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Monster Phonics



Angry Red A



U-Hoo



Tribe Witch



Green Froggy



Cool Blue



Ghosts

Have you met these monster characters yet?

Monster Phonics is our phonics reading scheme. The children are introduced to the monsters in Ladybirds, and then use the monster characters in Reception, Year 1 and 2, to help them learn and remember the letters and sounds.

Monster Phonics covers all statutory requirements of the DfE Letters & Sounds and the KS1 National Curriculum for synthetic phonics-based reading and writing.

So how is Monster Phonics different to other phonics schemes?

The colour-coded grapheme system is unique to Monster Phonics; each coloured grapheme is paired with a monster character that makes the same sound to give audio-visual prompts that help children 'see' each sound within a word and pronounce it correctly. The monsters are really sound cues to help children remember how to read and pronounce graphemes. It is also really good fun!

Our thanks goes to Mrs. Russell who tirelessly researched all the phonics schemes and found this monster treasure! And, also to FoBIPS who have helped the school purchase further books to help embed the scheme.

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

It is disappointing that the country is going into lock-down again, however school will continue to follow government guidelines so will remain open. I would like to thank you all for wearing face masks, socially distancing and dropping your children quickly; your actions are helping to protect our community.

Public Health England have informed us that if your child is unwell, then they should stay off school to reduce risk. If you are unsure about what decision to make, then please do telephone the school for further advice.

The Government have given guidance that says that Buddies before and after school club can continue so we can support working families. No other after-school activities will run for the time-being.

The cross country competitions were held just before half term and our thanks goes to Mr. Purewal who organised all of the races. Mr. Purewal has written an article over the page about the competition, so please do take a look.

Mr. Purewal is an enthusiastic runner, and here he is having completed the 10Km race in Leicester. He did it in 38mins 42secs! It is rumoured that he may do a run to raise money for the school!



Please don't forget Crazy Hair Day tomorrow!

Our school is welcoming and nurturing. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any queries or wish to discuss any matter.

Jacky Sykes

Head of School

Explore. Achieve. Celebrate.

Together we grow happy, responsible and adaptable individuals
who are ready to continue their life-journey.



Stars of the Week

Ladybird's Star of the Week is Harry



Maddie says: We are very proud of Harry and how his confidence developed during last half term. Harry has really come out of his shell since September and it has been lovely getting to know him. Well done Harry!

Crazy Hair Day



It's Crazy Hair Day on **Friday 6th November** to help us to continue to raise funds for the school in these strange times.

IMPORTANT: Please be as creative as you like with items you already have in your homes. Please avoid going out to purchase things for this event in light of the current climate.

If your child would like to participate, then please send £1 (suggested donation) in an envelope into school labelled with FoBIPS or pop £1 in one of our donation pots at the gates at Ladbroke and Fisher Road and one of the FoBIPS team will take it in at the end of drop off and pick up. If you are not able to donate £1, then please allow your child to participate anyway as having a fun activity is a good thing at the moment.

Christmas Cards

We are not going to allow children to bring Christmas cards into school this year. We hope we do not disappoint too many of you, but these are the reasons:

We wish to reduce the number of items going to and from home and school; to reduce the number of items that children touch; and, we cannot safely distribute the cards through the school without the cards or people crossing over their bubbles.

Thank you for helping us to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can within our school.



Balmoral's Star of the Week is the whole class.

Miss Jeacock says: This is awarded to the whole class for having an amazing first half term in Reception Class.



Stars of the Week

Sandringham's Star of the Week is Ally



Star of the week goes to Ally. This is for his exceptional wizard story he wrote last week. It was perfectly organised and very well thought out, I really enjoyed reading it. I wish I had a dragon broom that could shoot out Lego and build for me! Super work Ally.

Kensington's Star of the Week is Jakob



Mrs. Russell says: Jakob is Kensington's Star of the Week. Well done Jakob for your excellent reasoning and problem solving in maths.



Poppy Day!

We have poppies for sale in school. These will be available in the individual classrooms so no one (or the poppies) cross over bubbles. If your child would like to purchase and wear a poppy to mark Remembrance Day, then please can your child bring their donation into school and give this to their class teacher? Thank you.

Ellis Hibberd is running 100k in 30 days for her Gymnastics Club

Ellis has decided that during the lockdown, she is going to do 100k in 30 days to raise funds for her gymnastics club. Ellis would highly appreciate any kind of sponsorship. Here is the link so if you wish to, you can donate. Her Facebook page is Ellis100k30days. The link is https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ellis100k30days?utm_term=dbJx69Jbg

Windsor's Star of the Week is Caoimhe



Mrs. Daly and Miss Aston say: Caoimhe has been chosen as Star of the Week due to her growing independence and determination in her learning. She has also been a superstar because she smiles all of the time!

