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Team work makes the dream work in Year 4

Collaboration and communication skills were the order of the day for our Year 4 children, who took part in a team building event last week in order to achieve some shared and common goals. The children had to exchange ideas and come up with creative ways in which to navigate a range of problem solving activities, such as orienteering and making long stilts travel in tandem. One of the many benefits of team work is that each member of the team can bring their own individual skills and knowledge, whilst everyone has the chance to work on their willingness and co-operation. Not only that, the children had to think about the most efficient ways of doing things by combining what they already knew, together with elements of trial and error to help them learn what worked well. All of our teams relied upon each other so well and struck that great balance of support and encouragement for their peers. Gopika and Matthew said, "We really enjoyed what we did for PE last week because it really helped us develop our skills of team building. Our favourite activity was when we walked on the planks as my group used good communication to help each other and when I got stuck we worked together. It was really hard to do the task on the benches as we kept falling off."



Data protection privacy notices

Please be advised that our privacy notices have been updated and can be located on our school website at www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk. Please select the tab marked 'statutory information' and then 'GDPR'.



Staff news—It's a boy!



Congratulations to Mrs O'Rourke and her husband, who welcomed baby Eden into the world over the weekend. We know this has been eagerly anticipated news and are pleased to share this with you. We are sure that our families will join us in wishing Mrs O'Rourke well and offering our congratulations. We look forward to meeting the new member of her family.



What is the air quality like near our school?

Have you ever wondered how much air pollution might be present around our school? This is a question that the children of Monkfield Park will soon be able to answer, since we have had an air quality monitoring device installed by South Cambs District Council this week. The device will be able to provide us with readings that tell us more about the quality of the air that we breathe and will be a large part of our research and learning during our upcoming Clear Air Day on 17th June. It will be in place for a six month period, during which we be able to track pollution levels. Luckily, we know that residents of Cambourne are used to taking measures to reduce pollution and you only have to look at the large numbers of children who arrive at school on their cycles or scooters and those who walk to know that we all try hard to 'do our bit' for the environment. However, the air quality monitor will give us the real proof and early indicators about whether or not we could do even more.



Headteacher Roll of Honour

The following children have really grabbed our attention this week:

Daksh in Pegasus Class—Daksh has put the skills he learnt in our skipping workshops straight into action. He has been working with friends on mastering his skipping technique. Great perseverance Daksh!

Victoria in Yellow Class—Well done for completing some wonderful work on descriptions Victoria. You used all of the letter sounds you learnt to write your own words and sentences.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you what the time is when the big hand is pointing at the number 12 e.g. 4 o'clock.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the dinosaur song we have been learning. Can they show you some of the sign language for it?

Ask your Year 2 child what the five pillars of Islam are.

Ask your Year 3 child about the features of a news report.

Ask your Year 4 child what 'Stop, Decide, Do' means when considering risk.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you something they have learnt about how the Mars rover, Perseverance, worked.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain the composition of blood.



Forthcoming Dates

14th May—Violet Class assembly at 9.15am via Zoom (more details to follow)

19th May—Reception celebration at 10am via Zoom (more details to follow)

21st May—Dorado Class assembly at 9.15am via Zoom (more details to follow)

21st May—Team pod afternoon

21st May—STEM Week

21st May—Class photos

28th May—Aquila Class assembly at 9.15am via Zoom (more details to follow)

28th May—Friends of Monkfield Park 'Break the Rules Day' (more details to follow) **NEW DATE ADDED**

w/c 31st May—Half term

7th June—INSET day (school closed to children)

8th June—INSET day (school closed to children)

9th June—Children return

11th June—Indigo Class assembly at 9.15am (via Zoom, if necessary)

18th June—Lacerta Class assembly at 9.15am (via Zoom, if necessary)

21st June—Reception & Key Stage 1 sports day practise (all children to wear PE kits)

22nd June—Year 4 Mini Olympics (more details to follow)

23rd June—Reception & Key Stage 1 sports day (more details to follow)

24th June—Reserve Reception & Key Stage 1 sports day

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

30th June—Key Stage 2 sports day (more details to follow)

1st July—Reserve Key Stage 2 sports day

1st July—New Reception children come and play at 9.30am

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

7th July—New Reception children come and play at 9.30am

7th July —New Reception parents' evening at 6.00pm (more details to follow)

8th & 9th July—Year 6 new intake days at Cambourne Village College

13th July—New Reception children come and play at 9.30am

14th July—Year 6 production at 2pm (via Zoom, if necessary)

15th July—Year 6 production at 6pm (via Zoom, if necessary)

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

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.





South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

May half-term

Athletics camps

Fun and fitness for children
during the school holidays



Tuesday
1 June
10am to 3.30pm



Wiberforce Road
Athletics Track
CB3 9AD



For children in
Year 3 to Year 9
of all abilities



£25 per child per day

£21 per child per day
each for families, or children
attending multiple days
(netball and athletics)



All coaches are
suitably checked
and qualified.



Appropriate footwear
and clothing for
outdoors is essential.



Snacks and lunch and
plenty to drink should
be brought.



In a Covid-safe
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them into practice

Book now for a place on our May athletics camps!

For more information:

✉ holiday.camps@scambs.gov.uk

☎ 01954 713070

To book:

🌐 www.scambs.gov.uk/sportscamps







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District Council

May half-term Netball camps

Fun and fitness for children
during the school holidays

 <p>Wednesday 2 June 10am to 3.30pm</p>	 <p>Impington Village College Sports Centre, CB24 9LX</p>	 <p>For children in Year 3 to Year 9 of all abilities</p>
 <p>£25 per child per day £21 per child per day each for families, or children attending multiple days (netball and athletics)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All coaches are suitably checked and qualified. ✓ Appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoors is essential. ✓ Snacks and lunch and plenty to drink should be brought. 	 <p>In a Covid-safe setting, children can develop skills and put them into practice</p>

Book now for a place on our May netball camps!

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Foster for us today and show why you care!

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are supporting this year's Foster Care Fortnight campaign (10th – 23rd May) and urging people to consider fostering as a career. We particularly need carers who can support children and young people between 10 -15 years old, sibling groups of brothers & sisters and short breaks Link foster carers.

Foster Care Fortnight is the UK's largest foster care awareness raising campaign and aims to show the positive impact foster care has made on young people's lives. Foster carers accomplish incredible things every day, and despite the practical and emotional challenges from coronavirus, foster carers continue to provide day-to-day support, love and stability to children and young people who can't live with their birth families.

We want to hear from anyone who is over 21, has a spare bedroom and the love and dedication to help our young people. We offer round the clock out of hours' support should you need it, a dedicated supervising social worker who will provide regular supervision and support and generous pay and benefits. Register today at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering or call 0800 052 0078.

Why not find out more by coming to our virtual information session on the 26th May from 6-8pm. Book now at: FosteringMarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk