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Dolce Christmas competition

Congratulations to two children from our school who will have their entries for the Christmas Dolce competition put forward for a grand final, which includes entries from all other schools who use Dolce as their caterer. You are able to see pictures designed by Soha and Charlotte, which capture the essence of the festive season as it fast approaches. Good luck to both children who stand to win themselves a Nintendo 2DS XL and £100 of sports equipment for the school. You are able to view their designs here.



Public speaking heats

Network CB23 is a group of local schools who work together frequently upon pupil projects. Once again this year, Monkfield Park will be taking part in the CB23 public speaking competition, for which the final will be held at Peterhouse College—a grand and fitting venue for such an occasion. Children from across the schools in Key Stage 2 will compete to see who is able to talk for a short period about a set topic in front of a large audience made up of other children and adults. A large number of children from Monkfield Park wanted to take part, so last week we held heats where the children were able to present a speech to their class titled 'In the future I hope.....'. From those heats, four children from each year group were then nominated to repeat their presentations to the rest of Key Stage 2. We heard some excellent, mature and thought provoking presentations, that really encouraged the audience to consider their contribution to things such as global warming, promoting world peace and creating opportunities for women. From the shortlist of children, we could only select a maximum of two children from lower key stage 2, and 2 from upper key stage 2. Many congratulations go to Kush, Lily, Devika and Naina who will be attending the final. We were terribly impressed with all of those who put themselves forward and would like to extend a huge 'well done' to everyone who gave themselves this chance.



Healthy eating hints and tips

Grow your own:

Growing vegetables and herbs at home can be a fun way to teach children where food comes from and to encourage them to eat a more varied diet. They're more likely to try at least a little bite of broccoli or carrot if they've helped to plant and pick such vegetables. If you don't have a garden, a window box can be just as effective.

The Power of Kindness

The British Red Cross is running an initiative for the duration of December - The Power of Kindness Calendar. The purpose of the calendar is to help children learn about and carry out kind acts with a range of short kindness activities. The activities will be used in school at the start of the day or as an energiser during the day.

By taking part in the power of kindness calendar activities, we hope that the children will learn about the power of kindness, carry out kind acts, consider how they can be kind to themselves and others, and learn about humanitarian actions such as coping, helping and welcoming others.

Please find a link to the calendar below so that you are able to support with the kindness acts at home, in particular over the weekends.

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/kindness-calendar>

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Jaime in Columba Class—Jaime is always so supportive of her peers, offering encouragement all the way. She has such a great sense of moral values, well done Jaime!

Devika in Pegasus Class—Devika's public speaking presentation left us all stunned. It was so thought provoking and it's wonderful to see her new found confidence growing. Super work Devika!

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to hunt for three items which they think are magnetic around the home.

Ask your Year 1 child what a pictogram is.

Ask your Year 2 child to share the story of Jesus.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how to use the grid method to complete multiplication questions.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain their favoured method for multiplication.

Ask your Year 5 child what the 5 main ingredients of bread are.

Ask your Year 6 child what an angle is, the different angles and how to measure them.

Forthcoming dates

11th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 carol concert

12th December at 1.30pm—Reception come and share

12th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 carol concert

13th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity

13th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 carol concert

14th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

18th December—Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

18th December—Christmas festive fun afternoon

19th December—Last day of the Autumn term

20th December—2nd January—Christmas holiday

3rd & 4th January—INSET days (school closed to children)

7th January—Children return to school