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Thinking of Others.

I never fail to be staggered by the incredible generosity of the Monkfield Park community and this week has been no exception. Last Friday we marked Comic Relief's Red Nose Day by dressing up as super heroes for the day and having some much needed fun. The wonderful Friends of Monkfield Park made sure we had red noses to purchase and set up a link to a Just Giving page so we could donate money to this worthy cause. I am very pleased and proud to announce that you raised an amazing

£1214.56

Even in these difficult times, when we know that many people are finding their financial resources limited, you dug deep to help those less fortunate. Thank you for supporting us to help improve the life chances of those who need the help of charities such as Comic Relief at this time.

Mrs Howell

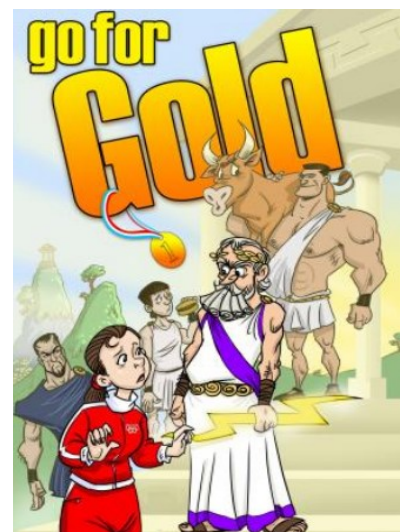
Sending Mrs O'Rourke Good Wishes

As we look forward to breaking up for our Easter holiday, Mrs O'Rourke is preparing for her next adventure as she begins her maternity leave. We send her many good wishes and can't wait to welcome baby O'Rourke to the Monkfield Park family very soon.

Year 5 Production Prepares For the Big Screen

The pandemic and current lockdown restrictions have made us approach things very differently and find new ways to enable those important aspects of the curriculum, which are marked through the school year, to take place.

The children love performing in their annual school productions as it gives them all the opportunity to shine in different ways. Year 5 have only been rehearsing for two short weeks following the re-opening of school, but they are such a talented bunch they decided to forge ahead and film their production this week. The film is now being edited and we can't wait to see the first screening of 'Go For Gold' on Thursday 15th April. Further details will follow shortly but pop that date—Thursday 15th April—in to the diary now.



A Wild Week

We always love to try something new at Monkfield Park and this week was no exception. You may be just beginning to think about dusting off your barbeque, but the children in Year 3 and Year 4 decided to take their learning outside this week and try some wild cooking using some portable wood burning stoves.

One of the national curriculum objectives for Year 3 is 'to prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques'. With this in mind, Year 3 decided to tackle eggs by cooking some delicious eggy bread over a wood fire. The children diligently collected wood to stoke the fires and learnt some key skills about lighting and keeping fires going. They then cracked and whisked some eggs before dipping the bread into the delicious mixture and cooking it in a frying pan. Reflecting on their learning, the children agreed that their next steps would be to practise and perfect their flipping skills! However, the unanimous verdict was that the eggy bread was delicious and tasted even better for being cooked in the open air.



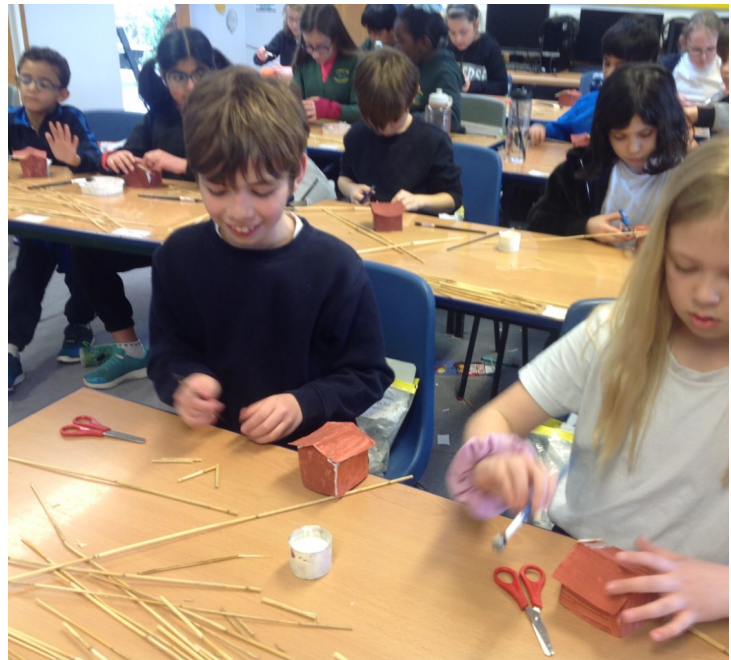
Chembakoli Day

Throughout this term Year 4 have been learning about Chembakoli as part of their geography topic work. Chembakoli is a remote village in the Nilgiri Hills of Southern India. Through their studies of the village and the people who live there, the children have learnt so much about the culture, religion and geography of this little known region of India which produces the tea for our daily cuppa.

