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Developing Money Skills

The past two weeks have been an incredible hive of activity in school as the children discovered their inner entrepreneurs. In an increasingly cashless society, children have very little opportunity to handle money and to develop those key financial skills that they will need as they grow up. Our 'money fortnight' is a fantastic opportunity to combine practical learning with real life problem solving. Each class was given £10 to kick start a project with the aim being to see which class can make the most profit from the original £10 investment. This is such an inspirational project and I have been overwhelmed by the children's creativity, hard work and determination. From Fairy Bread and Dojo mini-monsters to playdough, crochet pumpkins and Halloween decorations the children have been creating and making items to sell. Thank you so much for coming to support the children and buy their wares on Thursday evening. However, if you missed the great sale on Thursday there will be a further opportunity to buy some exciting gifts on Friday evening too. We look forward to seeing you there.

With kindest wishes
Mrs Howell.

Future Planning

We have high aspirations for our children and we try to give them the skills to go out into the world and make a real difference through their future chosen careers. The Network CB23 cluster of schools, which we are a part of, held the annual careers convention for Year 5 children at Cambourne Village College this week. This was an excellent opportunity for the children to meet representatives from a range of local companies including the NHS, the Wildlife Trust, Cambridge University and Taylor Wimpey. All the exhibitors chatted to the children so that they were able to gain an understanding of what their jobs entail, the different roles available and the skills and qualifications that are needed for a variety of inspirational and motivating careers. The children had a great morning and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to think about their futures.

Why Not Share a Story?

Sharing a story with your child is such a beneficial thing to do for so many reasons:

- Stories help children to feel safe and connected to you.
- Stories can help children develop a sense of self.
- Stories help children to understand everyday thoughts and emotions.
- Stories can help to soothe or comfort when life is a little overwhelming.
- Stories help children to understand the world around them and learn about things they have not yet experienced for themselves.
- Stories offer a window to new and exciting worlds which stimulate imagination and creativity.
- Stories can help children to learn how to problem solve.
- Becoming a story teller builds self-esteem and confidence.
- Sharing stories aids brain development, focus and attention.

Why not spend some time relaxing and sharing a story this weekend? I always say technology is wonderful but nothing beats a book!

A Polite Reminder About Parking

Please can I urge everyone to be considerate if parking in Priory Walk when dropping off and collecting children? Although the majority of the car park is owned by the Town Council, Kindred Nursery and the Vet's surgery do have their own car parking areas. Please make sure that you are not parking in these areas as they are reserved for their staff, clients and parents. If you are parking in the streets around school, please ensure that you are not blocking private driveways and that the emergency services are able to access these areas. Thank you for your support and understanding in this important matter.



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to find some circular and triangular shaped objects around your home.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about herbivores and carnivores.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you how to make your own playdough.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how to carry out addition and subtraction across 10s and 100s.

Ask your Year 4 child to teach you how to add 2 four digit numbers using the column method.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you which was their favourite career at the convention and why.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how to multiply a two digit number by a four digit number.

FORTHCOMING DATES

20th October—Online Safety week

22nd October— PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

22nd October—Pokémon Cup girls' football tournament

22nd October—Reception 2026 parent tour at 2pm

23rd October—Parent consultation evening

24th October—Year 3 trip to Wandlebury Hill Fort

24th October—Break up for Half Term

27th to 31st October—HALF TERM

3rd November—Children return to school

4th November—Y6 trip to Great Huts

5th November—Reception Come and Share from 9.30am

12th November—Cross Country Running competition at Wimpole Hall

12th November—Wellbeing Wednesday for KS1

13th November—Reception tour and open evening for Reception 2026 parents

17th—21st November —Art Week

21st November—Indigo Class Assembly

25th November—Reception 2026 parent tour at 10am

26th to 28th November—Children's Art Gallery

3rd December—Computers Down day

5th December— Reception 2026 parent tour at 2pm

9th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 2pm

10th December—Reception tour for Reception 2026

10th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 9.30am

11th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 2pm

12th December—Pantomime performance in school

16th December—Y4 Christmas Carol Concert at 2pm

17th December—Y4 Christmas Carol Concert at 5.30pm

19th December—School breaks up for Christmas.

5th January—INSET Day (school closed for children)

6th January—Children return for Spring term

8th January—Team afternoon



OPEN MORNING

If you have a child who will be three in September you can book places for the Autumn term in our pre-school now. Graded Good by Ofsted in June 2024 we can provide 15/30 hours of funded provision with a qualified Early Years teacher and dedicated and supportive Early Years staff, in a caring and nurturing learning environment. We are open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm during term time and welcome visits from parents and carers.

We are holding an open morning on Saturday 22nd November between 9.30 am and 1.00 pm. Why not join us to see our excellent setting for yourself and meet our wonderful team? Please contact us on: 01954 273377 or by e-mail: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk for more information or to arrange a visit to discover the Monkfield Way.

Reception 2026 Tours



We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Each parent and carer is looking for a school that will make the educational experience as motivating and rewarding as possible for their child. To help you make this important decision we would like to welcome parents and carers into school to see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn. We are offering a number of parent tours so that you can see the school in action and talk with the Headteacher and staff.

Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office on 01954 273377 or by email :office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk The tour dates are:

Wednesday 22nd October at 2pm

Thursday 13th November at 5pm

Tuesday 25th November at 10am

Friday 5th December at 2pm

Thursday 11th December at 10am

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school and hope you will join us for one of the tours. If you are unable to make any of these dates, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient date for you to visit the school and meet Mrs Howell, the Headteacher.

For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

Autumn

This week the children have been learning about Autumn. We have noticed that the weather is beginning to get chilly and that we need to start wearing our coats. Can the children show you the magic trick they have learnt, to 'flip on' their coats all by themselves? Maybe they can also try and learn to do up their zips with you at home?

At Together Time, we have talked about how some leaves are starting to change colour and fall down from the trees. We learnt a number rhyme called, '3 Little Leaves' and practised counting to 3 and recognising the numerals 1, 2, 3. In our maths play, we used conkers to practise our counting and number recognition further. Later in the week we went for a walk around the school grounds to search for colourful Autumn leaves. We found lots of different shapes and colours and collected some up to take back to the classroom. Perhaps you could go for an Autumn walk over the weekend and collect some more.

Song Time

During this half term the children have been busy learning new songs and rhymes. We would like to invite all parents and carers to come and listen to our wonderful singing on Thursday 23rd October at 9.10 am. If your child does not normally attend preschool at this time, you are very welcome to bring them along for this event, which will last around 20 mins.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Jane Turner, Early Years Teacher and Pre-School Manager