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The Benefits of Zoom

We were so pleased to be able to meet so many of our families over Zoom this week for the first of our parent consultation evenings. Holding these evenings via Zoom has been one of the positives to come out of the pandemic. I hope you will agree that not having to queue outside the hall after a long day at work, and being able to meet the teachers from the comfort of your own home, is a much better system. If for some reason you were unable to access the meeting you had booked, please book a meeting to meet your child's teacher on Thursday 21st October. Additionally, staff are always available to meet with you in person. If you would like to arrange a face-to-face meeting with your child's teacher please contact the school office to arrange this.

As we have been advised not to hold large events in school for the foreseeable future, we will be holding class assemblies and productions via Zoom this term, unless the guidance changes. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Howell

Netball Club

On Thursday evenings a band of dedicated Year 6 children have been coming together to play netball. Coached by Mrs Major, they have been working hard to perfect their skills and knowledge of the game and to build a strong team ethos.

This week the children had the opportunity to play in their first tournament which was organised by the South Cambridgeshire Sports Partnership at Cambourne Village College. I am very pleased to report that all



the children demonstrated great team spirit throughout all their matches and everyone was very impressed by their enthusiasm, energy and politeness. Over all the teams came a very respectable second and third and demonstrated what wonderful sports people they are. I hope you can see the children's joy and pleasure at being able to take part in a sporting competition again after such a long time. A huge well done to all the children, we are very proud of you.

Safari Stu Visits Monkfield Park

This term the children in Year 1 have been completely immersed in learning about animals, from how to classify and group them, to how they move, what their diets consist of and which habitats they are able to survive in. Building on their previous learning, the children in Year 2 have been focusing on adaptations in the animal kingdom, food chains and the life processes of a range of animals and insects. As a special treat to embed their learning, Mrs Martin arranged for Safari Stu to visit the children this week bringing some very special animal friends with him.

The children were amazed and enthralled to be able to hold and study some very unusual animals such as a python, a panther chameleon, a tarantula, a tenrec, a chuckawalla and some giant hissing cockroaches.



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:

Anna in Indigo Class: Anna loves learning and thrives on amassing facts and information. Last week she put her learning to great use at Woolsthorpe Manor and blew the staff away with her knowledge of Isaac Newton and the science behind many of his theories. We are so proud of you Anna.

Parker in Dorado Class: Parker has been listening very carefully to the advice and feedback from his teachers and has stunned us with his writing this week. Even though Parker will tell you that he finds writing a bit tricky, he is now using amazing vocabulary and even included some similes. You were bouncing with excitement Parker and so were we. Well done.

Bradley in Lacerta class: Bradley has been working so hard in swimming lessons this term. He has impressed everyone with his determination and the swimming coach has praised him for always giving 150% every week. This is so pleasing to hear Bradley.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you what their 5 senses are.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you what their favourite animal was that Safari Stu introduced them to and why.

Ask your Year 2 child to use interesting vocabulary to describe one of the animals they met on Monday.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how to subtract a tens number from a 3 digit number.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what dangers there are for wildlife in the local environment.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the sequence of the moon's phases.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how they can use factors to support division calculations.

First Class Assembly of the Year

The children love the opportunity to share their learning with their families and friends. Indigo Class set the ball rolling in style when they presented the first class assembly of this school year. Sadly, it had to be held via Zoom, but the children didn't let this dampen their spirits as they told us all about their trip to Woolsthorpe Manor to learn about Sir Isaac Newton and his theories about gravity which led him to become one of the most famous scientists of all time. It was so pleasing to hear how much knowledge the children had absorbed and to witness how excited and enthused they are by their learning,



FORTHCOMING DATES 2021 to 2022

The arrangements for all these events may be subject to change if there are changes in Government and Local Authority guidance. Until further notice, most of the large events will take place virtually via Zoom.

18th October 10 am to 11 am—Parent/Carer drop in

21st October 4pm —6:30pm—Parent consultation evening

25th—29th October—HALF TERM

1st November—Children return to school

12th November at 9:15am—Blue Class assembly

12th November—Flu Vaccinations in school

w/c 15th November—Anti bullying week

16th November at 2pm—Year 2 Production

19th November—Children in Need Day

15th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

16th December at 6pm—Year 4 Carol Concert

17th December—LAST DAY OF TERM

20th December—3rd January 2022—CHRISTMAS BREAK

4th January—INSET Day (school closed for children)

5th January—Children return to school

Bikes and Scooters

Despite a number of reminders recently, children are still riding bikes and scooters on the playground. Unfortunately, an elderly lady was left very shaken after a bicycle collided with her and almost knocked her over last week. We want to ensure the safety of everyone on our school site so please remember:

- When arriving at school, dismount from your bike or scooter at the gate and push it across the site.
- When leaving the school site, please do not mount your bicycle or scooter until you are outside the school gates.
- Please make sure that younger siblings are not allowed to ride bikes or scooters on the school site.
- Please be aware of those around you, especially at busy times.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



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Sackville House, Sackville Way CB23 6HL



Ceramics Workshop

Visual Art

Saturday 4 December

Running time: 2 hours

Suitable for: Children aged 4 – 10 yrs.

(Children must be supervised by an adult who will not require a ticket)

Tickets: £6/£3

Start time: 2pm

Learn how to create your favourite book character using a range of clay hand building techniques with ceramic artist **Louise Beale**. Bring a favourite book to the workshop and use images from it to make your own clay character sculpture to take home.

For full details of activities, to book tickets and to see the whole county wide and online programme please visit www.library.live/the-library-presents



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