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Year 2 visit the home of Isaac Newton—Woolsthorpe Manor

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Woolsthorpe Manor, the home of Isaac Newton. It was incredible to see the apple tree that he sat under as a young man. We could just imagine him sitting there, seeing the apple fall from the tree that began his discovery of gravity. All children thoroughly enjoyed participating in a range of scientific experiments and investigations; from changing the direction of light to firing their own rocket! Whilst standing inside Isaac Newton's bedroom, it was clear to see his passion for science, seeing his sketches on the walls and the books piled high. It was a bit tricky to read any of his writing as it was all in Latin. We'd like to say a big thank you to the wonderful staff and volunteers who made the trip come to life. A special thank you to the parent helpers that made our trip possible.



Priory Walk Car Park

We would like to remind parents that the car park on Priory Walk is a public car park with spaces allocated to Sunflower nursery. We have been alarmed to hear that some parents from our school have verbally abused Sunflower parents when they have been dropping their child off at the nursery, after being politely asked to move. Unfortunately one of the parents from the nursery was sworn and shouted at in front of her child. This was clearly very upsetting for both of them.

Sunflower nursery is proposing to make some improvements to their signage, to make it clearer, but if you could support our values around tolerance and respect, we would be most grateful.

Secondary school applications

Please be reminded that the deadline for secondary applications is approaching. This is the 31st October. If an application hasn't already been submitted then please use the Cambridgeshire County Council website and the Admissions pages associated with this to place an application. This can be found at:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school/>

Charity of the year

Monkfield Park will often take part in fundraising events or request donations at the end of performances, and each year we nominate a charity to pass this money on to.

We have decided that for this academic year the charity known as 'Blue Smile' should benefit from this. Blue Smile provide well-being, therapy and counselling support for children who have been subject to trauma or who face extremely difficult times in their lives within Cambridgeshire. They work and have worked to support some children at Monkfield Park very successfully over the last two years and we continue to benefit from their services. To find out more about their work, please find their website below:

www.bluesmile.org.uk

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Olli in Phoenix Class—For his attention to detail in his work on angles. I was most impressed with his listening and attention during this learning in Year 5.

Alfie in Yellow Class—For trying to eat all of his lunch each day, we are so proud of you!

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to count amounts of up to 10 around the home. E.g. a bunch of bananas.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you the difference between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

Ask your Year 2 child what they learnt on their trip to Woolsthorpe Manor. Can they name some of Isaac Newton's famous discoveries?

Ask your Year 3 child about their favourite part of their Egyptian dance.

Ask your Year 4 child how to use the 'chunking' method to divide.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how to use a protractor.

Ask your Year 6 child about the dangers of malware.

Walk to school

This week, the children have been given out their September walk to school badges. They have been awarded their badges if they have been active at least three times a week while on their journey to school. This year, the walk to school badges celebrate important inventions throughout history. The September badge celebrates the invention of the cogwheel. Early development of the cogwheel is credited to a Greek inventor called Archimedes. Cogwheels or gears can be spotted in huge construction machines or in small clocks and watches. Gears can help us to lift heavier objects or travel faster in a short space of time. The gears on a bicycle, for example, mean that you can pedal uphill easily.

FORTHCOMING DATES

10th October 5-7.30pm—Parent consultation evening

11th October at 9am—Green Class assembly

14th October—Individual photographs (date change)

15th October 4-6pm—Parent consultation evening (new date added)

21st—25th October—HALF TERM

28th October—Children return to school

8th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

w/c 11th November—Anti bullying week

14th November—Year 3 visit the Saatchi Gallery

14th November at 4.30pm—Reception Maths evening

9th December—Flu vaccinations

10th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

11th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

12th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity (corrected)

12th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

13th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

16th December—Christmas Crafternoon

17th December—Christmas lunch

18th December—LAST DAY OF TERM

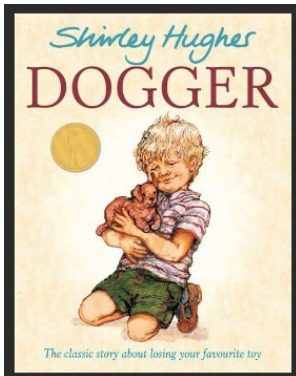
19th December—2nd January 2020—CHRISTMAS BREAK

3rd January 2020—INSET day (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

6th January 2020—Children return

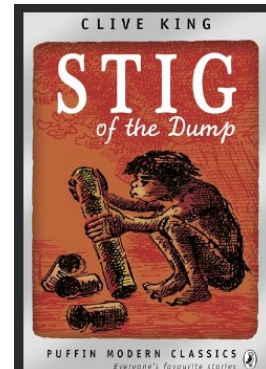
Recommended reads

This week, two children's favourites have been selected, which you may recall from your own childhood. Whether your child reads the book themselves, or you read to them, or even share the reading, we hope that you enjoy spending time with the following texts:



Key Stage 1 recommended read—Dogger by Shirley Hughes

Key Stage 2 recommended read—Stig of the Dump by Clive King



Upcoming workshops.

Facilitated by your Early Intervention Family Workers.

Aimed at offering parents and carers of children aged 4-16 years a supportive and informal environment in which to talk about different parenting and behaviour topics.

Screen time Battles – Comberton Village College

Monday 7^h October 6pm-7:30pm.

Screen time Battles – Cambourne Village College

Monday 28th October 6pm-7:30pm.

Understanding Challenging Behaviour – Comberton Village College

Monday 4th November 6-7:30pm.

Understanding Challenging Behaviour – Cambourne Village College

Monday 18th November 6-7:30pm.

Effective Discipline – Comberton Village College

Monday 25th November 6-7:30pm.

Building resilience and increasing confidence – Comberton Village College

Monday 2nd December 6-7:30pm.

Building resilience and increasing confidence – Cambourne Village College

Monday 9th December 6-7:30pm

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