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Spelling Bee

Key Stage 2 children took part in what is becoming the annual spelling bee competition held at Monkfield Park last Wednesday. A team, each comprising of one child from each year group from Years 3 – 6 were entered from six local primary schools, who each took part in a range of spelling rounds. The rounds included anagrams, definitions, on the spot spelling, as well as many others. Monkfield Park came joint second place in this competition, with only a few points between them and the winners. Well done to our team who were Kartikay, Nate, Ronaldo and Ananya. They worked extremely hard as a team and deserve special recognition for their efforts and for representing our school.

1st Barnabas Oley 138 points

2nd = Haslingfield 134 points

2nd = Monkfield 134 points

2nd = The Vine 134 points

5th Caldecote 133 points

6th Bourn 127 points

Results of parent consultation

Thank you to those who responded to our recent consultation about the morning arrangements. I can now confirm that an overwhelming majority of parents would like children to come directly into the classroom each morning at 8.50 am, with 10% preferring teachers collecting from the playground, 89% preferring direct entry to the classroom, and 1% having no view. In light of this result, as from next Monday 10th July, we will permanently welcome children directly into classrooms at 8.50 am each morning. It was also very interesting to note that some parents felt that this arrangement helped to ease congestion in the Priory Walk car park.

Reports drop in

Please note that on Monday 17th July between 3.45 pm and 5.15 pm, teaching staff will be available for a 'reports drop in'. The aim of this optional opportunity is to provide parents with a time during when they are able to talk through any aspects of their child's report which they have queries or questions about. If you would like to see the class teacher during this time, simply come to the school office to sign in. Please be aware that since this is a 'drop in', parents will be seen on a first come-first served basis and may have to wait to be seen.

Healthy Lifestyles Week—Energise and empower!

A generation ago, 70% of us walked to school – now it's less than half. At Monkfield Park, we want to help reverse this decline. We want children to be energised and empowered, and to make walking, biking or scooting to school their natural choice. As parents and carers, we need your help! Physical activity helps keep you and your children stay healthy in mind as well as body, and also prepares your child for learning and the school day ahead.

Next week, we are running a 'Healthy Lifestyles' week which will see all children fully involved in fun and challenging physical activities. What better way to support this than by encouraging your child to walk, scoot or bike to school every day. Each class will keep a record of the number of children who make their way to school using one of the above modes of transport, and at the end of the week, the winning class will be announced and rewarded with time to play their own choice of team/class games.

Year 5 Careers convention

What better way to inspire the Year 5 children to look to their future than to attend a careers convention? And what a stunning location! It was a fantastic morning, where the children out did themselves in terms of enthusiasm, manners and superb questioning skills. Whether they had in mind a career or not, they developed a greater understanding of a variety of options for their future including midwifery, university and college courses, optometry, construction, science and technology. Thank you to Network CB23 for organising such an inspirational morning.



Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to do some doubling of amounts using simple objects e.g. grapes.
- Ask your Year 1 child what sort of music they have listened to in school and what has been their favourite song?
- Ask your Year 2 child if they can spot a pattern between the 2x tables and the 4x tables.
- Ask your Year 3 child to tell you a fable.
- Ask your Year 4 child about the different types of switches that can be used in an electrical circuit.
- Ask your Year 5 child to explain the life cycle of an insect, including describing metamorphosis.
- Ask your Year 6 child about their favourite moment from the Mystery at Magpie Manor.

Head Teacher roll of honour

- Rachel in Pegasus class—for putting 100% effort into everything, including her homework on 'new worlds'.
- Rupesh in Delphinus class—for his great acting ability and using both tone of voice and facial expression.

Pocket toys reminder

As from September 2016, we allowed children to bring in 'pocket toys' to play with during break times. Of late we have noticed that a few toys being brought into school have not been appropriate. Please remember the following information regarding pocket toys in school. In the event that this information is not adhered to, please be aware that the pocket toy may be held in the class teacher's cupboard until the end of the school day:

- The toy must be pocket sized i.e. able to fit into a coat pocket or trouser pocket.
- The toy must not be dangerous or offensive e.g. sharp.
- The toy must not be a trading or swapping card game.
- The toy must not be used to hurt another child.
- Your child must return the toy to their tray at the end of playtime/lunchtime. It is not allowed to be used during classroom/learning time.

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. 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@monkfiedpark.cambs.sch.uk

Forthcoming dates

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| | 17th July 3.30pm—Reports drop in for parents |
| | 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—Cauliflower Risotto (Serves 4)

Topping:

Ingredients: 100g stale bread, 50g anchovies, 3 red chillies.

1. Blend all of the above ingredients together and bake until crispy.

Risotto:

Ingredients: 1 cauliflower, 400g Arborio Rice, 1 onion, 1 litre vegetable stock, 1 garlic clove, 50ml olive oil

1. Chop middle part of cauliflower and cook with the onion and garlic
2. Sweat the onion and garlic in the olive oil
3. Add the rice and stir until coated
4. Put in the cauliflower in small florets
5. Add in the stock a small ladleful at a time, stirring until each is absorbed
6. Serve and garnish with chopped parsley



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CONTACT US—Via email friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com or via our Facebook page, or via the school office.



Extreme Reading

The challenge is on! Get set for a Summer of reading - wherever and whenever you can! Where is the funniest or strangest place your child can read? Send us photos of your child, you can even join in too! We would love to see where you've been reading this Summer. For more information about the Extreme Reading Challenge, please visit our website.

We look forward to hearing back from you!