**

A big thank you to the School Council for organising Red Nose Day this year, with children attending school in non school uniform and the sale of Red Nose Day Rocks we made £144.

### **Class Assemblies**

We welcomed parents and carers into school to celebrate class assemblies with Lambda and Pi, who showed off lots of the things they had been learning. Both classes did an amazing job - well done!

### **Attendance**

Attendance at Monkwick Junior school is still something we are striving to keep high for children and parents. We have greatly appreciated the increase in parents/carers taking the time to let school know if their child is absent from school. This allows us to inform their teacher as soon as possible so they are able to amend any work they require to help support your child on their return to school.

The children with 100% attendance have recently done their 'Inside Out' film afternoon with movie snacks and this was a big hit with them all. Keep your eyes peeled for the next one!

We have been ensuring the children are reminded to wash their hands regularly and use hand cleanser on a frequent basis at school, due to the increase in germs at current and we would always support the encouragement of this at home to help keep those bugs and germs at bay.

### **OPAL Update**

We have introduced some new activities. They are enjoying the scooters, loose parts (building different structures such as dens, bridges, seesaws), accessing the digging area and singing and dancing to the outdoors music.



If you have any kitchen utensils you no longer need, we are on the lookout for pots / pans / spatulas / spoons etc. Please drop them into the school office.

Thank you to all those that donated towards the OPAL Non School Uniform Day, we raised £131. With your donations we will be able to purchase more equipment to make OPAL even more enjoyable.

### **New After School Clubs**

By now you should've found out if your child has an afterschool club starting from Tuesday 22nd April 2025 running up until Friday 11th July 2025.

All clubs finish at 4pm, please make sure you arrive promptly to collect your child.

### **Breakfast Club**

The number of children attending Breakfast Club regularly is growing at a rapid rate, if you do need your child to attend for the odd day please request this at the school office 24 hours in advance.

### **Water Bottles**

With the warmer weather approaching (fingers crossed), please make sure your child has a water bottle in school at all times to keep them hydrated.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **April 2025:**

Monday 7th – Monday 21st: EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 22nd: Everyone returns to school

#### **May 2025:**

Monday 5th: Bank Holiday

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th: Y6 SATS

Tuesday 20th: Y5 Ski Trip

Thursday 22nd: Y5 Ski Trip

Friday 23rd: Y6 Boating Lake, Y4 French Day

Monday 26th – Friday 30th: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

#### **June 2025:**

Monday 9th: Class Photos

Tuesday 17th: Y3 Beth Chatto Gardens

Friday 20th: Y4 Jimmy's Farm

Tuesday 24th Y3 Beth Chatto Gardens

Thursday 26th: Y6 TLA (Day 1) and Philip Morant Induction Day, Y5 Viking Day

Friday 27th: Y6 TLA (Day 2) Induction Day

#### **July 2025**

Monday 7th – Friday 11th: Y6 Celebration Week

Monday 7th: Y3 First Aid Training

Monday 14th: Open School & Report Collection, from 2pm

Wednesday 16th: Sports Day, from 1;30pm

Thursday 17th: Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents, 2pm

Friday 18th: LAST DAY OF TERM

We wish you a lovely break, and look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025.**