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Year 5 star gaze and become astronomers

Last Thursday, the children of Year 5 were invited back to school 'after dark' to take part in a star gazing evening presented by David Roberts from the Papworth Astronomy Club. This event was held as an enrichment activity to supplement the current Year 5 topic - Space. It was a spectacular turnout with over 70 attendees, as families were invited to come and join the fun. Over the course of the hour the children were able to



spot different satellites that orbit our Earth; plus a very clear sighting of Mars and some major star constellations. Following this, the children have this week been immersed in both art and writing tasks with fabulous outcomes from both classes.

Both Miss Simpson and Mrs Squires are impressed with how seriously the children are taking their learning this term and how intensely interested they've been in this area of study. Although our photo is quite dark, you are able to see participants enjoying the action.

Year 6 Science, Art and Writing project (SAW)

Last week, we were fortunate enough to welcome the SAW project (science, art and writing) into Year 6. After completing our own investigations a week earlier, we were able to witness which bacteria grew in our own garden soil. We then went on to look at helpful pathogens and how leaf cutter ants were revolutionising antibiotics.



Using the science as inspiration, we created poems and artwork on bacteria. We enjoyed expressing ourselves using Brusho, bubble wrap and oil pastels. This has given us an insight into the world of science, art and writing and inspired many of us to follow in their footsteps – we have even been able to create our own investigations and wait in anticipation to watch the bacteria grow!



Head Teacher roll of honour

Mason in Yellow Class—Mason's reading is just fantastic. He puts in time and effort to read some challenging words. Well done Mason.

Ben in Pegasus Class—Ben has shown a new enthusiasm for maths and has shown that he can tackle new challenges head on.

Ayaz in Blue Class—Ayaz has tried really hard to try new foods at lunchtime. Well done.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to name and describe the shapes of different food e.g. How many sides a slice of bread has.

Ask your Year 1 child to name some 3-D shapes.

Ask your Year 2 child to describe the materials that they used to make a catapult.

Ask your Year 3 child to use the words parallel and perpendicular to describe shapes.

Ask your Year 4 child what they saw in their imaginary world.

Ask your Year 5 child how they can be a good team member.

Ask your Year 6 child how you can make inferences from a picture.

Forthcoming dates

13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert

19th December—Christmas lunch

14th December 9.30am—Reception ‘come and share’ event

20th December—Christmas parties

14th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

20th December—Last day of term

15th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity

21st December—Christmas holidays begin

15th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

4th January INSET day (school closed to children)

16th December 10am—Year 1 nativity

5th January—All children return

Children in Need 2016



Thanks to your fundraising efforts last Friday, we were able to raise £324.05 for Children in Need this year, which is close to the donations from last year. To mark the day, children spent the afternoon with other members of their house teams (Endeavour, Challenger, Atlantis, Discovery and Enterprise). During this time they completed 'spotty' activities such as creating designs for special boxes and completing specially designed obstacle courses.



Help us to become a Healthy School

Which foods contain a good amount of carbohydrate?

- 1.) Bananas
- 2.) Sweet potatoes
- 3.) Red meat

Bananas and sweet potatoes!

About half of the calories in your diet should come from carbohydrate foods, such as cereals, rice, pasta, potatoes and bread, so it's a good idea to include at least one of these in every meal. Try a whole grain bread, pasta or other cereals to give you extra fibre. Have you tried baking your own bread? It's good fun and smells wonderful! Don't forget that our brains run on carbohydrates.



Buggies in school



Please be reminded that buggies are not permitted inside the school building for fire safety reasons—they may impede the exit of others if an evacuation has to take place. There is a shelter outside the school office where buggies can be left. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

Take care when parking




As parents are aware, the area outside of the car park gates and just beyond those is a no parking area, for the safety of the children in our school. We would also appreciate it if parents could avoid parking on the grass verges in front of the school and the entrance. There is a public car park in Priory Walk and although we appreciate the nights are darker and the weather has become less pleasant, it is only a 2-5 minute walk away from the school. Thank you.

Year 5 team building

Year 5 took part in a fantastic team building morning led by the Cambridgeshire sport and education group last Friday. During the session, the children took part in several fun activities where they had to work as part of a team in order to complete various challenges. All the children worked extremely hard on skills such as listening, encouraging, showing determination, perseverance and communicating. The children also learnt that in order to succeed the team needed to trust each other. One child said, "I liked playing crossing the swamp because you couldn't get to the other side without helping each other!"



Friends of Monkfield Park

	CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 7 – 9PM Pop down and get some amazing Christmas presents from the wonderful stalls. If you have any items suitable for raffle prizes please drop them into the school office for the attention of "Friends".
	MINI UNIFORM We have a stock of "mini" Monkfield Uniform available to dress Teddies and Dolls. This will be available for sale at the Christmas Shopping Evening.
	CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON If you could spare some time to help man a stall while your children have fun getting crafty please let us know on PTA Social http://service.ptasocial.com/register/FOMP
	WHAT IS PTA SOCIAL? We use PTA Social to keep an up to date list of all volunteers for our events. Each event is broken down into small areas, for example at the Crafternoon the event is broken down into Craft Tables. Volunteers can choose how long they help out for and for which area. DON'T DELAY, SIGN UP TO HELP AT AN EVENT!