

# Newsletter 24

**Friday 24th March 2017**

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**Year 5 attend the University of Cambridge Science Festival**

Year 5 children learnt about the role of oxygen in chemistry this week, as they attended the University of Cambridge Science Festival which had a focus upon 'fire and flames'. They watched in awe and wonder as scientists demonstrated to the children how reactive oxygen could be and the effects of adding this to other elements and chemicals. They explored how much energy could be released from food and metals by burning them together with oxygen, and also how



both carbon dioxide and liquid nitrogen can be used to extinguish flames and why. Not only that but the children also learnt about how to write chemical equations. A great deal of scientific thinking went on, which helped the children to see first hand how chemistry contributes to our everyday life.

**Parent questionnaires—closes next Friday 31st March at 12 noon**

Thank you to those of you who have already taken the time to complete our annual questionnaire. This is still open until 12 noon next Friday. To access this you just need to go onto the school website at:

<http://www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk>

Just click on the 'parent questionnaire' tab at the top of the front page to complete the questionnaire anonymously.

**Forthcoming dates**

w/c 27th March—International Week  
30th March—Reception come & share morning  
30th March—Year 1 come & share afternoon  
30th March—Parent consultations  
31st March—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM  
(CHILDREN RETURN 18TH APRIL)

**Success from book fair sales**

We are delighted to inform you that the school was able to raise £774 at the book fair, thanks to your support by purchasing books from this event. This money will be used to purchase and replace resources in our school library.



**BOXFRESH FITNESS STUDIO**

BRAND NEW boogie bounce exercise classes on a Monday 5.15-6 and Thursday's 3.45-4.30 for children aged 5 yrs -15yrs. Boxercise classes available for children aged 9 yrs upwards and fitness 4 fun for ages 4 -8 yrs available too. All at Boxfresh Fitness Studio, Unit 6, Scotland Farm, Dry Drayton. Contact Lisa from Boxfresh fitness on 07957 986725 or email [lisa@boxfreshfitness.com](mailto:lisa@boxfreshfitness.com) to book a free taster session.

### Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to check how many spoonfuls of cereal it will take to fill their breakfast bowl.

Ask your Year 1 child what they would give up for Lent and why.

Ask your Year 2 child to name the features of a newspaper.

Ask your Year 3 child how Howard Carter found Tutankhamen's tomb.

Ask your Year 4 child how to use alliteration in their writing.

Ask your Year 5 child which element combination makes the loudest bang when a flame is added.

Ask your Year 6 child about the struggles of Shackleton's Endurance voyage.

## Head Teacher roll of honour

Euan in Lacerta Class—For learning from the science lecture he attended on Monday. Through careful listening and questioning he was able to make the most of this experience.

Daniela in Orange Class—For her wonderful, captivating dance in the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' play.

### Friends of Monkfield Park

**BAKE SALE**—Many thanks to all who donated cakes for our Bake Sale last week and all the families who purchased an after school treat. We raised £62.50 towards Year 6 leaving activities. The next Bake Sale will take place on **28 April**.



**NAME THE EASTER BUNNY**—Commencing 20 March you will have the opportunity to "name the Easter bunny" in the KS1 after school. For £1 you can select a name from the list provided. The names will be put into a bucket at the end of term and the winner will get to take the gorgeous fluffy bunny home with them!



**BAGS TO SCHOOL COLLECTION**—The next Bag to School collection has been planned for Thursday 4 May. If you having a spring clear out of old clothes and shoes over the Easter holidays please bear us in mind. Collection bags will be sent home after Easter.



**SUMMER FETE : SATURDAY 17 JUNE**—The Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 17 June. This year will follow the style of a traditional fete with games and stalls. If you can help out on the day please let us know. The event will be added to PTA Social shortly.



#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Name the Easter Bunny</b>	Commencing 20 March
<b>Comic Relief Dress Down Day</b>	24 March £1 donation on the way into school
<b>Bake Sale</b>	28 April
<b>Bag2School collection</b>	4 May
<b>Summer Fete</b>	Saturday 17 June

Further details on all events will be sent out in due course.

## **Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre Holiday Club**

The Care & Learning Centre operates a Holiday Club during school holiday periods. Holiday Club sessions are charged by the hour from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm daily which enables parents/carers to book hours to suit their needs (the minimum chargeable unit is one hour). Children attending for full days or over lunchtime will need to bring a nut-free packed lunch. Also, we cannot heat or re-heat items sent in from home.

