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Keeping Children Safe

Keeping children safe is of paramount importance to everyone at Monkfield Park. Recently there have been a number of incidents at the beginning and end of the school day where children and adults have been hurt. Please can we ask all parents and carers to ensure that they supervise the children in their care at all times. Children should not play on the field, behind the bicycle sheds or on the fixed play equipment. The school cannot be held responsible for accidents which occur when the children are, or should be, under the supervision of their parents, carers or other adults.

Healthy Tuck Shop



A very big thank you to all the families who kindly contributed to the 'healthy snack' tuck shop which took place after school each day last week. We were stunned by the variety and inventiveness of the delicious donations, including colourful fruit kebabs and sticky sugar free flapjacks. I am sure you will agree that it was hugely successful in promoting healthy, nutritious snack options. Over the five days we raised an amazing total of £129 and we will be asking the children for ideas of how to spend the money raised in the near future. Miss Ward hopes to run the tuck shop on a more regular basis from September, so keep your eyes peeled for the next opportunity to make and share some healthy snacks in the Autumn.

Sports Day for Key Stage 2



The weather was perfect for Key Stage 2's annual Sports Day this week. The field was a sea of colourful bibs as the children completed a carousel of eight activities in their house teams. It was wonderful to see some real camaraderie and displays of true sporting behaviour as the children supported each other with great positivity and excited cheers. The focus for the second half of the morning was the individual races in which everyone pushed themselves to give some amazing performances—it was exhausting just watching the huge amounts of energy being expended. It was a very tight contest but at the end of the morning Atlantis was the victorious team and their yellow ribbons were tied to the House Cup. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children.



Head Teacher Roll of Honour

I would like to honour the following children who demonstrated the true qualities of sportsmen and sports-women at the Key Stage 2 Sports Day this week :

Macaulay in Pegasus Class—Macaulay showed what a caring and supportive person he is when he stepped in to run the final lap of a race with another child who almost gave up.

Amal in Lacerta Class —Amal is a true team player. She encouraged every person in her class to persevere and achieve their best with her positive attitude and through her supportive words and cheers.

Arrabella in Cygnus Class—Arrabella impressed us all with her determination to complete her race. You really pushed yourself to do your best and succeeded. Well done.

Daksh in Dorado Class— Daksh was so determined to participate in the races and demonstrated what great things you can achieve with perseverance and a positive attitude. Well done Daksh.

Head Lice Alert



We are continuing to receive reports from parents and carers of infestations of head lice across the school. Once these tricky little creatures are established they spread across the school very quickly and can be very difficult to clear. The NHS recommends that you check your child's hair every week using a fine toothed detection comb (available from pharmacies). This can be done when the hair is wet or dry. If you find live lice or eggs (nits) it is very important that you treat your child's hair immediately. Your pharmacist will be able to advise you about suitable treatments.

Sadly there is nothing you can do to prevent head lice but you can reduce the risk of head to head transmission by checking your child's hair thoroughly every week and taking immediate action if you spot any nits (the empty shells) or live lice.



If you would like to find out about the many exciting events the Friends of Monkfield Park have planned for the rest of the Summer term, including the Summer Fete, please see the full details on the school's web site at

http://www.monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk/website/friends_of_monkfield_park/

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about the lifecycle of a butterfly.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you what they did with Tatty Bumpkins.

Ask your Year 2 child to show you the actions they created for the life cycle of a plant.

Ask your Year 3 child to show you how to check for right angles in 2D shapes.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you the Chembakolli story.

Ask your Year 5 child which stand at the Careers Convention they thought was the most inspirational.

Ask your Year 6 child what advice they would give to their 5 year old selves.

Forthcoming Dates

26th June— Network CB23 Spelling Bee final

28th June—KS1 Sports Day

29th June— Reserve KS1 Sports Day

2nd July—Year 3 Marvellous Maths morning

3rd July—Locality Team drop in session

3rd July—Year 6 performance

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5th July—New Reception children 'Come and Play'

5th July -Headteacher's Drop In 10—11am

5th July—Year 6 Transition Day at Cambourne Village college

6th July—Year 6 Transition Day at Cambourne Village college

13th July—Class move up morning

13th July—Reports sent out to parents/carers

16th July—Year 2 seaside trip

16th July—Reports Drop In Session

19th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

19th July—Headteacher's Drop In 2 –3pm

19th July—Year 6 Leavers' Party

20th July—last day of Summer term

St John's School Art Project

Year 4 have been taking part in an art outreach project with St John's School in Cambridge. Mrs Sam Downer, Head of Art at St John's, and Mrs Polly Dely have been working with the children to develop their observational drawing skills. The children based their individual art work on their favourite soft toy before joining together as a group to produce vivid and dramatic backdrops to display their paintings. I hope you agree that the children showed great creativity and flair.



Tatty Bumpkins Yoga

On Wednesday Year 1 had a great afternoon with Sue from Tatty Bumpkins yoga. Making links with Year 1's current science topic, 'Our Body and Senses', the children learnt about their bodies and how their bodies move. Sue taught the children lots of different yoga poses and the children then worked with a partner to explore different animal shapes. In a whole class discussion the children talked about how this made their body feel and the difference yoga can make to our bodies.

