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## Raising money for Children in Need

This year we raised money for Children in Need by inviting children to come to school dressed in colourful clothes in return for a donation of £1. Monkfield Park was uplifted by the range of colours that could be seen throughout the school and the children also took time to learn about this worthy cause. Thank you for supporting Children in Need once again.



## Year 3 visit the Tutankhamun exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery

When the opportunity arose for our Year 3 children to visit the Tutankhamun exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery in London, we knew this opening had to be seized to enable them to take part in, potentially, a once in a lifetime opportunity. The children were dazzled by the artefacts that they saw and how these fitted into their learning about Egypt. There was nothing like observing such historical items first hand, which gave real meaning to the children's understanding of life and traditions during that time period. The children have summarised their visit in the paragraph below.....

'What a fantastic day! After a long coach ride we arrived at the Saatchi Gallery, where we took part in a workshop looking at ancient Egyptian painted boxes and artefacts and another on Egyptian sacred objects. We also explored the Tutankhamun exhibition looking at the treasures of the golden pharaoh, where there were 150 authentic objects from the tomb of Tutankhamun. We used our knowledge of hieroglyphs to try to read ancient writing but it was a bit tricky for us. One of our highlights was seeing the real canopic jars because we had made some of our own in class.'



## Anti bullying week

At Monkfield Park, it is important to all of us that children can learn in a happy, caring and safe environment. With that in mind, during anti bullying week this week, the children explored things that they could either do or say to make peers feel included in all aspects of school life. We looked at who the responsibility for creating a harmonious school environment rested with and we decided that we all have a part to play. We also identified how our peer mediators can assist us in managing conflict and from preventing small disagreements from escalating. Here are some of the questions and positive comments that children thought about using to help others feel welcome and positive about themselves.

"Would you like to join in?"

"You can sit with me!"

"Nice try!"

"Can I help you?"

"I thought you did really well!"

# Headteacher Roll of Honour

Aaliyah-Rose in Violet Class—Well done for being so sensible and brave when you say goodbye to your adult at school time. You can do it!

Edward in Delphinus Class—I am so proud of the writer you have become. You take all of your targets seriously and show determination to meet them all. Keep it up, you are doing so well.

## Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to collect some Autumn leaves and compare their sizes, shapes and colours.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you facts about aeroplanes that they found out during a visit from an airline pilot.

Ask your Year 2 child how they can help to make school a safe and happy place for everyone.

Ask your Year 3 child about Tutankhamun.

Ask your Year 4 child to give one example how humans have a negative impact on the environment.

Ask your Year 5 child what the features of persuasive language are.

Ask your Year 6 child how parenthesis can be used in a sentence.

## A real life pilot visits Year 1

As part of the Year 1 topic 'wheels, wings and other things' we were lucky enough to get a visit from a Virgin Atlantic airline pilot. Before the visit we wrote questions about aeroplanes and flying that we wanted to know the answers to. The children had some amazing ideas for questions, such as "How many jets do aeroplanes have?", "How high do they fly?" and "How fast do they go?" We found out lots of amazing facts about aeroplanes. Did you know that aeroplanes that take you on holiday can have up to 24 wheels? We also found out that his favourite aeroplane to fly is a hawk, which Freddie said looked like a red arrow, and he was right, it was the same aeroplane! We

watched a clip of him flying in formation with lots of other hawks all travelling at about 350 miles an hour! Finally we got to try on some of the flying suits he used to wear when he was a fighter pilot in the RAF, including some aviator sunglasses!



## FORTHCOMING DATES

9th December—Flu vaccinations

10th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

11th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

12th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity (corrected)

12th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

13th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

16th December—Christmas Crafternoon

17th December—Christmas lunch

18th December—LAST DAY OF TERM

19th December—2nd January 2020—CHRISTMAS BREAK

3rd January 2020—INSET day (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

6th January 2020—Children return