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The New Normal

Following last week's information rich newsletter, in this edition our aim is to show you the wide range of activities the children have been involved in during their first two weeks back at school. I hope you will see that there is so much wonderful learning taking place at Monkfield Park despite the new routines it has been necessary to implement.

It was wonderful that so many of you were able to join us for the 'Meet the Teacher' evenings via Zoom this week. I hope the sessions were informative and that staff were able to answer your questions. For those of you who were unable to attend one of the sessions the power point presentations can be found on the school web site.

Mrs Howell

Naming items

Please ensure that all items of your child's school uniform, including water bottles, are clearly named. It makes re-uniting lost/misplaced items with their owner much easier. Thank you.

Head Lice

Although we have only been back in school for a short while, we have already had cases of head lice reported to us. We would appreciate your co-operation in managing this by checking your child's hair regularly and carefully, and treating where necessary.



There is no need to buy expensive treatments, as it is more effective to use a lice comb to remove any live lice and eggs. Please don't forget that the whole family needs to be checked and that bedding should be thoroughly washed. More information and support can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Social Distancing At the Gates



I have received further complaints from parents regarding the lack of social distancing at the school gates. Please can we politely remind parents and carers to queue along the fence in order to avoid blocking footpaths and observe social distancing guidelines. I have been asked why parents and carers are not wearing masks when coming to the school gate. The wearing of masks is currently not mandatory in open spaces and I have not jurisdiction to impose this.

Secondary School Applications

The application process for secondary school for September 2021 is now open. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2020. Parents/carers who make an application in this window will receive their offers on 2nd March 2021.

Any applications received after the deadline of 31st October will not receive offers until 27th April.

Please can we encourage you to make your applications before the 31st October to ensure the best opportunity of being allocated one of your 3 school preferences. Applications can be made online at:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school>

Year 2 Walk to Crow Hill

Year 2 had a lovely afternoon walk in the sunshine to Crow Hill. As part of their work in Science they looked at the various habitats there and thought carefully about which animals and insects we might find living in these beautiful wildlife areas.



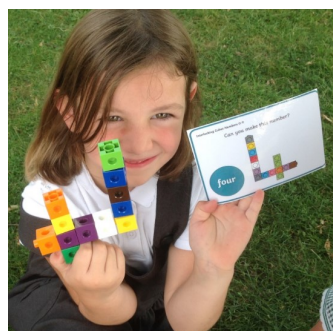
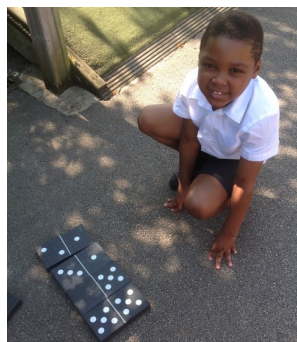
Year 5 Observing a Changing World



As part of their work on the life cycles of plants, the children in Year 5 have been out in the fresh air making detailed observations of plants and noting the different stages they have reached in their life cycle. They spent an interesting afternoon in the sunshine spotting patterns across plants of the same and different species which they will track across the year.

Year 1 Open Air Maths

Year 1 had a wonderful active morning investigating number and problem solving in the open air.



Year 3 Canopic Jar Designs



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Darius in Pegasus Class—With great care and kindness, Darius used his language skills to help a new member of Monkfield Park to understand the new routines and expectations of life in school.

Imani in Phoenix Class—Imani impressed us all with her writing this week. She showed great authorial intent and used excellent descriptions and questions to hook her reader in.

Layla in Blue Class—Layla blew Mrs O'Rourke away this week with her amazing reading. Her fluency and use of expression showed how hard she has been working on her reading skills. Well done.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Next Friday, 25th September, is the annual 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and social distancing rules, it is not possible for the children to bake cakes at school and sell them after school this year. If you would still like to mark this very worthwhile event there are a number of ways that you can participate. Why not bake a cake as a family or for a neighbour and donate? . If you would like to make a donation this can be done at: <https://donation.macmillan.org.uk/wbcm/one-off>



Monkfield Art Gallery

The annual Monkfield Park Art Gallery will be going live on our website on Monday 21st September. We do hope you will take this opportunity to view the children's art work and marvel at their creativity and talent.



Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to spot the numbers 1 to 5 on a walk or at home.

Ask your Year 1 child to choose a jungle animal and use as many powerful words as possible to describe it.

Ask your Year 2 child to explain how they know something is alive using the life processes (MRS GREN)

Ask your Year 3 child to explain where in the world Egypt is.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain the difference between a digit and a number.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain what conjunctions are and where they can be used in a sentence.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe the difference between a phrase and a clause.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Friday 25th September we will be celebrating Harvest Festival by holding our Harvest Assembly in school. Although this will be a virtual celebration we would still like to gather food donations to send to the Cambourne Food Bank as we know so many families currently have need of this service.

If you would like to make a donation of dried food items such as pasta, rice, tinned foods, coffee, tea, nappies, toiletries, long-life juice or long-life puddings, they can be sent to school with your child next week. Thank you.

FORTHCOMING DATES 2020 to 2021

These dates may be subject to change if there are changes in Government and Local Authority guidance over the coming months. We hope to be able to produce a more extensive list as the term progresses. Currently it is planned to hold meetings and events via Zoom.

21st—25th September—School art gallery online

21st September at 6pm—ReadWrite Inc. information evening for Reception & Year 1 parents

w/c 21st September—Harvest Festival week

w/c 28th September—Healthy Lifestyles Week

w/c 28th September—Year 6 Bikeability

9th October at 9am—Cygnus Class assembly

12th October—Individual school photographs

13th October 5-7.30pm—Parent consultation evening

22nd October 4—6. 30 pm—Parent consultation evening

26th—30th October—HALF TERM

2nd November—Children return to school

13th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

w/c 16th November—Anti bullying week

16th November—Flu vaccinations

8th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

9th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

10th December at 2pm—Year 2 Nativity

10th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

11th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

18th December—LAST DAY OF TERM

19th December—1st January 2021—CHRISTMAS BREAK

4th January Children return to school