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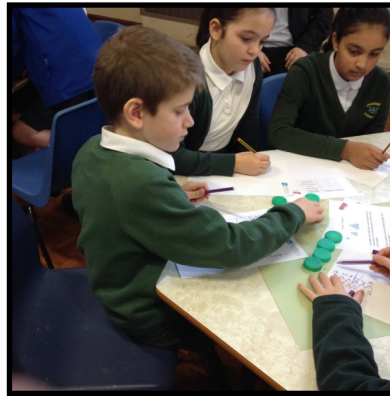
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Year 5 & 6 Mega Maths

Last Friday, 6 lucky children from Year 5 and 6 were selected to accompany Mrs Johnson to a 'Mega Maths' event at Barton CE Primary school. The lucky few were thrilled to spend their morning working as a team to solve mathematical problems; applying their problem solving skills and their amazing ability to spot patterns as part of the CB23 network of schools.

Throughout the morning, groups had the chance to 'win' special tokens for their pattern spotting and problem solving expertise. Our team were able to win 2 tokens and used these, alongside solving some very tricky maths problems, to crack the code to Dr Dave's toolbox and release the chocolate prize. They then gallantly shared their chocolate winnings with the other teams from local primary schools. The team were a credit to Monkfield Park and thoroughly enjoyed the challenges and difficult mathematical concepts being explored.



Celebrating Book Week

What a busy Book Week we had at Monkfield Park! We kicked the week off with a famous author visiting us. Julia Jarman, the author of 'The Big Red Bath'. Julia spent all day with the children reading her stories and providing them with a 'recipe' for creating the perfect story. All classes have participated in the national event, 'Share a Million Stories', where we share our love of reading and our favourite stories to the class. Year 1 linked their love of reading to their topic, Castles and Kingdoms, and visited Cambourne Library. They looked through a wide selection of non-fiction texts and became excellent fact-finders! It has been a thoroughly immersing week, with children frequently informing us which genre of books interest them and why they find these so enjoyable. Thank you for your support and we hope that you have been enjoying the Book Fair too.



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Theo in Lacerta Class—Theo has a particular flair and aptitude for art. His careful eye for detail has been a key feature of his work in Collector's Club.

Kelsey in Violet Class—Kelsey has been trying really hard to use her phonic knowledge to spell words. She's keen to do her best and to carefully follow the instructions from her teacher. Well done Kelsey.

Young Writers winner at Monkfield Park

Nate in Year 6 has been crowned the Young Writer winner as part of the Rotary Club writing competition this year. Nate wrote an inspired poem about someone who had no understanding of darkness before encountering it. As this person embarked upon their journey into the unknown shadows of darkness, they became entrapped and mysteriously withered away. This poem was recognised as a worthy winner of the Junior category and this week we celebrated Nate's huge achievement. Nate will be receiving a prize from the Rotary Club in the weeks to come. What a marvellous achievement—Monkfield Park seems to thrive in this competition, having had winners for each year that the school has participated. Congratulations to Nate for continuing that high standard and thank you to everyone who took part.



Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about the story of The Big Red Bath.

Ask your Year 1 child what the author Julia Jarman shared with them.

Ask your Year 2 child what they know about Florence Nightingale and her journey to Scutari. Can you think of any words to describe her character?

Ask your Year 3 child about all the things they need to include in a pictogram.

Ask your Year 4 child about the differences between schools in India and in the UK.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how to code using apps on Purple Mash.

Ask your Year 6 child to list 5 adjectives or adverbs to describe how a volcano erupts.

FORTHCOMING DATES

18th March at 2pm—Year 5 performance

19th March at 6pm—Year 5 performance

20th March at 9am—Blue Class assembly

24th March—Height and weight checks for Reception & Year 6

26th March—Parents' evening

31st March—Parents' evening

1st April—LAST DAY OF TERM

2ND APRIL –16TH APRIL—EASTER HOLIDAY

17TH APRIL—INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

20TH APRIL—CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL