

# Newsletter 34

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## Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day is always an opportunity for our children to enjoy bringing their team spirit to the forefront of their thinking and taking part in a range of physical activities, with a hint of competitiveness. This year was no exception as Key Stage 2 took part in their Sports Day on Thursday. The children enjoyed a variety of class activities, followed by event races, all in the sunshine! We hope that if you could make it, that you enjoyed seeing the children take part and we are keen to enjoy the day for Reception and Key Stage 1 next week. Congratulations to Atlantis house team for taking the trophy for Key Stage 2 this year with 240 points, followed closely by Endeavour in second place with 214 points and Challenger in third place with 197 points.

## Father's Day celebrations

To celebrate Father's Day, Reception invited dads or other grown ups to join them in a few craft and pampering activities. These included making paper aeroplanes and bracelets, decorating hats and even using hair gel. Many giggles could be heard as adults were given new hair styles!



## Science STEM week

What a week it has been at Monkfield Park! As it is our annual STEM week, we have had many extraordinary visitors through the doors to help inspire the young minds of Monkfield on all areas of STEM. We kicked the week off with a bang: a whole school Mad Science assembly. Professor 51 and Jurassic Jill taught us all about air pressure and a clever way of putting a knitting needle through a balloon without making it pop! From making slime and creating Sun art to building our own rockets and playdoh cells, we have had a fun packed STEM week. A special thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help us; it wouldn't have been possible without you.



## Healthy Lifestyles Week

From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June it will be 'Healthy Lifestyles Week' at Monkfield Park. During the week, the staff and children will be participating in fun and engaging activities that will give them the opportunity to be more active and to think about their lifestyles and how to keep themselves healthy. Each day will be themed to encourage whole school effort and engagement.

Monday- *Mile Monday*

Tuesday- *Training Tuesday*

Wednesday- *Workout Wednesday*

Thursday- *Fruity Thursday*

Friday- *Feel Good Friday*

Below are some links to websites and videos which could support you as parents and carers to encourage healthy eating and exercise at home:

Seven nights of healthy and seriously cheap family meals. These delicious, child-friendly recipes have been hand-picked to take into account the nutritional needs of the entire family. <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/seven-nights-healthy-budget-family-suppers>

Change4Life is there to help your family be healthier and happier. Find out more about what's really in the food your family eats. <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts>

### Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to find an object around the home or garden that is symmetrical.

Ask your Year 1 to use an adjective for the slime that they made.

Ask your Year 2 child about the sun, flying saucers and Antarctica.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe a 2-D shape, including the words 'symmetry' and 'angle' in their description.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain the event they enjoyed most from the Mini Olympics.

Ask your Year 5 what the male and female parts of a flowering plant are.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain the process of the Water Cycle using scientific vocabulary.

## Headteacher Roll of Honour

Marcelina in Columba Class—Marcelina has demonstrated her business acumen this week and has used this to assist the whole of her class in making a tremendous profit during our Money Week.

Hamesh in Indigo Class—Hamesh contributed so many ideas to class discussions this week, providing though provoking ideas for a book with no words!

### Word of the Week

Many children take either a physical or experiential journey in our school. This week we have focussed upon this word and what it might mean for each of us. We hope that you will weave this into your discussions with your child/ren at home to help them enhance their use of vocabulary.

# Journey

### Spelling Bee

One child from each year group in KS2 was selected to enter the CB23 Spelling Bee competition this week, together with other CB23 school's. They each performed extremely well in their individual spelling rounds and spelled their given words correctly, which was no easy thing! They worked hard as a team and should be very proud of their achievements.



### FORTHCOMING DATES

25th June at 9.30am—Reception & KS1 Sports Day

27th June at 9.30am—Reserve Reception & KS1 Sports Day

3rd July at 9.15am—Reception to Year 1 transition meeting for Reception parents

4th July—Non uniform day in aid of Friends

4th and 5th July—Year 6 transition days

9th July—at 2pm—Year 6 performance

10th July at 6pm—Year 6 performance

11th July—Year 4 team building day

12th July—Reports sent home

15th July 3.45-5.00pm—Reports drop in

22nd July at 10am—Year 6 Leaver's assembly

23rd July—LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM FOR CHILDREN

24th July—INSET DAY (school closed to children)

### **Roblox—Parentzone**

We are aware that some children in the school are permitted access to the game 'Roblox' by their parents. Due to our concerns around this and the potential of inappropriate contact with strangers, we have provided more information about this in the link below. We hope that this will assist parents in making informed decisions about their child's access to such games.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/roblox-what-do-you-need-know>

### **Year 4 Mini Olympics**

Year 4 had an amazing time attending the South Cambs Mini Olympics at the University Sports Ground in Cambridge, where we were joined by 44 other schools, giving a total of approximately 1,600 children. The variety of sports the children were able to sample was incredible, with 14 undertaken, ranging from long jump to tug of war. We were very lucky with the weather, which enabled the children to enjoy a lovely picnic lunch followed by a lap of the athletics track for some especially keen runners. To make the day even more memorable, many of the children got their souvenir t-shirts signed by ex-professional tennis player Jade Windley, who the children remembered from the visit she did recently to Monkfield Park. Year 4 won't forget this tremendously exciting day in a hurry!



### **Year 5 Careers Convention**

On Tuesday, Year 5 children were given a great opportunity to learn about a range of career options whilst helping them to make connections between learning and their future careers. They met a great range of exciting exhibitors: from farming to biotechnology, apprenticeships to automotive industry, podiatrist to engineering and construction, advertising to HR. Not only did the children get the chance to talk to this wide variety of professionals, they also got to do some hands-on-learning with fun activities, such as popping balloons by moving diggers and extracting DNA from strawberries.



### **Luxurious Lemonade and Cakes**

Coming up in the next few days, Year 6 Delphinus class will be selling their finest lemonade and homemade cakes to purchase on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Our homemade products will be finely priced for 50p per cup of lemonade and 50p for a cake. To find our sweet treats we will be selling our luxuries, lemonade and cake, look on the Year 3/4 playground and the Year 5/6 playground after school from 15:15 until 16:00.

Offers:

Lemonade 3 cups for £1.20

Cake 3 cups for £1.20

By Delphinus Class