

Newsletter 9

Friday 11th November 2016

In this issue:

- ◇ **Monkfield Park win Amazon Prime competition**
- ◇ **Year 6 Bikeability**
- ◇ **Head Teacher Roll of Honour**
- ◇ **Sentence starters**
- ◇ **Healthy Lifestyle tips**
- ◇ **Forthcoming dates**
- ◇ **Children in Need**
- ◇ **Individual and sibling photographs**
- ◇ **Friends of Monkfield Park**

Monkfield Park win Amazon Prime competition

Following the Amazon Air Prime 'design a drone' competition that was held in school in recent weeks, we are overjoyed to inform you that three pupils from Monkfield Park have won the first prize as well as two runner up prizes! An independent panel of judges looked at all of the anonymous entries from across Cambridgeshire schools and decided that Lauren, in Year 2, should scoop the top prize for her model of a drone. A press event and special assembly were held on Thursday to mark Lauren receiving her prize of up to £300 worth of STEM resources. including an Amazon Kindle Fire Tablet and, in addition, the school received £3,500 to spend on science and technology resources! Nithyan in Year 5 and Olli in Year 2 were runners up and they also won prizes which consisted of up to £100 worth of STEM resources. As a result of winning this competition, the winners and some other children nominated from the school, Mrs Jarman and Mrs Wellings (Science Leader) have been invited to visit the Amazon lab in Cambridge. Well done to everyone who took part and who took this competition to their hearts by working tirelessly to either design or make their drone. Lauren's drone will be on display at the Amazon Prime Air Cambridge lab facility for one month.



Year 6 Bikeability

This week, Year 6 fought the bitter cold and took to the roads for 'Bikeability' training which aims to help them become proficient cycle riders on the streets. The children had to learn how to check their cycles to ensure that they were road worthy. Once deemed in an appropriate state, the children then cycled onto the streets of Cambourne. The learnt road safety rules and manoeuvres, which included learning how to deal with junctions and how to be aware of other road users. They had to become 'road sign detectives' by identifying what road signs meant and how to react to them in the name of keeping safe on their cycles. The children are looking forward to putting their new skills into action.



Head Teacher roll of honour

Lots of children have shared their wonderful work and achievements with me this week and when looking back at just over their first half term in their new year groups, they are making fantastic progress. Here are the children who we would like to celebrate this week:

Devika in Aquila Class—Devika's approach to learning is always supported by her thirst for wanting to learn more. She's also a very well mannered member of our school community.

Taylor in Lacerta Class—Taylor has helped other people to have a positive mind set by celebrating their achievements with them.

Will in Violet Class—Will has noticed that looking through mistakes can help him to learn. He is becoming very mindful that going back to check his answers is a valuable thing to do.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child which character they would like to be from the story 'The Room on the Broom' and why.

Ask your Year 1 child to ask a grandparent about the toys they used to play with when they were a child.

Ask your Year 2 child to find objects around the home which can be bent, stretched, squashed or twisted.

Ask your Year 3 child how you would half a 2 digit number, even if it was odd.

Ask your Year 4 child how to dry clothes quickly.

Ask your Year 5 child about a mnemonic which will help them to remember the order of the planets.

Ask your Year 6 child what they have learnt about Archie this week.

Forthcoming dates

18th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

19th December—Christmas lunch

13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert

20th December—Christmas parties

14th December 9.30am—Reception 'come and share' event

20th December—Last day of term

14th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

21st December—Christmas holidays begin

15th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity

4th January INSET day (school closed to children)

15th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

5th January—All children return

16th December 10am—Year 1 nativity

Help us to become a healthy school

Having peered into lunchboxes this week, it is clear that our children are supported in healthy eating habits. There has been lots of fruit and cut up vegetables for the children to munch on and a notable amount of wholemeal bread as opposed to white bread—well done Monkfield Park! This week we have a few more tips to keep you healthy....

Care for those teeth! Brush your teeth at least twice a day

Eating foods high in sugar or starches too often during the day can play a part in tooth decay. The best way to keep a nice smile is to brush your teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste. Also, after brushing your teeth at bedtime, don't eat any food, or drink anything other than water.

Do you eat a burger, chips, fried chicken or pizza:

- A. No more than once a week
- B. Every day

Aim for no more than once a week!



Children in Need

Don't forget that next Friday, 18th November, we will be marking the Children in Need event by asking children to wear spotty clothes to school in exchange for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child. Friends of Monkfield Park will be on hand in the playgrounds to collect donations and we look forward to seeing the creative outfits that we know our children will achieve. Please send children in clothes suitable for the cold weather outside e.g. pyjamas are not ideal!

Individual and sibling photograph reminder

Please note that the deadline for returning school photo orders to the office is Thursday 17th November at 3:30pm. Thank you.

Friends of Monkfield Park

	<p>CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS DEADLINE: MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER PAYMENT: CASH (correct if possible) or CHEQUE payable to "Friends of Monkfield Park" FAMILY DISCOUNT: pay only additional pack prices on additional artworks</p>
	<p>CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING Friday 2nd December 7pm – 9pm</p> <p>Lots of wonderful independent and individual stalls, refreshments and raffle. £1 entry. We still need some help. Here is the link to volunteer http://service.ptasocial.com/register/FOMP</p>
	<p>*** Save the date*** CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER after school</p>
	<p>EASYFUNDRAISING</p> <p>Easyfundraising is the easiest way to raise money for our school. Shop with any of over 2000 well known retailers listed on easyfundraising.org.uk and a percentage of what you spend is passed to us at no additional cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/monkfieldparkprimaryschoolcambourne</p>
	<p>CONTACT US</p> <p>Via email friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com , via our Facebook page or via the school office.</p>