

# Newsletter 10

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## Conflict resolution in action at Monkfield Park

Recently we told you about a strategy called 'peer mediation' which is in action at Monkfield Park. This involves specially trained children in Years 2 and 6 to be peer mediators and to help children with fall out situations which can inevitably occur in the playground between children. We have recently also been talking to the children about managing conflict situations and have provided them with a 'script' below. They have been using this to avoid conflict with their peers and have been supported by staff in doing so. We thought that it would be helpful to share the script with you so that we are able to work together in supporting children's friendships:

**Child 1-** Stop. Let's not fall out. Let's talk.

**Child 1-** Your turn and I'll just listen. What's the matter?

**Child 2-** Your turn and I'll just listen. What's the matter?

**Child 1-** Your turn and I'll just listen. What would make it better for you?

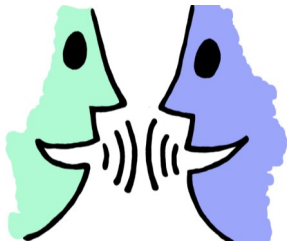
**Child 2-** Your turn and I'll just listen. What would make it better for you?

**Child 1&2-** What shall we choose to make it better both of us?

**Child 1&2-** Let's agree



You will also see some new signs around our school building which are known as 'conflict stoppers'. They remind the children what to say if they are facing a conflict situation. The phrase we use is **"Stop. Let's not fall out. Let's talk."**



## Would you like to help your child with their emotions?

If the answer to this question is 'yes', then **we can** help! The next drop in for parents will be held in school on Tuesday 22nd November between 2pm and 3pm. It will be a chance for parents to get advice from our parent support advisors about how best to manage the wide range of emotions that children may exhibit. This can range from anxiety, anger, worry, insecurity, jealousy or even sibling rivalry. Children don't come with a handbook, so please do drop in and see us so that we can help. Just come along to the school office where you will be more than welcome to attend a private 1:1 session.

## Head Teacher roll of honour

We have had lots of visitors in school over the last week who have passed on such positive comments about our children. It is always a pleasure to have good feedback and for other people to appreciate the hard work and efforts of the children and staff. This week in the Head Teacher roll of honour we would particularly like to praise the following children:

-Daniela in Orange Class—Daniela is learning so much because she listens! She thrives on the new information which her teacher gives her and always strives to do her best.

Siddiqah in Delphinus Class—Siddiqah always gives insightful and well thought out opinions which even put her teacher to the test! She challenges her own thinking and the thinking of others at all times.

Alina in Dorado Class—Alina is such a friendly girl who is able to say kind things to her peers.

### Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to show you what 'full, half full and empty' look like, using a drinks bottle.
- Ask your Year 1 child to name some nocturnal animals and to explain what is special about these.
- Ask your Year 2 child to use directional language to describe their journey to school.
- Ask your Year 3 child to tell you what they have learnt about ball skills in PE, and ask them to show you.
- Ask your Year 4 child to tell you the features of a bar chart and to show you how to extract information from one.
- Ask your Year 5 child to tell you about the 'bus stop method' when completing a division problem.
- Ask your Year 6 child what they grew on their soil sample during the SAW project.

### Forthcoming dates




13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert	19th December—Christmas lunch
14th December 9.30am—Reception 'come and share' event	20th December—Christmas parties
14th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert	20th December—Last day of term
15th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity	21st December—Christmas holidays begin
15th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert	4th January INSET day (school closed to children)
16th December 10am—Year 1 nativity	5th January—All children return

### Help us to become a healthy school

During assembly this week, we learnt about the importance of taking part in regular exercise and the effect that this can have on our bodies. We learnt that the heart is in fact a muscle and that we need to exercise it to keep it in good working order and so that it can do its job well.

Just like a bike may become rusty if it is not used for some time, our muscles and bones need to be kept moving too. Activity is needed to keep your heart healthy and your bones strong. Try to include some form of activity every day: it may just be walking to school or running up the stairs. Games like skipping and football are good for giving the body a workout. Swimming is particularly good for keeping you healthy.

### Friends of Monkfield Park

	<p><b>CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS</b></p> <p>Please note the deadline: <b>MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>PAYMENT: CASH (correct if possible) or CHEQUE payable to "Friends of Monkfield Park".</p>
	<p><b>CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING</b></p> <p><b>FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 7 – 9PM</b></p> <p>Pop down and get some amazing Christmas presents from the wonderful stalls.</p>
<p><b>Christmas Crafternoon</b></p> <p>Weds 7th Dec 3:30-5pm</p> <p>Let your children get creative...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Solve those present dilemmas with something handmade!</li> <li>* Make decorations</li> <li>* Refreshments on sale</li> </ul> <p>Monkfield Park Primary School</p> <p></p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON</b></p> <p>If you could spare some time to help man a stall while your children have fun getting crafty please let us know on PTA Social <a href="http://service.ptasocial.com/register/FOMP">http://service.ptasocial.com/register/FOMP</a></p>
<p></p> <p>Registered Charity No.1129299</p>	<p><b>CONTACT US</b></p> <p>Via email <a href="mailto:friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com">friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com</a> , via our Facebook page or via the school office.</p>