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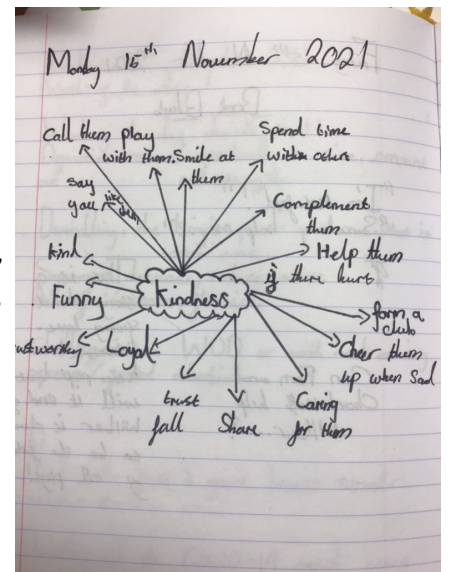
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Anti Bullying Week

This week has been national anti-bullying week when we work together to raise awareness of bullying and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it. The theme this year is 'One Kind Word', emphasising the positive impact a small gesture or comment can have on someone else's day. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers, build bridges and brighten the lives of the people around us.

In school we have been looking at ways to stop hurtful, bullying behaviour in its tracks through the power of kindness. In assembly on Monday everyone pledged to use kind words and throughout the week our lessons have focused on the importance of kindness, the science of kindness and the impact it has on our physical and mental health. From studying some very powerful poetry written by victims of bullying to designing anti-bullying posters and playing kindness bingo, we feel that a real sense of wellbeing and kindness has filled the school.



Mrs Howell

Eddie the Penguin Saves the World

On Thursday evening Year 2 entertained their families and friends with a wonderful performance of Eddie the Penguin Saves the World, a charming reminder of the impact our actions are having on the planet and the steps we need to take to reverse climate issues. Sadly we couldn't gather in school, but thanks to the power of Zoom, we were all able to share the first viewing of the recording together. With a range of catchy songs such as the Recycling Song, Turn Off the Tap and If You're Feeling Cool, Dress Hot, the children delivered their messages confidently and with great enthusiasm. We were so proud of the children who had worked so hard to bring us such an entertaining, thought provoking and polished performance.



Application for Reception Places for September 2022

Applications for Reception school places for September 2022 can now be made to the Cambridgeshire County Council Admissions Team. You can apply online at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions or the school office will provide you with a paper copy of the form. The closing date for the first round of applications is 15th January 2022.

We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Please can I encourage prospective parents to join one of our 'parent tours' so that you can see the school at first hand and we can have the opportunity to tell you what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn. Following advice from the Local Authority we are avoiding large gatherings to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19. However, we are still offering very small tours for two parents at a time and request that visitors wear face masks when in the school building. Please contact the school office to book on to a tour.

FORTHCOMING DATES 2021 to 2022

Until further notice, most of the large events will take place virtually via Zoom.

22nd to 26th November—Writing Week

6th December—Y1 visit to Shuttleworth Collection

13th December—Y1 visit to Shuttleworth Collection

15th December —Year 1 Nativity Play via Zoom

16th December—Christmas lunch

16th December —Year 4 Carol Concert via Zoom

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

Displays

Each week we hope to focus on some of the fantastic displays the staff produce to showcase the children's learning. I hope you will agree that the beautiful display Mrs Tranter has produced of the work the children have done around the theme of remembrance is stunning. The children have produced some fantastic writing and very skilful artwork using a variety of media and techniques. From printing to painting the children have produced a very fitting memorial to those who gave their lives in conflicts across the world.



Children in Need 2021

I don't think I needed to worry about reminding the children that Friday was Children in Need Day. The playground was brimming with creativity and joy as the children arrived at school. I can only imagine how exhausted their parents and carers must be as the incredible hair creations and sumptuously decorated hats must have taken hours to execute and involved a very early start to the day! It is always wonderful to see the children joining together to raise money for those less fortunate with such enthusiasm as you can see from some of the incredible creations pictured here. The Friends of Monkfield Park kindly organised the bucket collection, but if you missed them you can still make a donation online via JustGiving using the details below. PLEASE NOTE— The Minimum Donation allowed on JustGiving is £2. Either follow this link to make a donation— www.justgiving.com/Monkfield-Park-Primary-School or scan the QR Code to take you directly to the page. Thank you for your support.



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:

Swagath in Lacerta Class: We have noticed what a kind and considerate learning partner Swagath is. Swagath never dominates, always listens to others and is a true supportive friend to everyone he works with.

Ellena in Aquila Class: Ellena has been using her IT skills to help others in Aquila Class. She is always one of the first to volunteer to hand out the ipads and to help other members of the class to log on if there are problems. Thank you Ellena.

Chloe in Orange Class: Chloe is a caring and supportive friend to everyone in Orange Class. It was wonderful to see her demonstrating the values of the Monkfield Way as she stepped in to console a friend who was upset and then helped some of her classmates to resolve a friendship problem.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to list the things they would add to a potion e.g. a rat, pen or chip.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you how they can be kind to others.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you how the Great Fire of London started and why it spread so quickly.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain the key elements of a bounce pass in PE.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you what the different types of bullying are.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the purpose of a non-chronological report.

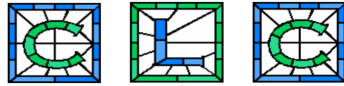
Ask your Year 6 child to explain what the parapet is.

Running Club

This week, after a very long absence, we were pleased to see the return of the very popular KS2 Running Club. The children arrived full of enthusiasm despite the chilly weather! We first played a range of games to build up skills for running before having a go at running for 10 minutes. Mrs Johnson and Mrs Johnson were impressed with the perseverance and determination of the children who participated. We look forward to seeing the children progress and build up their stamina for running during this term.



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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

Rabbit Room News

This week the children in Rabbit Room have been looking at a book called, 'We Are All Different' and celebrating all of our differences. The children have looked in a mirror and described themselves to their friends. We have thought about the colour and type of our hair, colour of our eyes and skin. We have started to learn a song about this too called, 'Every Colour Under The Sun'. I wonder if your child can sing



some of it to you? Next week we will be starting to draw some self portraits of ourselves thinking carefully about all of the different colours and features that we have.

Shoes

The children in Rabbit Room are now frequently using their wellies to play in the mud kitchen and on the muddy grass area. Children are encouraged to put on their wellies and then put their shoes back on by themselves. Please help your child become independent with this by practising putting on shoes at home. Please also ensure that your child wears shoes to Pre-School which they are able to fasten by themselves. Many thanks.