The cost of the Holiday Club will be £4.80 per child per hour for children aged 3 to 11 years and £5.25 per hour for children aged from 2 until the term after their third birthday (a one-off registration fee applies to register a child at the Care & Learning Centre). The Easter holiday club schedule is below:

<b>Time and Date</b>	<b>10.00 am -12 noon</b>	<b>1.00 pm - 3.00 pm</b>	<b>3.30 pm - 5.00 pm</b>	<b>5.00 pm - 6.00 pm</b>
<b>Monday 3rd April Modelling Day</b>	Pipe Cleaner In-sects	Soap Carving	Paper Aeroplane Flight Challenge	Construction Kit Models
<b>Tuesday 4th April Spring Time - Part 1</b>	Painting & Decorating Flower Pots	Planting	Signs of Spring Challenge Walk	Shaun the Sheep DVD
<b>Wednesday 5th April Talent Show Day</b>	Plan & Prepare your 'Act'	Make Props & Instruments	The Big Rehearsal	The 'Show'
<b>Thursday 6th April Games Day</b>	Giant Games	Designing Board Games	Twister Challenge	Table Top Games
<b>Friday 7th April Art Attack</b>	Wool Art	Fabric Art	Outdoor Splatter Painting	Bead Art
<b>Monday 10th April Den Day</b>	Design a Den for your Favourite Teddy	Make the Den for Teddy	Outdoor Den Building	Story Dens
<b>Tuesday 11th April Spring Time - Part 2</b>	Tissue Paper Spring Flowers	Plasticine Spring Picture Prints	Designing & Making Easter Hats	Springtime Masks
<b>Wednesday 12th April Easter Cooking</b>	Making Hot Cross Bun Dough	Make Hot Cross Buns	Edible Easter Chicks	Easter Songs, Rhymes & Stories
<b>Thursday 13th April Egg-Stravaganza</b>	Making Chocolate Nests	Egg Hunt	Decorating Eggs & Egg Rolling Competition	Peter Rabbit DVD

If you would like to book any sessions or have any questions about the Holiday Club please do not hesitate to contact the Care & Learning Centre on 01954 273301 or by email [clcof-fice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcof-fice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk)

## Healthy Eating recipes

Our Year 2 children recently made healthy pizzas and then created the recipe below. They can be eaten as a snack or as part of a healthy dinner.

### Healthy fun size pizza!



#### You will need:

Mini tortilla wraps (or other bread)

Tomato sauce

Cheese

Toppings such as: cooked chicken, sweetcorn, peppers, mushrooms, onions

#### Method:

- 1.) Wash your hands carefully with soap and water.
- 2.) Wear a hair net to tie up long hair.
- 3.) Clean the table well.
- 4.) Put a tortilla on the table.
- 5.) Put a tablespoon of sauce on the tortilla and spread it around with the back of the spoon.
- 6.) Place your favourite toppings on top.
- 7.) Sprinkle cheese over the top.
- 7.) Move the pizza to a baking tray ready to put in the oven. CAREFUL the oven is HOT! Ask an adult for help in putting it in the oven.
- 8.) Cook for 18 minutes at 180 degrees Celsius.
- 9.) While it's cooking, clean the table and wash up any dirty dishes.

**Parenting courses**

Because children don't come with instructions

**Raising Teens and Sibling Rivalry**  
**Cambourne Village College**  
Starts on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for 10 weeks  
(excluding half term)  
6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Being a parent is one of the hardest but also one of the most rewarding jobs. Unfortunately children/teenagers don't come with an instruction manual!  
The "Raising Teens" programme is aimed at offering parents of children aged 11-16 years a supportive, informal environment, in which to gain information, knowledge and skills around parenting issues.  
Facilitated by Samantha Stacey and Clare Merrington.  
Booking essential please call 01954 284604.  
Venue – Cambourne Village College  
Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne, CB23 6FR

**Parenting courses**

Because children don't come with instructions

**Raising Children and Sibling Rivalry**  
**Cambourne Village College**  
Starts on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May for 9 weeks  
(excluding half term)  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Being a parent is one of the hardest but also one of the most rewarding jobs. Unfortunately children don't come with an instruction manual!  
The Raising Children programme is aimed at offering parents of children aged 5-12 years a supportive, informal environment, in which to gain information, knowledge and skills around parenting.  
Facilitated by Samantha Stacey and Clare Merrington.  
If you are interested in attending please call- 01954 284604 or 01954 286008  
Venue- Cambourne Village College, Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne  
Cambridge, CB23 6FR