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Reception and Key Stage 1 sports day

Thankfully we were able to complete Reception and Key Stage 1 sports day just in time before the rain came upon us! Children all enjoyed a wonderful morning of class activities and track races, which included the good old egg and spoon race, sprints, obstacle races and much, much more. There was a wonderful team spirit amongst the children who were both proud to be taking part and in gaining some highly regarded stickers for winning races or coming as a runner up. We found out last week that the Endeavour house won the Key Stage 2 sports day, and in fact they also won for Reception and Key Stage 1 this week as well. However it wasn't easy, as our scoreboard below shows that there was only one point between them and the second place house team. Well done all round to Endeavour.

1st place—Endeavour—115 points
2nd place—Discovery—114 points
3rd place—Atlantis—112 points
4th place—Enterprise—107 points
5th place—Challenger—105 points



Monkfield Park holiday club

The Care & Learning Summer Holiday Club will be open from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm on weekdays from Monday 24th July to Friday 1st September 2017.

Sessions are booked and charged by the hour which enables parents/carers to book hours to suit their needs (a one-off registration fee is payable for children who are not already registered at the Care & Learning Centre). Children attending for full days or over lunchtime will need to bring a nut-free packed lunch.

Each day has a theme where planned activities take place at various points during the day (see attached flyer). A selection of alternative activities are available during each session and at the times specific activities aren't taking place. Outdoor play takes place daily and activities are provided according to the weather!!

If you would like any further information about the Holiday Club or would like to book your child in please contact the Care & Learning Centre on 01954 273301 or email using clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Monkfield Park Readathon Challenge

Children at the school have managed to raise a grand total of £535.30 for the Readathon challenge that was set for them in the Spring Term. Not only has this encouraged children to read a wide range of books but it's also raised money for a worthy children's hospital! Well done to every single person who took part.

Reception visit Wicken Fen

What better way to continue our learning about minibeasts than to visit a nature reserve jam packed with them!? Reception children were lucky enough to do exactly this when they visited Wicken Fen nature reserve on Thursday 22nd June. They had to be on full alert as they became minibeast hunters themselves, searching in different habitats for friends of the creepy, crawly kind; including in the pond, under logs and amongst the long sweeping grass. The children were amazed to come across minibeasts they had never seen or heard of before, some of which included damsel flies and fresh water snails. The day ended with the children using clay and natural resources from the reserve to make their very own animal or minibeast which might be found at Wicken Fen. As you can imagine each was a wonderful creation which will be a memoir of a truly fantastic trip had by all.



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you their biggest sports day achievement.

Ask your Year 1 child how we can use our senses to find out about the world around us.

Ask your Year 2 child for examples of parts of a plant they can eat.

Ask your Year 3 child how to find one tenth of a number.

Ask your Year 4 child to sing you the song 'Lean on me' by Bill Withers.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you a formal written method for division.

Ask your Year 6 child about the music festival they are creating.

Head Teacher roll of honour

Ananya in Phoenix Class—For being a wonderful team player in our Key Stage 2 Spelling Bee this week.

Scarlet in Pegasus Class—For having such a positive attitude, which inevitably rubs off on other people. We also love the constant smile on her face.

Friends of Monkfield Park

COMMITTEE MEMBERS—As term ends we are starting to think about the Friends of Monkfield Park Committee from September. Several of our members are leaving and we require people to join our fun, friendly team from September. If you are interested drop us an email friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com



UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR—Do you have a couple of hours spare each month? Are you looking for a way to support the school?

Then we have a great role for you. We are looking for a Second Hand Uniform Co-ordinator. The role is very easy to do and takes a few hours each month.

Donated uniform needs to be collected from the office. It's then checked for damage and washed before being sorted into sizes. You would then be responsible for a termly uniform sale to keep funds coming into FOMP. It would be ideal for two or group of people to do together.

If this sounds like something you could support the school with, please drop



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Forthcoming dates

4th July 2pm—Year 6 performance

17th July 3.30pm—Reports drop in for parents

5th July 6pm—Year 6 performance

19th July 10 am—Year 6 Leaver assembly

14th July—Class swap morning

19th July—Year 6 Leaver party

14th July—Reports sent home to families

20th July—Last day of term for children (end of term lunch)

Healthy Eating Recipe—Baba ganoush

Ingredients

3 aubergines
3 garlic cloves, crushed with a teaspoon of salt
1 lemon, juice only
2 tablespoons tahini
3 tablespoons olive oil
black pepper, to taste
1 tablespoon chopped flat leaf parsley
Method

Prick the aubergines with a fork and grill until the skin is blackened and the flesh feels soft when you press it.
Crush the garlic with the lemon juice, tahini, olive oil and pepper.

Cut the aubergines in half and scoop out the flesh. Mix the soft flesh with the remaining ingredients.

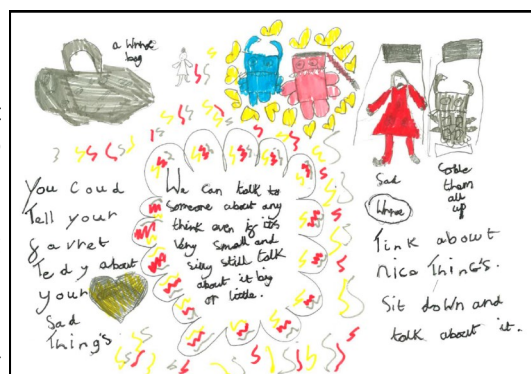


The voice of the child project

The Education Child Protection Service together with the LSCB (Local Safeguarding Children Board) ran a project at the beginning of the Summer term 2017 to capture the views of primary aged children about perceptions of safety and to promote talking to a trusted adult if they are feeling worried.



Teachers across the school used lesson plans and materials which were also provided to address this topic with their classes. Lessons and activities included exploring the early warning signs that indicate when we do not feel safe and developing strategies individuals can draw on if they are feeling worried, bullied, stressed or in abusive situations.



There was also the opportunity for pupils to participate in a competition to promote personal safety, either in film or poster form. The winning film recording and posters will then be shared with schools for use as a future assembly resource and the winning film and posters will be displayed on the LSCB website.

Two winning posters were chosen from Monkfield Park and were Annabelle (Yellow Class) and Maya (Violet Class).

Wood Green visit Year 4

This week, the children in Year 4 were visited by a member of staff from Wood Green. During an assembly, the children learnt about different animals and how to care for them, followed by a workshop focussed on caring for rabbits. They made a rabbit treat tunnel out of hay and dried herbs, which some of the children took home to their pets. The picture you are able to see shows some of the children planning their perfect rabbit home!



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