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What a Week!

Goodness what a busy week we have had in school. It is incredible to already find ourselves at the end of April, about to welcome in May and all the exciting activities that the Summer term brings.

We started the term with the return of our Team afternoon. These joyous occasions, held each term, have been an opportunity for the children to work together in their Houses on a range of team building activities. It hasn't been possible for these to take place for the past two years, so we were very excited to be able to join together once again for an afternoon of fun.

This week has also been our annual international week when we come together to celebrate the wonderful, diversity of our school community. We were also delighted to welcome Mike Mullen, the former BMX World Champion, who came to talk to us about boosting our resilience and unlocking our hidden potential.

Mrs Howell

BMX and Growth Mind-set.

On Tuesday morning we all gathered together on the playground for a very special assembly led by the former BMX World Champion, Mike Mullen. Mike now travels to schools to talk to children about improving their mind-set, confidence and wellbeing. Using the story of his own experiences, and some breath taking stunts, Mike encouraged us all to build belief, find courage, boost resilience and unlock our hidden potential. The assembly culminated in Mike challenging the teachers to face their fears and put their trust in him by allowing him to jump over them on his BMX bike. We always believe in leading by example at Monkfield Park, so Mrs Howell and Mrs Major had to face their fears and volunteer. Fortunately, Mike was true to his word and they were unscathed by the exhilarating experience and we think the children were, really quite impressed. Many thanks to Mike for such a truly amazing, inspirational assembly.



Team Afternoons Are Back

What better way to start the Summer term than with a well overdue Team Afternoon! For many of the children, this was the first time they had experienced meeting together with their entire house team (approximately 80 children) and it certainly wasn't an afternoon they'll forget. With the children dressed in their house team colours, they were instantly united and ready for some fun and games.

The afternoon started with a team colour hunt on the school field. The race was on to find as many bears as possible to match each team colour. Each team eagerly waited to see if they had scored better than the team previous, but it was Challenger who topped the leader board, finding 79 bears in total.

Back in the classrooms, the teams worked collaboratively to answer a Monkfield Park trivia quiz, create large scale doodles, sing songs and make up dances.

The children's comments are a measure of how much they enjoyed the afternoon.

"It was the first time I met all of my team and it was brilliant."

"Being with the younger children and helping them was a great experience."



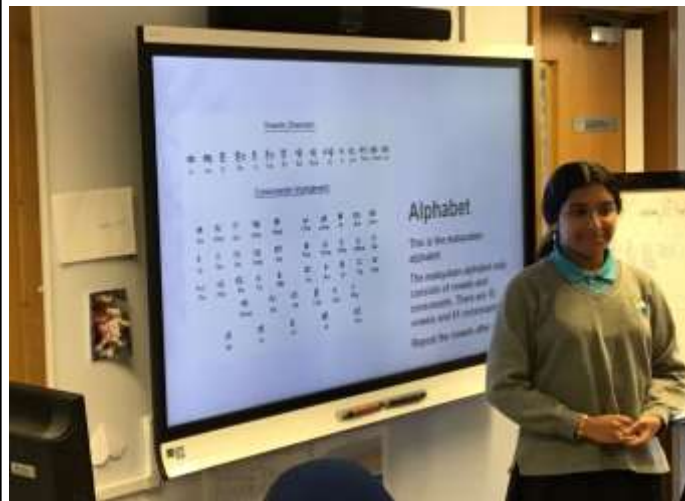
"I can't wait for the next team afternoon already."

Sports Day after half term will be the next opportunity for the house teams to come together and in the meantime each team has the challenge of earning as much rocket fuel as possible!

International Week

This week we have been celebrating the diversity of our school family with our annual International Week. We have so many cultures represented at our school and have loved the opportunity to learn more about the culture and customs of our families. Throughout International Week, the children took part in lots of activities, including: Rangoli workshops, learning phrases in some new languages (there are 39 different languages spoken across our school) and creating some wonderful art work inspired by indigenous culture from around the world. The children were so excited to think about the ways in which we are all so different, but how this makes our school family stronger, exciting and worthy of celebration.

Many thanks go to the Language Leaders from Cambourne Village College and members of our school community who gave their valuable time to help our learning.



Save the Date—The Circus is Coming



We are extremely excited that FOMP have arranged for the National Festival Circus to come to Monkfield Park on Thursday 9th June! The National Festival Circus is a magical mix of laughter and excitement - Slapstick clowns, balancing equilibrilists, fast tempo juggling, baffling magic, high flying diabolos, mesmerising spinning hoops and bucketsful of fabulous fun delivered under the Big Top!

Tickets will be on sale shortly and will be exclusively for the school community at an Early Bird price of £6.50 each until midnight on Sunday 15th May. Tickets will then increase to £7.50 each from Monday 16th May and will be made available to the local community as well. Further information will follow from FOMP in the next few days.

