

David Walliams is one of our most popular children's authors as his hilarious and heart-warming tales appeal to children with a wide range of reading tastes and abilities. These contemporary classic tales have inspired children across the world to develop a love of reading and I am certain that the children at Monkfield Park will be eager to read the many new titles now gracing our library shelves.

A Celery and Nut Free School

Please can we politely remind you that Monkfield Park is a Nut and Celery free school.

As a school we have a duty of care to all children and must seek to protect those children who have severe allergies to nuts. To avoid putting these children at risk, we do not allow nuts or nut products in school. Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts or contain nuts.

We also have a member of staff who has a severe allergy to celery. Please can we request that raw celery or items containing celery are not included in lunch boxes or are brought into school as snacks.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



A Healthy School

A good school food culture helps children develop healthy eating habits so they can live healthier, longer lives and avoid tooth decay. At Monkfield Park we pride ourselves on promoting healthy eating habits. We have clear guidelines about the types of snacks children are allowed to bring to school. **These are limited to any variety of raw fruit and vegetables for break time snacks.**

Children are not allowed to bring crisps, fizzy or sugary drink, chocolate, sweets, cereal bars (many are high in sugar and fat), pastries, biscuits or processed foods such as fruit winders.

We also ask that if your child is having packed meals at lunchtime that you consider the contents of the lunchbox to ensure it is healthy and balanced. A useful leaflet is available from the school office if you would like some ideas of healthy options to include in lunch boxes.



Application for Reception Places for September 2023

The application window for Reception school places for September 2023 is now open. Applications can now be made to the Cambridgeshire County Council Admissions Team.

The Local Authority produces a useful 'first-steps' booklet which contains much information about the schools across Cambridgeshire. This is available via the following link: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/first-steps-2023-2024.pdf>

You can apply online at: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/primary-reception-junior-or-middle-school>

The closing date for the first round of applications is before midnight on 15th January 2023.

We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make and we would be delighted to welcome you into school so that you can see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn. Please can I encourage prospective parents to join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office.

Reception Are Making Their Mark

We are delighted to see how well our new Reception children are settling in and how they are already an important part of the Monkfield Park family.



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Each week this space will provide a celebration of those children who may be especially noticed for demonstrating learning or behaviour that we feel should be recognised and commended. This week I would like to congratulate:

Oliver in Indigo Class: Oliver is super organised. He is always ready to learn and is the first person to gather everything he needs for a task and to begin work. Thank you for be so eager to learn as much as you can every day Oliver.

Ella in Aquila Class: Ella is such a determined learner. She puts so much effort into everything she does and never gives up. Thank you for setting such a wonderful example to us all Ella.

Nathan in Columba Class: Nathan always has impeccable manners and greets Mrs Howell and the other members of staff so politely, with such warmth and kindness, every day. Thank you for setting such a wonderful example for everyone Nathan. Good manners cost nothing, but as you show, they make such a big difference to our school.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to find something around the house beginning with the letters m, a, s or d.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you what animal lives in mangroves.

Ask your Year 2 child to explain how many hundreds, tens and ones are in the number 346.

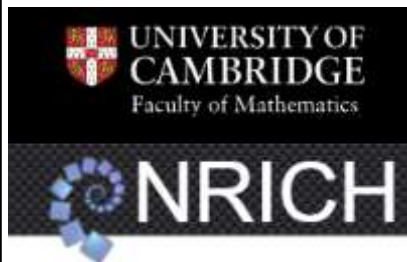
Ask your Year 3 child to explain how to make and partition a 3 digit number in different ways.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what the designs on Roman shields mean.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you their most memorable event from the space history timeline.

Ask your Year 6 child to complete this STEM sentence: The ____ digit in the number 12,568,437 is worth _____ because it is in the _____ column.

NRich Live Challenges



Each month the NRich website sets a number of 'live' problems to test children's problem solving and reasoning skills. The live problems allow children to submit their answers to the mathematicians at the University of Cambridge and the winning solutions are published on the website.

This month, to coincide with the Money Week we are holding in school, the NRich challenge is based around coinage and finding all the possible solutions to a problem. The problem, which is entitled Five More Coins, can be found using the following link <https://nrich.maths.org/4906>

We hope you enjoy the challenge.

FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2022

19th September— Bank Holiday to mark the funeral of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth 11.

w/c 26th September—Harvest Festival week

w/c 26th September—Year 6 Bikeability

30th September—Year 4 Bikeability

30th September—FOMP AGM at 3.30pm

3rd October—Reception Read Write Inc evening at 5.30pm

10th October—Individual school photographs

11th October 5pm -7.30pm—Parent consultation evening

14th October at 9:15am— Violet Class Assembly

17th October—Art Week

20th October 4pm —7pm—Parent consultation evening

24th—28th October—HALF TERM

31st October—Children return to school

2nd to 4th November—Children's Art Gallery

8th November—Flu vaccinations

w/c 14th November—Anti bullying week

15th November at 2pm—Year 2 Production

17th November at 2pm—Year 2 Production

18th November at 9:15am—Columba Class assembly

18th November—Children in Need Day

25th November—Flu vaccinations

13th December at 2pm—Year 4 Carol Concert

14th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

15th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

15th December at 6pm—Year 4 Carol Concert

16th December—FOMP Christmas event

21st December—LAST DAY OF TERM

22nd December—3rd January 2023—CHRISTMAS BREAK

4th January—INSET Day (school closed for children)

5th January—Children return to school

Parent Consultation Evenings



We will be holding Parent Consultations for the Autumn Term prior to the half term break in October. Throughout the pandemic we were able to hold these meetings via Zoom so that you were able to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

We have found holding these meetings via Zoom to have many advantages—parents and carers do not have the problem of finding child care, there is no protracted waiting in the school foyer and corridors, and teachers are able to keep to time. However, we appreciate that not all parents and carers may share our enthusiasm for virtual meetings. Please use the link below to let us

know your views.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LpdqshuCn4VzznvLLhe0JGIbulp2WFc4SPExa9DHHHY/edit>

If the majority decision is to continue with consultations via Zoom, we would also hold a 'come and share' event prior to the consultation evenings to allow parents and carers the opportunity to look at their children's books and work.

Please do complete the survey so that we can make an informed decision.

To Infinity and Beyond

Year 5 got the new term off to a flying start with a visit from Dr Matthew Bothwell from the University of Cambridge Institute of Astronomy. Matt is an astronomer and science communicator who loves to engage children with his passion for planetary science, stars, galaxies, and cosmology. The children in Year 5 have just begun their topic on space but they were intrigued and fascinated by everything Dr Matt had to tell them and left them wanting to discover more about this fascinating topic.



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

Room News

This week the children have been busy learning all about our classroom and the different areas they can play in. We have learnt some new words such as 'Construction Area' where we can build models and 'Maths Area' where we can learn about numbers and shapes. We have been working hard on tidying up the toys at the end of the session, putting them all back in the places where they belong, using the labels and photographs. We have also been focusing on our visual timetable, learning the pictures and signs which make up the routine of our day. The children have been doing brilliantly with this. Well done everybody

Classroom Visits



Due to the Covid restrictions over the past couple of years we are aware that there are some parents who haven't had a chance to visit the setting and look around the super learning environments which we have available at the Care and Learning Centre. If any parents would like to pop in at 3 o'clock over the next week to have a look around, they are most welcome.

Belongings

Please help us to keep the lost property to a minimum by ensuring that ALL your child's belongings are clearly named, in particular lunch boxes, coats, hats and shoes. Please could children also bring in a clearly named pair of wellies to wear in the garden as winter approaches. Thank you

