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Reception Spring term performance

The very popular children's fairy-tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' was re-told by our Reception children last week as they sang, danced and acted their way through their very first and very special performance for their parents and families. There were some sad, scary and exciting moments to be had as the children took us through the main events and added in their own very unique brand of magic into the mix. In our photo you are able to see some of the children performing.



Reception & Key Stage 1 circus skills workshops

Children in Key Stage 1 and Reception benefitted from a circus skills workshop that was held in school last Friday. This was funded through the Olympic legacy funding the school receives and which is spent on creating physical opportunities for the children. Plate spinning, tightrope walking and tricks with scarves were the order of the day. As you can see from our photographs, once the children had learnt these skills, they then went off to master them in their classrooms. We hope that the children talked positively of their experiences last week with you.



Comic relief fundraising

Thank you for supporting us with Comic Relief last week. Due to this we were able to raise £327.30 for charity. Thank you for giving generously.

Teaching in Cambridgeshire

As you know we are facing a teacher shortage in Cambridgeshire. We have, once again, organised an Initial Teacher Training providers event to make people more aware of all the options open to them. This event will be of use to anyone considering a career in teaching.

Please help us spread the word about the 'Getting into Teaching' event at Anglia Ruskin University on Tuesday 18th April, 6-8pm. There will be a range of local providers attending offering all phases and routes such as school centred places, PGCEs, B.Ed or internships.

We would like as many people as possible to come and find out about how they can get into teaching in Cambridgeshire.

To book a place for the event, please follow this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-into-teaching-information-event-tickets-32462500212>



International Week at Monkfield Park

What an adventure we have been on this week! We have had a global learning experience with lots of enthusiastic visitors who have shared their language, culture and friendship with us. These have included lots of parent volunteers, school staff, outside visitors, and the fantastic students from CVC who have English as an additional language. Some of the highlights of the week included learning about Islam and traditional Indian dress with Mrs Asif, an energetic and fun Spanish performance from The Freshwater Theatre Co., learning about different religious festivals including Holi and Punam Agarwal, learning languages including: French; Greek; Spanish; Portuguese; Afrikaans; Polish; Hindi; and Arabic, and CVC students teaching the children about their country of origin. A huge thank you to all of the adults and children involved who combined to make International Week a memorable learning experience for the children.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you a word or phrase which they have learnt in French.

Ask your Year 1 child if they can tell you who Romeo and Juliet are.

Ask your Year 2 child what they have learnt in International Week.

Ask your Year 3 child how many times they can double a two digit number before it gets too tricky to do mentally.

Ask your Year 4 child about major festivals in Spain.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you three facts that they have learnt about Tunisia.

Ask your Year 6 child what the difference is between reported and direct speech.

Head Teacher roll of honour

Leah in Green class—Leah has shone in every aspect of her writing this half term. Well done!

Sujei in Dephinus class—Sujei is aiming high and doing well in all curriculum areas. This is mainly due to his improved concentration in school.

Scarlet in Pegasus class—Scarlet is progressing in every area and should be really proud of her achievements in school. She is working extremely hard to achieve her personal goals.

Friends of Monkfield Park

WINNER OF THE EASTER BUNNER—Many thanks to everyone who guessed the name of the Easter Bunny. The winner will be announced on our Facebook page on Friday 31 March.



COMIC RELIEF-Huge thanks to all who donated to our bucket collection on Friday 24 March. We raised a grand total of £327.30 and sold 480 red noses!



BAGS TO SCHOOL COLLECTION—The next Bag to School collection has been planned for **Thursday 4 May**. If you are having a spring clear out of old clothes and shoes over the Easter holidays please bear us in mind. Collection bags will be sent home after Easter.



SUMMER FETE : SATURDAY 17 JUNE - The Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 17 June. This year will follow the style of a traditional fete with games and stalls. If you can help out on the day please let us know. The event will be added to PTA Social shortly.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bake Sale	28 April
Bag2School collection	4 May
Summer Fete	Saturday 17 June

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

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre Holiday Club

The Care & Learning Centre operates a Holiday Club during school holiday periods. Holiday Club sessions are charged by the hour from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm daily which enables parents/carers to book hours to suit their needs (the minimum chargeable unit is one hour). Children attending for full days or over lunchtime will need to bring a nut-free packed lunch. Also, we cannot heat or re-heat items sent in from home.

The cost of the Holiday Club will be £4.80 per child per hour for children aged 3 to 11 years and £5.25 per hour for children aged from 2 until the term after their third birthday (a one-off registration fee applies to register a child at the Care & Learning Centre). The Easter holiday club schedule is below:

Time and Date	10.00 am -12 noon	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm	5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Monday 3rd April Modelling Day	Pipe Cleaner Insects	Soap Carving	Paper Aeroplane Flight Challenge	Construction Kit Models
Tuesday 4th April Spring Time - Part 1	Painting & Decorating Flower Pots	Planting	Signs of Spring Challenge Walk	Shaun the Sheep DVD
Wednesday 5th April Talent Show Day	Plan & Prepare your 'Act'	Make Props & Instruments	The Big Rehearsal	The 'Show'
Thursday 6th April Games Day	Giant Games	Designing Board Games	Twister Challenge	Table Top Games
Friday 7th April Art Attack	Wool Art	Fabric Art	Outdoor Splatter Painting	Bead Art
Monday 10th April Den Day	Design a Den for your Favourite Teddy	Make the Den for Teddy	Outdoor Den Building	Story Dens
Tuesday 11th April Spring Time - Part 2	Tissue Paper Spring Flowers	Plasticine Spring Picture Prints	Designing & Making Easter Hats	Springtime Masks
Wednesday 12th April Easter Cooking	Making Hot Cross Bun Dough	Make Hot Cross Buns	Edible Easter Chicks	Easter Songs, Rhymes & Stories
Thursday 13th April Egg-Stravaganza	Making Chocolate Nests	Egg Hunt	Decorating Eggs & Egg Rolling Competition	Peter Rabbit DVD