Join the Monkfield Park Team

Teaching Assistant (Level 2 pay scale) & Midday Supervisor

We are looking for enthusiastic, caring professionals who are highly motivated and passionate about children's learning and well-being to support children across the setting (2 to 11 year olds). You will be flexible, patient, have a can-do/roll up your sleeves attitude, together with a cheerful welcoming disposition to support the varying needs, challenges and ages of our children, who are the reason why we are here!

Teaching Assistant 25 hours per week – 9.00 am to 12 noon, 1.25 pm to 3.25 pm, daily, term time only.

Midday Supervisor 5 hours per week – 12.25 pm to 1.25 pm, daily, term time only.

We have enthusiastic children, supportive parents and governors, as well as positive engagement with other local schools and the wider community. You will be part of a supportive, hardworking team based in a well-resourced building in the developing town of Cambourne. Staff development/coaching (both external and internal, individual and group) to meet the needs of our children is high on our agenda, together with regular team meetings, close liaison with the Inclusion Co-ordinator and the teaching staff.

We had our Ofsted Inspection in November 2018 where the school was judged as good. The Inspector found that "Children have positive attitudes to learning" and "Good relationships between pupils and with adults contribute to pupils' strong progress". The Inspector also stated that "Staff are proud to work at the school and want the very best for the pupils that they teach".

Monkfield Park Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The above post is subject to an enhanced DBS check. We are a two form entry primary school with extended school facilities.

Please call for an application pack. CV applications will not be considered.

Visits to the school are very welcome - please contact the school office.

We look forward to you joining our team. This advertisement will be live on a rolling basis until the positions have been filled.

Shortlisting – weekly basis

Interview – by invitation



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Each week this space will provide a celebration of children who may be especially noticed for demonstrating learning or behaviour that we feel should be recognised and commended. This week I would like to congratulate:

Ella in Violet Class: Ella has had some amazing ideas about her science work this week and has been including them in some fantastic writing. Well done Ella for working so hard on your writing this week.

Eros in Aquila Class: We are so proud of the huge improvements Eros has made in his attitude to his learning, particularly with his writing. You have worked so hard on your writing this term and certainly deserve your pen licence.

Daniel in Lacerta Class: Daniel has been working so hard to improve the quality and presentation of his written work this year. We are all so impressed by his determination to improve and move his work forward. Well done Daniel.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to find two objects and test if they float or sink.

Ask your Year 1 child to list what plants need to survive.

Ask your Year 2 child to explain the effect greenhouse gasses have on our planet.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you a fraction which is equivalent to a $\frac{1}{2}$.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what a Rangoli pattern is and where it can be found.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the relationship between decimals and percentages.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how to use an Alan Peat 3 bad— sentence type.

A Healthy School



Please can we politely remind parents and carers that we are a healthy school and as such children are only allowed to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for their mid-morning snack.

Children should not bring snacks such as crisps, biscuits or chocolate to be eaten at break time. We also encourage children to limit how frequently they are including these items in their packed lunches.

If you would like suggestions on healthy options to include in packed lunches you can request our Healthy Schools leaflet from the school office.

As the weather begins to get warmer please can we remind children to bring a named, refillable water bottle to school each day as it is important that they maintain hydration levels. Fizzy drinks, squash and juices are not allowed in water bottles. Thank you for your support in keeping our school and children as healthy as possible.

FORTHCOMING DATES

2nd May	May Bank Holiday
3rd May	Year 4 Team Building Day
9th to 12th May	Key Stage 2 SATS week
17th May	Reception Summer performance at 10am
18th May	Year 5 visit to Harry Potter World
18th May	Reception Summer performance at 2pm
23rd to 27th May	PGL week for Year 6
27th May	Break the Rules Day
27th May	Break up for Half Term
6th June	INSET Day
7th June	INSET Day
8th June to 10th June	Eco week
9th June	FOMP Circus event
10th June	Phoenix Class Assembly
10th June	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations
13th to 17th June	STEM week
17th June	Class photographs
21st June	Year 3 performance at 2pm
22nd June	Reception and KS1 Sports Day (Reserve Sports day on 24th June)
22nd June	New Reception parents' evening
23rd June	Year 3 performance at 2pm
28th June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Reserve Sports Day on 29th June)
1st July	Lacerta Class assembly
7th July 8th July	Reports sent out to parents and carers
11th July	Reports Drop In session for parents
11th to 15th July	Healthy Lifestyles Week
13th July	Year 6 performance at 6pm
14th July	Year 6 performance at 6pm
20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
21st July	Last day of the Summer term and school year

Rabbit Room News

The children were very excited to meet our real baby caterpillars this week! We are going to watch them grow and then turn into cocoons and butterflies before we release them into our garden. I wonder if you can guess what our next 'Book of the Week' is going to be??!

We have also been continuing our focus on shapes, learning about 'solid' (3d) shapes and some of their properties. We looked at the different types of 'faces' the shapes have and tested to see which ones rolled.

