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Shoes reminder

Please ensure that your child comes to school in black shoes.

Parenting workshop

Would you like to find out more about how best to support your child in overcoming difficulties. Would you like to know how to improve your relationship with your child? If so, please come along to our parent drop in with the family worker on Tuesday 7th March with a focus upon 'labelling'. Just come along to the school office.

Engineering competition

After the enjoyment and success of Amazon's Design a Drone competition, we have decided to start a new challenge at Monkfield Park. As part of a national initiative, we will be becoming engineers for the day as we identify problems and invent solutions for them. To do this, we have teamed up with a school in New Zealand and we will try to understand what life is like for the school children and what obstacles they face – especially as they are over 800m above sea level. One issue that we will be looking at in particular is the safe transportation of Kiwi eggs. We can't wait to get started on this project and we have no doubt it will capture our curiosity and imagination across all year groups.

Science Week at Monkfield Park

During Science Week we were lucky enough to have many special visitors in school. The first was Dr Matt—a scientist and magician, who began our week with a bang! He astounded us with his mind blowing illusions and tricks, for example: making water turn to milk, polystyrene vanishing before our very eyes, and controlling a balloon's movements with a hairdryer. As well as this, we learnt about the many principles of science and its multiple mysteries.

We also learnt about how science has moved technology on through a 'retro' computing workshop where we had the opportunity to find out about computers, gaming and communication devices from the past.

Some children enjoyed a visit from Sue Orpin, who ran a workshop on Darwin. The children imagined travelling to various places around the world. When they reached certain destinations they had to hold many different yoga poses named after animals such as the penguin, the lizard and the turtle. Other classes were visited by Mr Batten, an engineer, who taught the children about his former job. He let the children know about how much problem solving was involved and he talked about some of the problems he'd been involved in and then took the Year 6 children to survey the front of our school.

Thank you to the many volunteers who were able to lend their expertise this week.



Forthcoming dates

w/c 6th March—Book Week

10th March 9am—Columba Class assembly

21st—24th February—Science Week

22nd March 10am—Reception Spring performance

22nd March—Parent consultations

23rd March 2pm—Reception Spring performance

24th March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly

w/c 27th March—International Week

30th March—Reception come & share in the morning

30th March—Parent consultations

31st March—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM (CHILDREN RETURN 18TH APRIL)

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child if they would have climbed the beanstalk like Jack did or not?

Ask your Year 1 child to find objects around the home which are made of plastic, wood and metal.

Ask your Year 2 child about materials they might use to keep the kiwi eggs safe.

Ask your Year 3 child how they will use 'Scratch' to create their animation story board.

Ask your Year 4 child to give you some facts about the major rivers of the world.

Ask your Year 5 child which key skills are needed to be an engineer.

Ask your Year 6 child how to make a hovercraft.

Head Teacher roll of honour

Freya in Pegasus Class—Freya completes everything to such a high standard from her classwork to her homework. Well done Freya.

-Edward in Indigo Class—It is nice to see Edward thinking for himself, growing in independence and making his own choices. A valuable attribute to have, keep it up Edward.

Friends of Monkfield Park

CHRISTMAS CARD UPDATE—Despite the lateness and some printing problems we raised £491 with Christmas card sales.

We will be changing supplier this year and details will be released during the Autumn Term.



DISCO UPDATE—A BIG thank you to everyone who helped out and to all the children who attended the school discos last term. Without your continued support we couldn't continue to run these events.

Total profit raised from all 4 discos was £683.66



RED NOSE DAY -Red Noses will be available to purchase for £1 in the play-grounds before and after school each day.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Comic Relief Dress Down Day

24 March

Name the Easter Bunny

Commencing 20 March

Summer Fete

Saturday 17 June

Further details on all events will be sent out in due course

