

Newsletter 16

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Inspirational writing at Monkfield Park

The children are well underway with their entries for the Rotary Young Writer competition along the theme of 'Reflection'. We have been reading some stunning stories which have included some cliff hangers as well as tear-jerkers. The children have been taking this competition very seriously and, once again, it has spurred them on try their very best. We have a lot to live up to this year, following our huge success last year. We hope if you visit the school over the next few weeks that you are able to see and appreciate the children's efforts, which can be seen through our displays. Some of the displays even take you through the process that the children have gone through to create their piece, from summarising their main thoughts to planning, drafting, editing and then finally showcasing their final version.



Children in Need Spotacular

Thank you for supporting our recent Children in Need 'Spotacular' event. We were able to raise £324.05 for this cause, so thank you for your generosity.

JUMP AVENUE IS BACK!!

ChangePoint's children's group

In conjunction with your Change4Life club please be advised that our Jump Avenue Programme is due to start next week at the following locations:

- · Colville Primary School Cherry Hinton Tuesday 3:30pm 5:00pm
- · North Cambridge Academy Arbury Thursday 4:30pm 6:00pm

Our programmes are family led and are suitable for children age7-11 years old whose weight is above their ideal range. For full details, we can be contacted on 0333 005 0093, just ask for Shane or Kathrine.

Forthcoming dates

27th January—Reception & Year 6 NHS height and weight checks 10th March 9am—Columba Class assembly

27th January 9am—Lacerta Class assembly 22nd March 10am—Reception Spring performance

8th February 10am—Year 2 Spring performance 22nd March—Parent consultations

8th February 3.45pm—Reception & KS1 phonics workshop for parents 23rd March 2pm—Reception Spring performance

9th February 2pm—Year 2 Spring performance 24th March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly

w/c 13th February— HALF TERM w/c 27th March—International Week

21st—24th February—Science Week 30th March—Reception come & share in the morning

w/c 6th March—Book Week 30th March—Parent consultations

31st March—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM (CHILDREN RETURN ON

18TH APRIL)

Help to keep our school healthy

Meal times

- It's important for children to have regular, proper meals as growing bodies respond better to routine.
- Try to organise the day around three regular mealtimes—it's easier to stop children from pestering for snacks if they know when their next meal is coming!
- Eat together when you can. Children copy parents, brothers, sisters and friends—so when they see other people happily eating lots of different, healthy foods, they'll follow suit.
 - They call breakfast 'the most important meal of the day' and it's certainly a great way
 to give children's energy levels a kick start. Try low sugar cereals or toast, and if you add
 chopped fruit or a glass of unsweetened fruit juice, that counts towards their 5 a day too!

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child if they would like to have a penguin as a pet.

Ask your Year 1 child to use their five senses to investigate different types of fruit.

Ask your Year 2 child which foods they would use to make a healthy meal.

Ask your Year 3 child to show you how to move like a machine.

Ask your Year 4 child what they enjoyed most about swimming this week.

Ask your Year 5 child what the word 'calligram' means and how this relates to what they've learnt about the Jewish Torah.

Ask your Year 6 child what they know about Tudors.

Head Teacher roll of honour

Lian in Cygnus Class – It has been a pleasure to see Lian working so co-operatively in a small group and hearing his wonderful ideas and responses. It really enriched the children's experiences.

Millie in Violet Class—Millie's fantastic reading helped her to learn the meaning of a new word this week and then she taught it to us all!

Soha in Columba Class—Soha's excellent concentration and focus in all lessons means that she is able to pick up new learning quickly. This means she is making great progress. Well done Soha.

Reminder for Key Stage 1 parents

As you will be aware, the teaching staff use a 'hands up' signal each morning to indicate to children that it is time to be ready, quiet and prepared to learn for the day, just before bringing their classes in each morning at 8.55 am. We feel that this is a very important way of ensuring that children are in a good mindset for learning and that it signals the end of social time and the beginning of learning time. We are aware that sometimes in the mornings, not all children can see their teacher providing this signal as parents will often stand in the line next to their child/ren and amongst them too. We would really appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that once the signal is given, that parents and carers move to the sides so that children can easily see their teachers and can therefore follow their instructions. This is also particularly important so that the teaching staff can take the children in safely, without obstruction. Thank you in advance.

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Friends of Monkfield Park



NEW YEAR DISCO

FRIDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2017

Don't forget to purchase your Disco tickets by the deadline of 30th January 2017.



NEW YEAR DISCO PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED

If you can help out at the New Year Disco please let us know on PTA Social

http://service.ptasocial.com/register/FOMP



SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a stock of clean, good condition second hand uniform for sale:

Jumpers £2 each

Cardigans £2 each

If you would like to order any please email us with items required and sizes friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com



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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.







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