

Newsletter 4

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Goodbye to Aolaith's hair!

We always love to celebrate the wonderful things that the children at Monkfield Park do but this week Aolaith stunned us all with an incredible selfless act. On Tuesday morning in KS1 assembly, Aolaith donated her



stunning red hair to the charity 'the Little Princess Trust' which makes wigs for children who have lost their hair as a result of cancer treatment and other illnesses. Aolaith is such a brave and compassionate girl and has been growing her hair for over a year to be able to make her donation. In addition she has raised over £500 for the charity.

We think Aolaith is AMAZING and she truly epitomises the values and ethos of our school.

Year 6 Visit to the Cambourne Archaeology Project

Following the visit of the archaeologists from Oxford Archaeology last week, Year 6 visited the excavations to see some real life archaeology in action for themselves. After receiving a guided tour of the excavations by ex-Monkfield Park pupils, who are members of the Cambourne Village College Archaeology Club, who had recently discovered a very exciting cess pit, the children were



thrilled to have the opportunity to do some digging for themselves. Using trowels and sieves the children carefully pulled back the layers of earth to reveal sherds of pottery, flints and animal bones—vital pieces of evidence which tell the story of the people



who inhabited the farmstead during the late Iron Age and Roman periods.

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed being part of the team who are piecing together the history of the people who lived and farmed in Cambourne over 2,000 years ago.

Excavation Open Days

If you would like the opportunity to visit the excavations and see the archaeologists at work, Oxford Archaeology and Cambourne Village College are running open days this weekend on Saturday and Sunday, 30th September and 1st of October. There will be guided tours of the site at the following times: 10am, 11am, 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm. Do go along to learn more about Cambourne's past.

**OPEN
DAY**

Head Teacher roll of honour

This week the following children have been recognised:

Aolaith in Indigo class—Aolaith is a most compassionate and kind person. She has shown that she is not afraid to make great personal sacrifices to help others in need.

Alfie in Aquila class — Alfie is so actively involved in his learning, making wonderful contributions in class and demonstrating fantastic reasoning skills in science.

Mikey in Phoenix class—Mikey has impressed everyone with his commitment to learning this term. It is really wonderful to see how organised you are and your determination to succeed, especially in maths.

Year 2 Visit the Nature Reserve

We often forget how fortunate we are to have our very own 90 hectare nature reserve in Cambourne. On



Wednesday the children in Year 2 visited the reserve to study living things and their habitats. The children observed and recorded a variety of living creatures and noted the differences in their habitats at the lake, on Crow Hill, and in the woods. Afterwards everyone had great fun pretending to be woodland creatures, as they worked together to determine which objects around them were living, dead or had never been alive.



Eco Group

On Wednesday evening the members of our brand new Eco Group helped South Cambridgeshire District Councillor, Mark Howell, launch National Recycle Week. Together with the shared waste team for Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, the children handed out a green kitchen caddy to all parents and carers as they collected their children at the end of the school day. We look forward to hearing how the Eco Group members are going to help us become a much greener school over the coming months.



Thank You For Your Harvest Gifts



On Thursday morning we held our annual Harvest Festival assembly in school. We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your very generous gifts of food which will be shared between the Cambourne Food Bank and Jimmy's Night Shelter.

The table was groaning under the weight of so many wonderful food items which we know will help many people who are homeless or finding it difficult to make ends meet in our own community at the moment.

Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to tell you or show you something they are proud to be able to do.
- Ask your Year 1 child to tell you a number bond to 20. Can they explain what a number bond is?
- Ask your Year 2 child what they most enjoyed about their nature walk in Cambourne.
- Ask your Year 3 child to explain how to carry out the expanded method for column addition.
- Ask your Year 4 child to explain why Boudicca attacked the Roman army.
- Ask your Year 5 child to give three reasons why someone from Sparta should move to Athens.
- Ask your Year 6 child to tell you how they feel using @show me, don't tell me.

Forthcoming dates

- 4th October 6pm—Maths evening for Reception parents
- 6th October 9am—Violet Class assembly
- 11th October from 5pm—Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)
- 12th October 1.30pm—Reception 'come and share' event
- 13th October 9am—Blue Class assembly
- 16th October—Individual children's photographs
- 19th October from 4pm—Parent consultations (more details to follow)
- w/c 23rd October—half term (children return on 30th October)
- 10th November 9am—Aquila Class assembly
- 24th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly
- 6th December—Flu vaccination programme (details to follow)
- 8th December at 9am—Lacerta Class assembly
- 12th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert
- 13th December 1.30am—Reception 'come and share' event
- 13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert
- 14th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity
- 14th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert
- 15th December 10am—Year 1 nativity
- 19th December—Christmas parties
- 19th December—Last day of term
- 19th December—Christmas holidays begin
- 3rd January—INSET day (school closed to children)
- 4th January—All children return

Class Reps

This year we will be looking to introduce Class Reps for each year group. The main aim for this will be to improve communication between home/school and PTA. Role profiles will shortly be sent home along with a nomination form but if you feel it is something you would like to get involved in or would like more information then please get in touch either via our facebook page Friends of Monkfield park or send us an email at friendsofmonkfield-park@gmail.com


**WE NEED
YOU
TO BE A
CLASS
REP**

Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the KS1 playground after school on Friday 13th October.



Bags To School

Bags to school will be collecting on Friday 13th October. Bags will be sent home via book bags leading up to the date.

It's a great chance to have a clear out before Christmas. They accept any of the following in good quality condition:- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels and bedding.



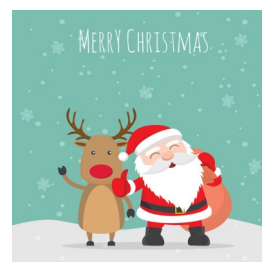
AGM

Our AGM is just around the corner so please keep an eye out for more info.



Christmas Cards

All the children have now completed their artwork for this year's Christmas cards. We are using a different company this year and children will soon be bringing home a sample card for you to place your orders from should you wish.



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