

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is a Year 3 Scholarship?**

A scholarship is a recognition of commitment to and excellence in a particular area - in particular to Year 3 this would be a child who has shown over and above interest, a sense of curiosity which extends beyond the classroom and a strong ability in a range of academic areas.

### **2. How do I decide whether to put my child forward for a Year Scholarship?**

Some of the assessment of this scholarship is through reviewing attainment over the previous year - we would look at Standardised scores (tests taken in June of Year 1) and reports highlighting that a child is performing at above expected level in a range of subjects. A key part of this would be also looking at a positive approach to school and commitment to learning in lessons.

### **3. Key dates. When do I apply for Year 3 scholarship, what is the date of assessment, and when are we notified of the outcome of assessment?**

Applications for the Year 3 scholarship are open until January 28th 2019 and the assessment is due to take place on the February 13th 2019, in the morning.

### **4. What does assessment day involve, and what should we prepare?**

There is no preparation for you to do as a family aside from ensuring that your child feels relaxed as they arrive to the assessment day.

The morning will involve three activities for the children to take part in:

**Maths Activity** - This will involve the children needing to use their problem solving skills and ability to work as a team to complete a challenge.

**Creative Writing Activity** - This will take the form of a typical lesson where the children's engagement and contribution to class discussion will be being looked at as well as their creative writing skills.

**Team Building** - This will be run by Mr Sim and Mr Goode and will involve some sport based team building games which will show the how well they can work together as a team and individual communication and problem solving skills.

As well as this each applicant will have an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team of Monkton Prep School.

### **5. What criteria is used to award a Year 3 scholarship?**

This will be based on a clear set of criteria for each task, the Michaelmas report, standardised scores and the interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team of Prep School. In communications to parents individual scores and comments will not be shared, but a general comment about how your child acquitted themselves will be commented on.

**6. If my child is at Monkton Pre Prep what information is shared with Prep about my child for the purpose of assessing them for scholarship?**

Due to centralised Monkton systems we are able to access the Michaelmas report and standardised scores. We shall ask Pre Prep class teachers to provide any additional information if they feel that the report or scores do not provide a full enough picture of your child. If your application is external, a referee will need to be provided, usually from the child's current school, and the latest school report.

**7. If my child is successful, what can we expect in terms of scholarship programme and benefits?**

If your child is successful you will receive an annual £1000 fee discount for Year 3 - 5. There will be some external projects which will be offered for your child to complete out of school which will extend learning beyond the curriculum, the opportunity to join in the junior enrichment programme which may involve an external trip or an activity within school hours. Scholars are expected to retain a positive sense of learning and continue to show interest and curiosity outside the classroom - they may be asked to share this with their class or teachers.

**8. What can I expect if my child applies for scholarship but is unsuccessful?**

Your child will receive a letter from the Headteacher which will outline the positives of how your child managed the scholarship assessment day and areas where they could work on.

**9. If I decide not to apply, how will this affect my child?**

This will not affect your child at all - he or she will still be involved in all of the curriculum opportunities and many activities which Monkton Prep school offers.

**10. How do I apply for the scholarship?**

Please apply in writing to Julia Collis, PA to Deputy and Assistant Head of Monkton Prep School, on [collisj@monkton.org.uk](mailto:collisj@monkton.org.uk) expressing an interest to proceed. Please provide the contact details for a reference from your child's current school - this is usually from the Headteacher.