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Wishing you a good Summer and good luck to Year 6!

None of us at Monkfield Park can quite believe how swiftly this academic year has passed. Perhaps that is down to the many fun packed events that we have enjoyed across the terms, as well as our very successful Ofsted at the end of the Autumn term. As our thoughts turn to enjoy the Summer break, we also have time to reflect upon the past seven years with our current Year 6 cohort, who are now preparing to 'fly the nest' and move on to secondary school to embark upon new ventures. We hope they feel well prepared and that we get to hear about the many successes which we know they'll have. Across those years, Year 6 showed that they have a mature attitude to learning and that their team spirit and supportive nature can carry them through any opportunities they might wish to pursue. It certainly has been a pleasure to have you in our school.

All of the staff at Monkfield Park would like to take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable Summer break, and to say 'thank you' for your ongoing support in securing great learning for the children who come through our doors. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Year 4 Chembakolli houses

Year 4 children developed an appreciation of life in another part of the world this half term, as they learnt about village life in Chembakolli, India. Aspects of study included climate and lifestyle as well as the types of crop that could be grown there—especially looking at their Fairtrade tea. The children designed and made the kinds of houses that villagers live in that would keep them cool in the Summer and which would keep them dry in the rainy season. Not only that, but they explored some of the ways their own life was similar and different to that of children living in Chembakolli. Here you can see the model houses that the children have created.



Reading Passports

During transition morning last week, the children were given reading passports by their new teachers. These passports are to be completed during the Summer holiday and then returned to teachers in September. If you didn't receive a copy from your child then please do download one from the school website by selecting the 'Parent Information' tab and then selecting 'Reading at Monkfield Park'. Miss Simpson will be holding an exciting reward ceremony in September, in which certificates and prizes will be handed out for completed passports. Have fun reading!

FORTHCOMING DATES

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| 22nd July at 10am—Year 6 Leaver's assembly | 16th September—Reception children start full time |
| 23rd July—LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM FOR CHILDREN | 16th September 5.30pm—Meet the teacher evening |
| 24th July—INSET DAY (school closed to children) | 20th September—Autumn fete after school |
| 3rd September—INSET DAY (school closed to children) | w/c 23rd September—Monkfield Park 20 year celebrations (more details to follow) |
| 4th September—Key Stage 1 and 2 children return | 24th September at 6pm—ReadWrite Inc. information evening for Reception & Year 1 parents |
| 9th September—Reception children stay until 12 noon | |
| 11th—13th September—School art gallery | |
| 12th & 13th September—Reception children stay for the morning + lunch | |

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about the activities they have been doing to prepare for Year 1.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about an animal that's adapted itself to suit its environment.

Ask your Year 2 child about their favourite sea life creature from their visit to the seaside.

Ask your Year 3 child about how they could improve their lifestyle to make it more healthy.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain the rules of the game kabaddi.

Ask your Year 5 child about the Harry Potter day.

Ask your Year 6 child what they can do about palm oil to prevent deforestation.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Lewis in Pegasus Class—For facing many fears during your time with us. We have really seen your confidence grow, you can do it!

Sunny in Violet Class—Sunny's attention to detail, careful and diligent approach, means that her work is of a very high quality all of the time. Well done Sunny.

Word of the week

We have talked about something there should be more of this week....generosity. The children watched a clip about adults who take part in blood donation and how we can give without wanting anything in return. We turned out thoughts to times when we have shown generosity or received a generous gesture.

Generosity

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

This week, Year 6 have been taking part in extra PSHE sessions to focus on their emotions and responsibilities for transitioning to secondary school. The children have enjoyed watching video clips from Year 7 children, explaining how they felt when they first started and the reality of coping with change. It has been a huge success and the children have strategies for starting their new adventure. If you would like to continue this work at home with your child, please visit the website below for some resources and tips to improving the transition and discussing emotion with your child.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/resources/school-resources/?f2=10143#listing>

Reduce and Recycle competition

An exciting competition open to Cambridgeshire children who have just finished Years 3, 4 and 5 is taking place over the Summer to celebrate the power of imagination and encourage everyone to reduce and recycle as much as they can.

Get your child to use their imagination to create a story of how everyday recycling is transformed into something new. The more fabulous the better! The winning story will get made into a video by professional animators with the help of its author and their whole class. There is also a prize for a whole class visit to the Waste Management Park in Waterbeach. The competition runs 8 July to 20 September. To find out more visit <https://www.recap.co.uk/spaceforchange>

Summer Reading Challenge

Every year Cambridgeshire Libraries runs a Summer Reading Challenge during the Summer holidays. Children can sign up at their local library, then read six library books of their choice to complete the Challenge. There are rewards to collect along the way, as well as a medal and certificate for all children who complete the challenge - and it's FREE to take part!

This year's challenge theme is 'Space Chase', an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. The Summer Reading Challenge is open to pre-school and primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities. Children are able to sign up for the challenge from Saturday 13th July. More information can be found at: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>

There will be lots of special Summer activities taking place in libraries – details can be found in the Summer events brochure which can be viewed electronically on the school website under the 'News' subheading.. Hard copies of the brochure are also available from the school office.

Waterstones Summer events

Waterstones bookshop in Cambridge is running a number of events this Summer (called Summer Hols Shenanigans). Some of the fun and family friendly events are listed below.

Space Themed Storytime- Sunday 28th July 11:00 - 11:30

Make Your Own Rocket Glider- Monday 29th July 13:00 - 14:00

Space Party- Wednesday 31st July 14:30 - 15:15

Space Themed Storytime- Thursday 1st August 14:00 - 14:30

Further information can be found on the stores website which the link below will take you to.

<https://www.waterstones.com/events/search/shop/cambridge-sidney-str>

Year 2 seaside fun

It was fun in the sun this week as Year 2 took a trip to the seaside to good old Hunstanton. The first stop was the Sealife Centre, where the children heard all about the life of Ernie the turtle and were introduced to crabs and starfish, even getting to touch them! Here they were able to hear about the great conservation work that goes on at the Centre, as well as learning about the seals who have been rescued and returned to the wild over the years. Of course it wouldn't be a seaside trip without a paddle in the sea and a play on the beach, which is exactly what Year 2 did and thoroughly enjoyed. This visit supported the work of Year 2 back in the classroom, throughout their topic of 'We do like to be beside the seaside'. Thank you to the adults who were able to help us make this visit happen by accompanying the trip.



Year 5 Harry Potter Day

17th July – the day Monkfield Park became Hogwarts! As part of our Majestic World topic in Year 5, we became the much loved characters from Harry Potter. In our Hogwarts Houses, we experienced different lessons for Wizards including potion making, quill writing and Quidditch (minus the flying broomstick, obviously). Our teamwork and attitude was taken into account all day with house points and although all teams made Monkfield (and Hogwarts) proud, Hufflepuff reign victorious as the overall champions! Written by Year 5.



Enterprise funds

Following our very successful Money Week earlier this term, the classes have now decided how they would like to spend their profits. Please see a list below which details how each year group will benefit, thanks to their enterprising ideas!

Reception—Saving it to take into Year 1.

Y1—Dance teacher lesson.

Y2—Took profits to the Seaside.

Y3— half to be spent on books for the library through Friends, half to be taken to Year 4 which has been spent on books identified on the recommended reading book list.

Y4—Spent on books to take up to Year 5.

Y5—£90 spent on books for Year 6 and £162 put towards the coach for PGL.

Y6—Ice cream and sweet stall at the Leaver party.