

# Newsletter 27

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Don't forget that

Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday! See you back in school on Tuesday 4th.

## International Week

Although we regularly celebrate and welcome the diversity within our school, this week has been a special chance to recognise and celebrate the wide-ranging cultures, languages and cosmopolitan school community that Monkfield Park represents. Children have been telling staff all about the new languages that they have learnt and countries that they have either visited or lived in. One child has become a teacher themselves this week and has even taught Mrs Jarman how to say phrases in Spanish, Urdu and Arabic. We have learned about the differing cuisines that other countries offer to us and have heard about 'alternative' homes in assemblies where staff have shared their experiences of home countries such as Indonesia, Spain and Tunisia.

The children have enjoyed hearing remote presentations from visitors from such places as Cambourne Village College that has enriched their understanding of international diversity. Normally during international week, such visitors are able to be welcomed into school in person, but the children did not have to miss out as they joined us remotely instead.

We have learnt about customs and cultures from destinations beyond the UK, such as Ghana, Lithuania and Egypt and we have identified how globalisation has allowed us to connect with countries more readily.

Thank you to Mrs Deegan for planning this week and for inviting us all to join her to celebrate Eid as part of her own culture.



## Message from the Chair of Governors—School Leadership information

I am pleased to inform you that since I wrote to you last, the school that Mrs Jarman has been seconded to has been able to bring forward the appointment of their substantive Headteacher to 1st June. This means that Mrs Jarman will be able to resume as the full time Headteacher at Monkfield Park from this date and for the Summer term. This will be until she leaves us to take up her new Executive Headteacher post at Queens' Federation from September.

Mrs Howell will also be able to revert to her full time responsibilities as the Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo as from 1st June. We are incredibly grateful that Mrs Howell has been able to cover the Headteacher role whilst Mrs Jarman has been seconded and we all appreciate the work that she has done in maintaining the high standards at Monkfield Park.

Mrs McLaughlin (Chair of Governors)



### Life Cycles in Year 1

Year 1 children have been using real life opportunities to learn more about life cycles, with the help of some tadpoles that are currently residing in our classrooms. Mrs Evans has kindly loaned the wriggly visitors to Blue Class and Green Class so that the children are able to watch them evolve and grow into frogs, before they return to her pond. What better way for children to understand this concept than with seeing this transformation with their own eyes! The children are keenly watching and waiting for the first few tadpoles to develop their legs and it looks as though this may happen any day now.



## Headteacher Roll of Honour

Thank you to the following children for really standing out this week. We are proud of you:

Alfie in Green Class—I have seen Alfie playing some very co-operative games on the playground with his friends this week. Thank you for being a great role model Alfie.

Fareed in Violet Class—It was a pleasure to read Fareed's writing this week, including some really ambitious vocabulary and interesting word choices for his reader. Well done Fareed.

### Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to think of three words to describe the Big Bad Wolf.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you the step-by-step instructions of how to make a bird feeder.

Ask your Year 2 child to name and describe three features of a farm.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you something special about them.

Ask your Year 4 child how to make a simple electrical circuit.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how to order decimals, including converting them to fractions to check.

Ask your Year 6 child how to find the interior angles of a triangle.



# Early Intervention Family Worker Newsletter

## 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### A Message from Me

Hi my name is Sam and I am your Early Intervention family worker. I can help support you with any general parenting issue you may be experiencing at home.

Please find my contact email address below. I look forward to hearing from you.

### Activity Idea

How to Make a Calming Lavender Sock Bunny with your child.

Step 1 – Start by adding some lavender to your sock. Step 2 – We then added the rice. You'll be adding a ribbon around the sock later to create the bunny's neck, so you'll need a little wiggle room. Step 3 – When you are happy, gather the sock up and tie an elastic band around the top to secure it. Make sure you leave enough sock at the top to cut in some bunny ear shapes. Step 4 – Now it's time to tie a ribbon around your bunny's neck, draw on a face and add any extras.

Children can pop them on their laps and gain the benefits of feeling the pressure from the weight. Children can also use their sense of touch and feel the texture of the rice inside the bunny and use their sense of smell to enjoy the scent of the Lavender.



### Parenting Top Tip

**1. Children need a minimum 8 touches during a day to feel connected to a parent.**

It could be as simple as, straightening of a collar, a pat on a shoulder or a simple hug.

**2. Each day, children need one meaningful eye-to-eye conversation with a parent.**

Children of all ages need us to slow down and look them in the eyes.

**3. There are 9 minutes during the day that have the greatest impact on a child:**

-The first 3 minutes right after they wake up.

-The 3 minutes after they come home from school.

-the last 3 minutes of the day before they go to bed.

**WE NEED TO MAKE THOSE MOMENTS SPECIAL AND HELP OUR CHILDREN FEEL LOVED.** ❤️

### Another Resource

Lots of useful activities around relaxation and mindfulness for children you can find in website

<https://calmahoykids.co.uk/>

**Does** your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint ([www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk)) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer)



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**We must  
keep on protecting  
each other.**



**HANDS**



**FACE**



**SPACE**



### Forthcoming Dates

These dates may be subject to change if there are changes in Government and Local Authority guidance.

3rd May—Bank holiday (school closed to children)

7th May—Phoenix Class assembly at 9.15am via Zoom (more details to follow)

14th May—Violet Class assembly at 9.15am via Zoom (more details to follow)

19th May—Reception celebration at 10am via Zoom (more details to follow)

21st May—Dorado Class assembly at 9.15am via Zoom (more details to follow)

21st May—Team pod afternoon

21st May—STEM Week

21st May—Class photos

28th May—Aquila Class assembly at 9.15am via Zoom (more details to follow)

28th May—Friends of Monkfield Park 'Break the Rules Day' (more details to follow) **NEW DATE ADDED**

w/c 31st May—Half term

7th June—INSET day (school closed to children)

8th June—INSET day (school closed to children)

9th June—Children return

11th June—Indigo Class assembly at 9.15am (via Zoom, if necessary)

18th June—Lacerta Class assembly at 9.15am (via Zoom, if necessary)

21st June—Reception & Key Stage 1 sports day practise (all children to wear PE kits)

22nd June—Year 4 Mini Olympics (more details to follow)

23rd June—Reception & Key Stage 1 sports day (more details to follow)

24th June—Reserve Reception & Key Stage 1 sports day

28th June—Key Stage 2 sports day practise (all children to wear PE kits)

30th June—Key Stage 2 sports day (more details to follow)

1st July—Reserve Key Stage 2 sports day

1st July—New Reception children come and play at 9.30am

2nd July—Columba Class assembly at 9.15am(via Zoom, if necessary)

7th July—New Reception children come and play at 9.30am

7th July —New Reception parents' evening at 6.00pm (more details to follow)

8th & 9th July—Year 6 new intake days at Cambourne Village College

13th July—New Reception children come and play at 9.30am

14th July—Year 6 production at 2pm (via Zoom, if necessary)

15th July—Year 6 production at 6pm (via Zoom, if necessary)

21st July—Year 6 Leavers' assembly at 10am (via Zoom, if necessary)

22nd July—Last day of Summer term

23rd July—Start of Summer holidays

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