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Year 6 World War I WOW day

Year 6 stood to attention this week as they embraced their World War I WOW day with much gusto. All of the children experienced 'basic training' which involved learning how to march, including turning out and correct positioning of their rifles. The children designed their very own trenches, complete with links to the hospital and train tracks to transport the war wounded there. Alongside this, the children learnt how to create bandages and to sew, in order to learn about how all citizens had to become part of the war effort. All of this was hungry work, so the Year 6 children learnt how to bake what would have been known as 'trench cake'. Although this wasn't particularly tasty, it did keep up the spirits of the troops! Well done to Year 6 who used this experience to understand the conditions of World War I and to appreciate how this contributed to British and world history.



Book Fair

Thank you if you were able to support us with our Book Fair last week. Through the purchases that you made, we were able to raise £616.45 which will be used to purchase books for the school.

Poppy appeal

The Poppy Appeal would like to say 'thank you' again this year for supporting them. The total you collected was an amazing £388.63. Well done everyone!

Healthy snacks stalls next week

This half term, a letter was sent home explaining that we will now be running a healthy snacks stall on a half termly basis. Next week, children who are part of Atlantis team are invited to make and bring into school healthy snacks which will be sold at the end of each day (3.15—3.45 pm in the main hall). The snacks should be fresh, healthy and include forms of fruit or vegetables. We kindly ask snacks not to include processed food, refined sugar or nuts. However, ingredients such as honey, cocoa powder, vanilla extract and dairy are allowed. Snacks could even be Christmas themed at this wonderful time of the year. We kindly ask you to indicate all ingredients which are included in the snack to ensure that children with allergies do not buy and eat snacks that may cause a reaction. An ingredients form can be found on the letter which was sent home. We look forward to seeing, buying and tasting the children's creations.

Cross country competition

On Thursday, over 30 children from across Key Stage 2 went to Wimpole Hall to represent Monkfield Park in a cross country competition. Throughout the morning the children were not deterred by the weather as they competed in year group races against children from other schools. The children demonstrated excellent perseverance as they battled their way around the 1.6km course and were very proud of their efforts when they reached the finish line. Despite the tricky conditions, all of the children agreed that they had a fantastic time and would definitely like to come again!



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Smayan in Indigo Class—Smayan has used our 'Power of Kindness' assemblies to bestow kindness on many people this week. Well done for being so reflective Smayan.

James in Yellow Class—For trying very hard this week to always listen well, especially in whole class learning.

Theodore in Yellow Class—Theodore understands the importance of being a good role model and is showing how to achieve this in school so that other people can learn from his good behaviour.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about Supertato.

Ask your Year 1 child how toys from the past differ from the toys they have now.

Ask your Year 2 child to find different materials around the home that can bend, twist, stretch or squash.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you the features of their favourite poem.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain the features of instructions.

Ask your Year 5 child which Christmas traditions were celebrated in Victorian times.

Ask your Year 6 child who invented the splint to heal broken legs in WWI?

Forthcoming dates

11th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 carol concert

12th December at 1.30pm—Reception come and share

12th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 carol concert

13th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity

13th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 carol concert

14th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

18th December—Christmas lunch

18th December—Christmas festive fun afternoon

19th December—Last day of the Autumn term

20th December—2nd January—Christmas holiday

3rd & 4th January—INSET days (school closed to children)

7th January—Children return to school

Healthy eating hints and tips

Eat together

It's tempting to eat dinner in front of the television, to wolf down lunch at your desk, and to grab snacks on the run.

If you can encourage your children to eat regular meals with you at the table, it can not only reduce snacking, it can also teach valuable social skills.



Year 2 learning

The children in Year 2 took part in some genuine 'hands on' learning this week as they literally watched the Tudor houses they had built go up in smoke! All of this exciting learning was in fact part of helping them to understand how the Great Fire of London spread so very quickly between the buildings. The children described how it must have felt to have been part of those times as they watched their models burn, and to have experienced the chilling events. Some reflected that they would have used boats to escape on the River Thames, whilst others described the feelings of devastation and utter chaos that must have ensued London in 1666.



Year 6 English Challenge final

We wished our team luck as they headed off to the Year 6 English final held at the enchanting Ely Cathedral this week. Having made it through to the final for the first time in Monkfield Park history, the tension was tangible. Our team of Year 6 children who had worked extremely hard during the heats had finally made it and were ready to make the final big push as they entered the venue full of determination and enthusiasm. Firstly, there was a book round where the children answered a series of questions ranging from classic literature to poetry. They then had a tricky memory round based on artefacts and information they had to search for around the cathedral. In the final round, the children worked against the clock to answer a series of questions. Well done to the whole Monkfield Park team who were made up of Ronaldao, Izzy, Betty and Carlijn. Although we didn't make the top three slots, the team represented us fantastically, and the event will stay firm in our memories. Great work to a wonderful team.