

# Newsletter 18

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## Schools Sport Partnership Gymnastics competition

This week a team of Year 3 children participated in the South Cambs Schools Sport Partnership Gymnastics competition at Comberton Village College. Each child got the opportunity to showcase their skills through a series of vaults in addition to completing a floor or body management routine. The children enjoyed the opportunity to take part and represented the school with enthusiasm and team spirit throughout the afternoon!



## Name the gritter competition

Following a competition launched by Cambridgeshire County Council to name 36 gritters, Zoe from Monkfield Park had her chosen name of 'Gritty McMelterson' picked from 600 entrants to adorn one of the new gritters. Zoe attended a naming ceremony, where the winning entrants were able to see their naming ideas printed on the brand new machines. Perhaps we will see Gritty McMelterson on the highways around Cambridgeshire. Well done Zoe!



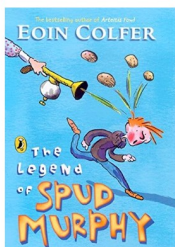
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## Year 1 phonics workshop

Wow, what a turn out we had for our Year 1 Phonics Workshop! We had a packed room full of parents and carers eager to support their children in becoming excellent readers. Children (and adults) engaged in fun and exciting phonics games which can easily be played at home too. An information leaflet will be emailed to all parents/carers about what was covered in the workshop. Alternatively, you can find our information leaflet on the school website.

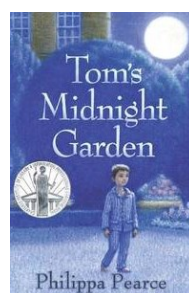
## Recommended reads

### Key Stage 1: The Legend of Spud Murphy by Eoin Colfer



Spud's mother has the brilliant idea of packing Will and Marty off to the library during the holidays. She just doesn't understand! Not only is the library no fun, it's also the habitat of the legendary librarian Spud Murphy. If you put a foot wrong, it's rumoured she will use her dreaded gas-powered spud gun!

### Key Stage 2: Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce



Tom is never sure whether the children he meets in the midnight garden are real or ghosts . . . This entrancing and magical story is one of the best-loved children's books ever written.

### Head lice

We have received reports from parents to say that their child/ren have contracted head lice. Please ensure that you inspect your child's hair AT LEAST ONCE EVERY WEEK and that where lice or eggs are found, these are treated. NHS advice can be found in the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Headteacher Roll of Honour

Lewis in Columba Class—Lewis has been putting his 'all' into reading and it was a pleasure to hear him enjoying a book in our newly refurbished library, which he was certainly making the most of. We are glad that Lewis found it such an inspiring place to read.

Emily in Orange Class—Emily is always seen being helpful and considerate towards other people. She is a real example of how to live by the values of our 'Monkfield Way,' well done Emily.

### Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to compare the heights of people in their family or objects around the home.

Ask your Year 1 child to explain what they did to celebrate Chinese New Year in Tatty Bumpkins.

Ask your Year 2 child why is it important to brush their teeth twice a day.

Ask your Year 3 child to retell you their Stone Age story.

Ask your Year 4 child to name parts of the ear.

Ask your Year 5 child to recall some facts about The Great Wall Of China.

Ask your Year 6 child to retell the story of Much the Miller.

### FORTHCOMING DATES

10th February at 6pm—Key Stage 2 'Reading Revealed' meeting for parents

11th February at 10am—Year 2 performance

12th February at 2pm—Year 2 performance

13th February (am) - Reception Come and Share

14th February—Friends 'break the rules day

17TH—21ST FEBRUARY—HALF TERM

6th March—Mid year reports sent home

9th March—Book Week

18th March at 2pm—Year 5 performance

18th March—Reception Come and Share event (PM)

19th March at 6pm—Year 5 performance

20th March at 9am—Blue Class assembly

24th March—Height and weight checks for Reception & Year 6

26th March—Parents' evening

31st March—Parents' evening

1st April—LAST DAY OF TERM

2ND APRIL –16TH APRIL—EASTER HOLIDAY

17TH APRIL—INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

20TH APRIL—CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Key Stage 2 Reading Revealed Event

**KEY STAGE 2 READING REVEALED EVENT**

We know that children in Key Stage 2 can easily mask their reading ability and knowledge through 'silent' reading. Do you want to find out more about how much your child actually understands from reading a book? How to ask the right questions and how to choose the right types of reading books for them? All parents of Key Stage 2 are warmly invited to our 'Reading Revealed' event that is taking place on 10th February at 6pm. There is a crèche available for school aged children. Please return the form that was circulated about this event last week. If you need another copy, please contact the school office, who will be able to e-mail one to you. We look forward to revealing more about the lifelong skills of reading comprehension.