Holyrood's Star of the Week is Imogen



Mr Purewal says: Imogen was fantastic last week in her learning! With her maths work she has demonstrated excellent reasoning and has really been applying herself, what an amazing job! Keep up the fantastic work!

Buckingham's Star of the Week is Daisy



Mrs. Hobbins and Mrs. Brindley say: Daisy is nominated for always being kind to others, taking pride in her work & taking an active part in lessons

PARENTS' EVENINGS

If you haven't yet booked your Parents' Evening telephone appointment with your child's teacher, then please can we encourage you to do so.

With the lack of face-to-face contact during Covid-19, it is good for children, parents and staff alike to be in contact.



Parent guide to Covid-19

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms (dry, persistent cough, and/or temperature, and/or loss of smell/taste).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school and inform school. - Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. - Get a test - Inform the school immediately with result. 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us immediately on 07801 506042. - Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child has a chesty cough and/or a cold.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These are not Covid-19 symptoms so you child can come to school if they feel well enough. - Contact school to inform us. 	...when your child feels well enough.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Whole household to self-isolate for 14 days. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member as having contact with somebody with Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school unless a member of the household develops symptoms. 	...child can continue to attend school.
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - Bishop's Itchington Primary child(ren) can continue to attend unless they develop symptoms. 	...child can continue to attend school
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and all members of the household must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

Cross Country—Report From Mr. Purewal



We have finally come to the end of this year's cross-country competition and it could not have been any closer between the three-brand new and improved house groups! The format of the competition was each class ran around the perimeter of the field. KS1 children all ran 1 lap, whilst the KS2 children ran two. Each class was split up into their three house groups and ran representing those groups.

First and foremost, I must congratulate all the children for taking part and being such great ambassadors for our school. The support and encouragement from all pupils was spectacular, as was the kindness and sportsmanship on display.

I can now reveal that the overall house group who came in third position was Adam Peaty! All children in Adam Peaty will receive a house point each, tremendous effort. The house group that came in second place was Dina Asher-Smith! All children in Dina Asher-Smith will receive two house points each, well done everybody! Therefore, our cross-country champions this year are Lucy Bronze! Congratulations to all children in Lucy Bronze! You will receive three house points each for coming in first position and a trophy for your house group!

The results for the fastest boy and girl for each class are listed below and they will each receive a medal. An honourable mention must go out to Ellis Hibberd for completing her two laps in an outstanding time of 1 minute and 34 seconds. Well done Ellis!

Mr. Purewell—Holyrood Class Teacher and P.E. Subject Leader

	Balmoral	Sandringham	Kensington	Windsor	Holyrood	Buckingham
Fastest boy	Finley Scott	Otis Bott	Arthur Harvey	Harvey Elliott	Leyton Damp	Ronnie Morrow
Fastest girl	Sophie Creasey	Amiyah Allen	Eleana Davenport	Emma Strange	Ellis-Mae Hibberd	Leah Ward

Your Help Would Be Appreciated!

Registering for Free-School Meals

For families who are on low income, the Government gives their children's school extra money and it also gives the children free school meals. This is called Pupil Premium money. This money makes a real difference to our school. It helps us pay for a Teaching Assistant in every class every morning of the week. It also helps us to run catch-up groups for children who need it. For a child to have this status, the family will also receive help from the school with uniform, contributions towards trips and clubs.

Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two receive free school meals but this alone does not enable the Government to give us Pupil Premium money. For this to be paid, parents must register on-line using the link below. It is quick, confidential and benefits your child and other children in the school enormously.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Please, please take a few moments and see if you can register your child to help our school community, and Mrs. Shippey can assist you in confidence.

Pumpkin Hunt Success!

Despite the horrendous weather last weekend, 89 children took part in the FoBIPS pumpkin hunt around the village. The hunt started at Donna's house, and the families made their way around the village (socially distanced) to find the different pumpkins. Cakes were on sale afterwards as a fundraiser. Here are some of the photos!



Relax and donate to FoBIPS – what could be better!

One of the local businesses has offered us their support during the month of November – thanks to Zoe Rycroft for this fantastic offer detailed below:



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in the month of November

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Crazy Hair Day – Friday 6th November

Pink, blue, up or down, unicorn or fairy crown! Children are welcome to come to school with crazy hair on Friday 6th November. Suggested donation is £1 per child. Funds from this event will go to FoBIPS.



Silent Auction



This year we will be holding an online silent auction where parents can bid on prizes given kindly to us by companies. The auction will be live for 2 weeks and will be open, not only to parents but members of the greater community. We need your help and support to share this online event, so please keep any eye out for further details.

If you are a small business or work for a larger organisation that would like to get involved with either sponsorship or prize donation then please email fobips@gmail.com and we will make contact with you. We really appreciate your support.