

# Newsletter 33

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## Reception and Key Stage 1 sports day

Although we missed our families cheering on from the side lines for our Reception and Key Stage 1 sports day this year, the children were still able to enjoy this event by getting involved in a range of team games as part of their houses (Discovery, Atlantis, Challenger, Endeavour and Enterprise). Some of the games included bean bag throwing, football dribbling, 'jump the river' and quoit chase, to name but a few. The children's energetic spirit did not stop there, as they then took part in individual races like slalom sprint, the good old egg and spoon race and the obstacle course. Cheering could be heard all around the school as team mates rallied each other on. Once all of the scores for each team were added, we were able to find out who had earned first, second and third places. This year, Enterprise won first place and get to see their house colour ribbon (red), attached proudly to our school trophy. In second place came Endeavour, with Atlantis in third place. It was a truly enjoyable afternoon and we look forward to seeing the efforts of Key Stage 2 next week.



## Year 4 Mini Olympics

Although our Year 4 children were unable to compete against other local schools this year, we were still able to host our South Cambs Sports Partnership event whilst the children were in school. They enjoyed a range of 'Olympic inspired events' that aimed to replicate versions of those hosted at the real games. There was a new take on the shot put, where children had to aim their shot into a tray in order to gain points as a team....trickier than it sounds! Not only that, but there was a lot of maths involved as they had to mentally tot up their scores as they went along. Other activities involved aiming activities such as 'hockey ball aim' and javelin. Here you are able to see some of our athletes in action and you can also read some of their quotes about the day. All of Year 4 must be congratulated on their team spirit and ability throughout the day.



I liked the throwing activities, because I felt like I really up-graded my skills.

My favourite was the long jump because I wanted to better myself each time.

The best bit was the golf, because I learnt how to hit the ball really hard to make it go further.



### Reflection Garden—still time to donate and an update

We have extended the time frame in which families are able to donate to the Rocketfund page in order to contribute to our plans for a school reflection garden, in memory of Dilni. If you would like to donate, then you can do so by following the link below:

<https://www.rocketfund.org/additional-funds-for-our-new-reflection-garden?tk=f19d607ef10f89297bf5293b73bc46f91763c877>



We have now been in contact with the makers of the mosaic centrepiece, and have set a time frame for a September installation, so we still have plenty of time to collect contributions and to raise money for this cause. The children in school have been busily designing features that could be included in this area, and we are hopeful that we will also have enough funds to be able to add some benches, planters, a water feature and some decorative items to enhance the design further. We do hope that you feel able to contribute in any small way to this lasting memorial for our school, particularly since the children have started to think about the artwork that will go into the mosaic feature.

## Headteacher Roll of Honour

Lilah in Violet Class—Lilah was the perfect team mate during our Sports Day this week. She fully supported her friends and gave her best effort in each event she participated in. You are a good role model Lilah.

Jessica in Delphinus Class—Jessica personifies everything about 'The Monkfield Way' and has shown over the last few weeks that practise and yet more practise and perseverance pay off. I am so proud of you Jessica.

Poppy in Orange Class—Poppy really pushed herself in maths this week, showing that she is able to challenge her thinking through counting in steps of 2s, 5s and even 11s!

### Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to sing you the days of the week song.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the different parts of a plant and how they are useful for keeping a plant healthy.

Ask your Year 2 child to name some similarities and differences between human and animal babies.

Ask your Year 3 child how many right angles they can find in their home.

Ask your Year 4 child which activity for the Mini-Olympics helped them gain improved athletic skills.

Ask your Year 5 child something they have learnt about Afarin Sajedi or her art work.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe the character of Julian from the Wonder text using evidence to support their judgement.



### Year 6 mini medics

Following our Healthy Lifestyles week, we are keen to show you some of the new and helpful skills that our Year 6 children have been learning. Here you are able to see them listening to a presentation about how to deliver CPR in potentially life critical situations, with the help of a specialist children's tutor. We all feel a lot safer at Monkfield Park, knowing that our youngsters have been taught first aid skills such as the treatment of burns, how to put someone in the recovery position and basic bandaging. What an amazing life skill to learn.



### Forthcoming Dates

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

30th June—Key Stage 2 sports day (children to wear PE kits)

1st July—Reserve Key Stage 2 sports day

1st July—New Reception children come and play at 9.30am— **POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER** (PLEASE SEE SEPARATE LETTER)

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

7th July—New Reception children come and play at 9.30am— **POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER** (PLEASE SEE SEPARATE LETTER)

7th July —New Reception parents' evening at 6.00pm (Via Zoom—please see separate letter)

8th & 9th July—Year 6 new intake days at Cambourne Village College (children to take packed lunches) - **CANCELLED** (PLEASE SEE LETTER FROM CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE)

9th July—Reports sent home to parents

9th July—Children visit their new classrooms and teachers for next academic year (Move up afternoon)

12th July 3.45pm to 5.15pm—Reports drop in (more details to follow)

13th July—New Reception children come and play at 9.30am— **POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER** (PLEASE SEE SEPARATE LETTER)

15th July—Year 6 production at 6pm (via Zoom and with more details to follow)

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

22nd July—Last day of Summer term

23rd July—Start of Summer holidays

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



**Visit our symbols of hope at the Cambourne Flower Festival!**

Cambourne's first Flower Festival will be happening at Cambourne Church on 26th and 27th June between 12-3pm. The theme of this event is 'opening up' and marks the transitions we are starting to make, following the lockdown periods. As a school we have decided to be part of this festival and you can see our amazing exhibition piece that has been delivered to the church. It represents the work of each year group in our school and has some incredible symbolisation that you can read more about if you visit our stand. The focus of the piece is one giant lotus flower, which represents 'hope' and 'new life'. We do hope that you will take some time over the weekend to go and see our school creation and to hopefully give us your vote!!!



**A kind hearted deed from a Monkfield Park pupil**



This week Aurora in Year 3 put her Monkfield Park values to the test by sacrificing her long golden locks and donating them to The Little Princess Trust. This wonderful charity supports children and families when a child loses their own hair by providing a free, real hair wig to help restore confidence and identity. They also use donations to support research aiming to end childhood cancers forever. If you would like to show your support for this cause please donate at the justgiving page by going to [www.justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and searching 'Aurora Little Princess Trust Hair Donation' or using the link below: [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bighaircut23?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=bighaircut23&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=e6bad4772e4e40fbbb03ee6115d454b8](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bighaircut23?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=bighaircut23&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=e6bad4772e4e40fbbb03ee6115d454b8)

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How small is your  
social bubble?



Remember:  
hands, face, space  
and fresh air



Get tested *immediately* if you have symptoms



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



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