If you would like to book any sessions or have any questions about the Holiday Club please do not hesitate to contact the Care & Learning Centre on 01954 273301 or by email clcof-fice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

Lunch costs for next term

Lunch costs for the next half term are £2.25 daily, £11.25 weekly and £63.00 until May half term. For those attending PGL, the half termly cost will be £51.75, and for those attending Burwell House it will be £58.50. For the entire Summer term, the costs will be £137.25 (PGL £126.00, Burwell House £132.75).

Healthy Eating recipes

Spicy Lentil Soup

Ingredients

1tbsp olive oil
1 onion, chopped
2 celery sticks, chopped
2 cloves garlic
1tsp ground cumin
½tsp ground coriander
160g dried split red lentils
1 litre vegetable stock
Coriander leaves, to serve

Method:

Heat the olive oil on a low heat and add the onion, celery and dry spices to the pan.

Cook for 3 minutes. Add the lentils and stock.

Bring to the boil and simmer for 20 mins, or until the lentils are tender.

Remove from the heat, blitz in a food processor and check seasoning.

Serve with roughly chopped coriander leaves.



Year 1 baking

The aroma of fresh baking filled our corridors this week as the children in Year 1 worked with Mrs Flack and Miss Tauwhare to create some delicious cakes as part of their baking project. The recipe of choice was Victoria sponge sandwich. Here you are able to see the children hard at work, weighing, measuring and working together to achieve fantastic results.





Parenting courses

Because children don't come with instructions

Raising Teens and Sibling Rivalry
Cambourne Village College
 Starts on Tuesday 2nd May for 10 weeks
 (excluding half term)
 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Being a parent is one of the hardest but also one of the most rewarding jobs. Unfortunately children/teenagers don't come with an instruction manual!

The "Raising Teens" programme is aimed at offering parents of children aged 11-16 years a supportive, informal environment, in which to gain information, knowledge and skills around parenting issues.

Facilitated by Samantha Stacey and Clare Merrington.
Booking essential please call 01954 284604.
 Venue – Cambourne Village College
 Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne, CB23 6FR

www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk



Parenting courses

Because children don't come with instructions

Raising Children and Sibling Rivalry
Cambourne Village College
 Starts on Wednesday 10th May for 9 weeks
 (excluding half term)
 10:00am – 12:00pm

Being a parent is one of the hardest but also one of the most rewarding jobs. Unfortunately children don't come with an instruction manual!

The Raising Children programme is aimed at offering parents of children aged 5-12 years a supportive, informal environment, in which to gain information, knowledge and skills around parenting.

Facilitated by Samantha Stacey and Clare Merrington.
If you are interested in attending please call- 01954 284604 or 01954 286008
 Venue- Cambourne Village College, Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne
 Cambridge, CB23 6FR

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Key Stage 2 boot camp

With some of our PE Olympic legacy funding, we have arranged Key Stage 2 boot camps for the children over the course of this half term. This was a great opportunity for the children to look at using and applying their skills of stamina and physical performance and to identify personal goals for themselves. The children had a wonderful time and were able to find out about how their bodies perform best when being challenged. It was a great chance to identify the role that nutrition plays and also how practice can make us physically fitter and more able to face and overcome new challenges, as well as a positive mind set.



Forthcoming dates

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

25th April—Green Class visit Sedgewick Museum

7th June 6pm—Year 5 & 6 Sex and Relationships information evening for parents

25th April 2pm—Year 5 performance

26th April—Blue Class visit Sedgewick Museum

9th June at 9am—Dorado Class assembly

26th April 6pm—Year 5 performance

9th June after school—Friends cake sale

28th April 9am—Green Class assembly

w/c 12th June—Year 1 phonics checks

28th April after school—Friends cake sale

14th June—Year 5 visit Audley House

1st May—Bank holiday (school closed)

14th June 6pm—New Reception parents' evening

8th May—Year 2 Tennis festival

17th June—Summer fete

w/c 8th May—End of Key Stage 2 SATs week

20th June—Year 4 Mini Olympics festival

w/c 15th May—Year 6 PGL

21st June (a.m.) - Key Stage 2 sports day

17th May—Year 3 Invasion Games

22nd June—Reception visit Wicken Fen

22nd May—Indigo class visit Woolsthorpe Manor

23rd June (a.m.) - Key Stage 2 reserve sports day

24th May—Violet class visit Woolsthorpe Manor

27th June (a.m.) - Reception & Key Stage 1 sports day

25th May (pm) - Reception Come & Share event

30th June (a.m.) - Reception & Key Stage 1 reserve sports day

24th May 4pm—Year 4 Burwell House information event for parents

25th May—Class photos

4th July 2pm—Year 6 performance

w/c 29th May—HALF TERM

5th July 6pm—Year 6 performance

5th June—INSET DAY (school closed to children)

12th July (a.m.) Reception come and share event

6th June—Children return

14th July—Class swap morning

6th & 7th June—Year 4 residential to Burwell House

14th July—Reports sent home to families

17th July 3.30pm—Reports drop in for parents

19th July 10 am—Year 6 Leaver's assembly

19th July—Year 6 Leaver's party

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

21st July—INSET DAY (school closed to children)