

# Newsletter 37

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**Year 6 performance**

Our Year 6 children impressed their audience of parents and carers this week with their final performance at Monkfield Park titled 'Treachery at Traitors' Quay'. The children told their World War II story through drama, dance and song and their strap line of 'Keep calm and carry on' personified the personalities of children who attend Year 6 very aptly. The audience was taken through twists and turns in the plot throughout the performance, only to find that the traitor concerned was a lady disguised as a teacher. It is always superb to see the children involved in the wider activities offered by the school and to see them bringing their wide range of talents to the foreground and this performance was no exception. Thank you Year 6 and to the staff who helped you put your show together. We hope that if you were able to attend you enjoyed this performance.



**Reports drop in for parents**

Teaching staff will be available between 3.45—5.15 pm on Monday 22nd July on a first come-first served basis to answer any queries that parents may have about their child's report. Please sign in at the front office, where we will be happy to direct you.

**Staff News**

We would like to inform you that Mrs Wellings will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. We wish her well for the future and thank her for her work at Monkfield Park.

We would like to announce that Miss Bailey will be joining our teaching team from September. Mrs Giddings will also be joining us to cover the maternity leave for Mrs Martin, and Mrs Tranter will be covering the maternity leave for Miss Simpson from September. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming them all to our team. All of our new starters have visited the school to meet the children and staff and are looking forward to getting to know our families better.

**Exercise books being sent home**

On Friday 19th July, staff will be sending home children's exercise books and work in readiness for the end of term. So that your child is able to carry their belongings, it would be very helpful if you could supply them with a named carrier bag that they can use to transport such items from school to home.

**FORTHCOMING DATES**

- 15th July 3.45-5.00pm—Reports drop in
- 22nd July at 10am—Year 6 Leaver's assembly
- 23rd July—LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM FOR CHILDREN
- 24th July—INSET DAY (school closed to children)
- 3rd September—INSET DAY (school closed to children)
- 4th September—Key Stage 1 and 2 children return
- 9th September—Reception children stay until 12 noon
- 12th & 13th September—Reception children stay for the morning + lunch
- 16th September—Reception children start full time

### Sentence Starters

- Ask your Reception child an interesting fact they learnt on their trip to Wicken Fen nature reserve.
- Ask your Year 1 child to name the trees we have on the school site.
- Ask your Year 2 child to tell you the time.
- Ask your Year 3 child to explain how seeds are dispersed.
- Ask your Year 4 child to explain the purpose of a glossary.
- Ask your Year 5 child what the instructions are for Quidditch.
- Ask your Year 6 child to make a list of all of the emotions and responsibilities they may face as they grow up.

## Headteacher Roll of Honour

Joshua in Delphinus Class—Well done Josh for stepping into the shoes of a fellow actor this week and giving this responsibility your full attention.

Nicolo in Pegasus Class—a hugely committed attitude to the running of his mini fete stall last week which should be commended, well done!

### Word of the Week

This week we explored the meaning of the word 'unconditional' and identified what or who in our lives provides unconditional understanding. We also looked at ways that we could become more unconditional ourselves. Lots of children have shared that they believe their pets are unconditional!

Unconditional

### Reception visit Wicken Fen

What better way to continue our learning about minibeasts than to visit a nature reserve jam packed with them? Reception children were lucky enough to do exactly this when they visited Wicken Fen nature reserve on Tuesday 9th July. They had to be on full alert as they became minibeast hunters themselves, searching in different habitats for friends of the creepy, crawly kind; including in the pond, under logs and amongst the long sweeping grass. The children were amazed to come across minibeasts they had never seen or heard of before, some of which included damsel flies and fresh water snails. The day ended with the children using clay and natural resources from the reserve to make their very own animal or minibeast which might be found at Wicken Fen. As you can imagine each was a wonderful creation which will be a memoir of a truly fantastic trip had by all.



## MONKFIELD PARK ACHIEVES BRONZE SCHOOL GAMES MARK



We are delighted to announce that we, Monkfield Park, have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Mini Olympics Festival
- High Five netball tournament
- Cross country running
- Boys and Girls football tournament
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Inter and intra school competitions
- Year 4 team building
- Outdoor and adventurous activities
- Year 5 dance festival
- Tag rugby

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfill criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Mrs Wellings & Mr Yates as well as staff and volunteers who were able to accompany children to these events.

