

Newsletter 2

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Peer mediation at Monkfield Park

This week a brand new peer mediation service was in full swing at Monkfield Park. During lunchtimes, a group of Year 2 children are offering a mediation service for KS1 children and a group Year 6 children for KS2 children. Their role as mediators is to support other children in sorting out their lunchtime problems and disputes. They are there not to judge, but to offer advice and to help the children find an agreed solution to their problem. The mediators are available on the playground and field to offer advice and take children inside to the library for mediation if necessary. You cannot miss them, as they have their own yellow fluorescent jackets! It is fair to say that they have shown great responsibility and maturity in helping others. Thank you and well done to all of the peer mediators for a great start to the service. Below, you are able to see two of our Year 6 peer mediators involved in their roll. Each peer mediator had to go through a vigorous application and interview process to take on this responsibly and have received bespoke training to support them in their role.



Charity of the Year and 2K run

Each year we nominate a charity who we are going to support with funds raised by extra curricular events and donations after each school performance. This year we have chosen to support Cancer Research UK. Fundraising for this cause has already begun with our first ever 'Race for Life' event that the children across the school

took part in over the course of this week. Thank you for the sponsorship money returned so far and you will find two parents stationed in the playgrounds with buckets for gathering further sponsor money on Friday 23rd September at the beginning and end of the school day. Here you are able to see the children either warming up or after their run.



Head Lice

Please note that although we have only just begun the school year, that a case of head lice has already been reported to us. The children in our school come into close proximity with other children in their own class and other classrooms, so outbreaks easily manifest in school settings. Please, please help us to ensure that lice are treated and not transmitted by treating head lice and checking your child's hair AT LEAST every week. There are over the counter treatments, but the recommended way of removing eggs and lice is to use lots of conditioner and a nit comb. The likelihood of transmitting lice is reduced if long hair is tied back.

Year 5 Greek Day

Yesterday, the children in Year 5 started their Ancient Greeks topic with a bang! A visit from History Off the Page provided the opportunity to delve into the history of the time with a variety of hands-on workshops in the morning followed by a visit to a Greek 'theatre' where a banquet was served. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the day and we are now looking forward to finding out more in our lessons.



Head Teacher roll of honour

Each week I have my eye out for children who have either made significant achievements or who have made an extra effort as part of their school life. These children are given a special mention in the weekly edition of the 'Head Teacher roll of honour'. Anyone who is nominated for this prestigious accolade, also receives a special postcard home to mark the occasion. This week, the following children have been recognised:

Denae in Green Class—Denae has started as she means to go on. Her work has been beautifully presented and is a great example to others.

Dylan in Yellow Class—Dylan has made a fantastic start to school life. Every day this week, he has cleaned all of his plate a lunchtimes!

Lottie in Columba Class—Lottie has started Year 3 in the right vein. She has impressed us with some incredible writing which even included personification.

Art Gallery

We hope that if you visited our Art Gallery over the last week, that you enjoyed seeing the children's artwork and interpretations on display. We were very impressed with the level of study which had gone into each and every piece, which made for a vibrant gallery of paintings displayed in our main hall. In our picture you are able to see the wonderfully inspired creations by the children.



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you their favourite activity at school.

Ask your Year 1 child to double any number from 1-10.

Ask your Year 2 child to look for things around the house that are living, once-lived or have never lived.

Ask your Year 3 child to use personification to describe an object.

Ask your Year 4 child what a consequence of an action means.

Ask your Year 5 child how to create a 'perfect password' for keeping safe online.

Ask your Year 6 child how they have personified the sea in their poetry.

Celebrating Roald Dahl's 100th Anniversary

Blue class celebrated Roald Dahl's 100th Anniversary by listening to extracts from his books and learning about some of his main characters such as Mr Wonka, BFG and Matilda. They wrote about a dream that they would like the BFG to make for them and made party hats to wear whilst watching an extract from the musical 'Matilda'.



Forthcoming dates

19th September 6pm—Read Write curriculum evening for Reception parents

w/c 3rd October—Harvest Festival Week

5th October 6pm—Maths evening for Reception parents

12th October from 5pm—Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)

13th October 1.30pm—Reception ‘come and share’ event

14th October 9am—Blue Class assembly

17th October—Individual children’s photographs

18th October—Flu vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3 children (more details to follow)

20th October from 4pm—Parent consultations (more details to follow)

w/c 24th October—half term (children return on 31st October)

11th November 9am—Phoenix Class assembly

18th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert

14th December 9.30am—Reception ‘come and share’ event

14th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

15th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity

15th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

16th December 10am—Year 1 nativity

19th December—Christmas lunch

20th December—Christmas parties

20th December—Last day of term

21st December—Christmas holidays begin

4th January—INSET day (school closed to children)

5th January—All children return

Friends of Monkfield Park

	<p style="text-align: center;">ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>We will soon be announcing the date of our AGM and details of how you can stand for the committee. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about the various roles.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">BAG2SCHOOL</p> <p>The next collection will be Thursday 13th October at 9am. For those new to the school, this is one of our twice yearly textile collection which raise money for the school. Lots of details regarding what can be included on the link. Bags will come home a week to 10 days before. http://www.bag2school.com/u/</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING/FOREIGN COINS</p> <p>We collect empty branded printer cartridges for recycling. There is a collection box in the school office. We also collect foreign coins of any currency. These can be left with the school office.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">CONTACT US</p> <p>Via email friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com , via our Facebook page or via the school office.</p>