On Thursday the children held a Chembakoli Day when they fully immersed themselves in many of the activities they would see if they were in Chembakoli.

I think Nitesh can explain what the children enjoyed far better than I can.

On our Chembakoli day we got to make our own naan bread. Firstly, we got our dough which we seasoned then made thin. We went to the outdoor classroom, putting the stoves onto the grass. Our dough was put on the stove, as soon as it was cooked we were allowed to eat it - delicious! After that we made models of Chembakolli houses, we painted our houses brown and stuck bamboo sticks on to the roof. In PE we did storytelling through dance.



Headteacher Roll of Honour

The following children have really grabbed our attention this week.

Abi in Delphinus Class— Abi is such a kind, caring and supportive friend to everyone in her class. She always tries her hardest in everything she does and never makes a fuss. What a wonderful role model.

Annabelle in Aquila Class—Annabelle has impressed us all with her progress in reading. Her success on Accelerated reader has been very well deserved as Annabelle loves books.

Akuchi in Indigo Class— Akuchi is such a hard worker. She loves learning and is always the first to be ready for her lessons, setting a wonderful example for everyone. Thank you for always trying your best in everything you do.

Oliver in Yellow Class— Oliver is such a polite boy with lovely manners. He has impressed everyone with his work in phonics this term. He has an excellent attitude to his learning and always gives 100%.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to explain how to cross the road safely.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you what their favourite part of their WOW day was and why.

Ask your Year 2 child to explain how to make a spreadsheet on Purple Mash.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how you make eggy bread on a wood burning stove.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you the recipe they used for their Indian bread.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you about Ancient Greek weaponry.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain what a micro-adventure is.

Forthcoming Dates

These dates may be subject to change if there are changes in Government and Local Authority guidance.

12th April - Children return to school.

15th April - Screening of Year 5 production (details to follow)

26th April—International Week

20th May—Reception production

21st May—Class photographs

24th May—STEM week

28th May—Break up for Half term



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Activities for the Easter Break

Easter bucket list



The challenges of home schooling as a temporary teacher and supporting your child as a parent has been difficult. As we look towards the Easter break, prioritising ways you and your family can look after your mental health and taking time out to be only a parent again is so important. This Easter bucket list from YoungMinds 360 Schools is a great way to spend time doing positive activities with your child, can provide a space to talk through any concerns and bring you closer together.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/media/4367/easter-bucket-list.pdf>

Wild Challenge from the RSPB

What is Wild Challenge?

Wild Challenge is free and fun. It's a call - to get up, get out and get wild!

It's a challenge for children and families to connect with the natural world in brave new ways - to reach out and touch it and meet it head-on, up-close and personal. All you need to do is create an account and an online profile, and within a few quick and easy steps you'll be ready to get stuck in to your wild adventure! There are a range of fun activities to choose from and bronze, silver and gold awards to achieve depending on how many you complete.



Further information can be found below. We'd love to see how you are taking part via Seesaw!

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-families/family-wild-challenge/what-is-wild-challenge/>





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Easter Holidays

Free activities & online resources for children & families

MONDAY 29TH MARCH 11-12PM

Spring into Life with Kettles Yard

For ages 7-11 - Online Session - booking required

Join Rachel for an art session inspired by the plants in Kettle's Yard art gallery.

MONDAY 29TH MARCH 4-5PM

Fun and Games with ChYpPS

For ages 8-11 - Online Session - booking required

Join in with games, challenges and get to chat with other children!

TUESDAY 30TH MARCH 4-5PM

Draw it with ChYpPS

For ages 8-11 - Online Session - booking required

Have a go at drawing all things Easter!

WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH 11-12PM

Treasure hunt!

For ages 7-11 - Online Session - booking required

"You wear me on your feet, I come in two's. Put me on when you go out, I am your.....?" Join us for a fun clue solving treasure hunt around your home.

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 11-12PM

Fossil Drawing with the Sedgwick Museum

For ages 7-11 - Online Session - booking required

Draw and learn about some of the Sedgwick Museum's fossils and how they might have looked when they were alive.

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 4-5PM

Create a cell with the Whipple Museum

For ages 7-11 - Online Session - booking required

Learn more about how animal cells are put together and make your own model or drawing of one.

HOW TO BOOK

Email us at chypps@cambridge.gov.uk or send us a private message on Facebook.

There will be a maximum of 2 booking per family
Bookings close on Friday 26th March

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