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Breaking the Rules

As another extremely busy half term draws to a close we have been reflecting in Special Assembly this morning on the many exciting learning activities which the children have enjoyed over the past weeks. The Main Hall was a sea of colour and amazing hair styles as we marked the end of term with the ever popular 'Break the Rules Day', which gives the children the opportunity to push the boundaries in a fun, creative way and raise funds for FOMP. As you are aware, FOMP do so much for the children so if you would like to join them Helen Hickmott, FOMP's Chair, would be very pleased to hear from you.

Many of our Year 6 children have been enjoying a very exciting week of outdoor and adventurous activities at PGL. I am very envious as PGL week is one of my absolute favourites. They have had such a wonderful time and we can't wait to hear about all their adventures. Wishing you a very happy and relaxing half term break.

Mrs Howell

A Musical Treat

On Friday morning we were delighted to welcome Jonathan Mayer and Junaid Ali to school. Jonathan and Ali are both world renowned musicians and composers. Mrs Evans had asked them to come along to introduce the children to their specialist instruments—Jonathan plays the Indian sitar and Junaid plays the tabla. The children were enthralled by their performance in assembly and in the workshops held throughout the morning. It was fascinating to learn more about these traditional instruments and the incredible sounds and melodies they produce. Everyone was amazed to learn about the concept of such complex music being played with no written form; each raga being learnt through imitation and lots of repetition. Everyone agreed it was a wonderful experience to be able to be part of these performances.



Year 3 Visit to Nene Valley

As part of their learning about the industrial revolution of the nineteenth century, and the impact it had on the lives of people at the time, Year 3 visited the Nene Valley to see the history of steam engines at first hand. I was very impressed about how much the children had learnt when I discussed their visit with them. They were very eager to tell me about the workings of a steam engine and how train drivers cooked their breakfast on a shovel using heat from the engine. The children loved riding on the train and experiencing what life was like during the 'age of steam'.



Y4 Indian WOW Day

Year 4 was full of the sights, smells and vibrant colours of the Indian sub-continent when the children celebrated the culmination of their Indian topic with a WOW day. The children and staff looked wonderful in traditional Indian dress as the classrooms were flooded with colour. Throughout the day the children participated in a range of activities including block printing with carved wooden printing blocks, making some very delicious ladoos, producing mehndi designs for their hands and water colours of famous Indian monuments. Thanks to Mrs Bhansal, the children also learnt some traditional Indian dances and how to play the exciting game of Kabaddi.



FORTHCOMING DATES SUMMER TERM 2023

29th may—2nd June	Half Term Holiday
5th June	INSET Day
7th June	Wellbeing Wednesday (KS2)
8th June	Year 5 Bag Packing
9th June	Year 5 Bag Packing
15th June	Whole School Tudor WOW Day
16th June	Class photographs
19th June	Year 5 Harry Potter studios trip
20th June	Year 3 performance at 2.00 pm
22nd June	Reception and KS1 Sports Day (Reserve Sports day on 23rd June)
22nd June	Year 3 performance at 2.00 pm
23rd June	Phoenix Class Assembly
28th June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Reserve Sports Day on 4th July)
30th June	Cygnus Class assembly
5th July	Reception Come and Share
6th July	New Reception parent evening
7th July	Reports sent out to parents and carers
11th July	Year 6 performance at 6.00 pm
12th July	Year 6 reports and SATS results sent out to parents and carers
13th July	Year 6 performance at 6.00 pm
18th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 10.00 am
19th July	Last day of the Summer term and school year

Headteacher Drop Ins

Mrs Howell, the Headteacher, will be offering parent drop ins for anyone who wishes to discuss any aspect of school life throughout the Summer term. The dates can be found below, but please remember that these are offered on a first come, first served basis and you may therefore have to wait to be seen if there are a number of people waiting to meet with Mrs Howell.

Thursday 8th June 4.00—5.00 pm

Wednesday 5th July 4.30—5.30 pm

Tuesday 20th June 9.30—10.30 pm

Monday 17th July 2.00—3.00 pm



Headteacher Roll of Honour

This week I would like to congratulate:

Nathaniel in Violet Class: Nathaniel has done some amazing writing about the life cycle of frogs. It was wonderfully illustrated and included some fantastic techniques to pull the reader in. We are very proud of you Nathaniel.

Ella in Dorado Class: Ella has made such huge progress in her reading this term. This is all down to her determination and perseverance even when things are tricky. Well done for all your hard work Ella.

Ellena in Phoenix Class: Ellena really impressed me this week. She was determined to find the most powerful words to improve her writing and repeatedly referred back to the thesaurus. Well done for showing such a mature attitude to your learning Ellena.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about floating and sinking.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the life cycle of a plant.

Ask your Year 2 child to show you how they can split a number into thirds.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you what the different parts of a flower do.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what a raga is.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you what the main features of a Greek myth are.

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you why team work is so important.

Football fun Factory

Key Stage 1 children had a visit from Andy and Football Fun Factory this week. The children had a great time practising lots of key skills including jumping, walking backwards, space awareness as well as controlling and dribbling a ball. They all had so much fun.





For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

Room News

This week, in Group Time, children in Rabbit Group have been exploring solid shapes, learning new vocabulary such as 'flat', 'solid', 'point' and 'face'. We have also explored different solid shapes to see which ones have curved faces and therefore roll, and which ones slide along. Can any of the children find some solid shapes at home and take photographs of them to share on Evidence Me? In the Hedgehog Room, the children have been continuing to learn about flat shapes; taking part in a shape matching activity as well as exploring shape cutters in their playdough.



Warm Weather

As the warmer weather approaches, please ensure that your child comes to school with a named sunhat and named water bottle each day. Children are not allowed to play out in the garden on sunny days unless they have a sun hat, and on hot days we always ensure that children have plenty of water to drink. In addition, we would really appreciate it, if parents could apply a long-lasting sun cream before pre-school starts to minimise the need for sun cream in pre-school. If you feel that this will not be enough for your child, please speak to a member of staff and hand in a named bottle of sun cream for your child to use. Please do not just leave sun cream in your child's bag. Many thanks.

Mrs Turner