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Year 1 visit Knebworth House

Year 1 had a fantastic time at Knebworth House on Friday. The sun shone and the children got hands on with nature. In the morning, the children explored the dinosaur trail where they saw life size dinosaurs and found out many facts about them. They learnt all about the biggest tree at Knebworth and how it started as a tiny seed. The children explored the herb garden and made lavender bags. To end our morning, the children planted their own sunflower seeds to take home. After our picnic we had fun in the fort and adventure playground before heading back to school. Some of the children were so tired from all the fun that they fell asleep on the way back! We have been busy this week writing recounts about our trip.



Get Active this Summer

This Summer, Monkfield Park is shaking up and getting active with Change4Life and Disney. We've been doing lots of activities inspired by our favourite Disney characters.

Look out for the 10 Minute Shake Up games pack in your child's book bag. It's filled with fun games that will keep them busy and active over the Summer.

Join in by playing the Shake Up games with your child and help them discover which Disney character they're most like, and which sports and activities they may enjoy.

You can also [search Change4Life](https://www.change4life.co.uk) to get more tips and ideas to keep your kids moving over the Summer (and beyond).

Have a fun and active Summer!



FORTHCOMING DATES

- 9th July—at 2pm—Year 6 performance
- 10th July at 6pm—Year 6 performance
- 11th July—Year 4 team building day
- 12th July—Reports sent home
- 15th July 3.45-5.00pm—Reports drop in
- 22nd July at 10am—Year 6 Leaver's assembly
- 23rd July—LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM FOR CHILDREN
- 24th July—INSET DAY (school closed to children)

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you one thing they liked after their visit to the Year 1 classrooms.

Ask your Year 1 child what the word 'abstract' means.

Ask your Year 2 child what the word 'Flotsum' means.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain the rules of rounders.

Ask your Year 4 child for a strategy for multiplying by 11 and 12.

Ask your Year 5 child what their favourite piece of equipment was at Thetford.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe tectonic plates.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Phoebe in Pegasus Class—Phoebe has so many wonderful insights to share—it is great to see these filtering through to her written work.

Manas in Dorado Class—Manas is an all round friend to everyone. Often the one to show a mature attitude to problem solving when the need arises, you are the epitome of discretion.

Word of the Week

Putting other people before yourself takes thought and maturity. However, we have noticed that in school this week, that is precisely what some children have been doing. By exploring this word with the children they are now familiar with its meaning and are showing us that their selfless acts are being appreciated by everyone around them.

Selfless

Money Week enterprise project

Money week concluded last week with the total profits being counted and the top three classes announced in assembly on Monday. All of the classes gave a tremendous effort and gained some vital experiences handling money, giving change and finding totals. Year 5's classroom fete raised a total of £145 per class, putting both classes in joint 3rd place. Delphinus raised £176 with their cake and lemonade sales placing them 2nd, and 1st place was given to Columba who raised £322 (half of which they will donate to the library refurbishment funds) from the popcorn sales. Thank you to all of the parents that supported these enterprise projects, the profits of which will be spent on additional classroom resources to supplement the curriculum.

Team morning and Summer fun day



By gathering together the house teams into groups and working in mixed aged classes, we held our termly house team event this Thursday. The children came into school wearing their Summer clothes and completed some wonderful activities that included things like making handy ice pop holders, making pom poms and playing traditional Summer time outdoor games. The afternoon entailed enjoying an outdoor picnic with the entire school. The day didn't end there as the children were then invited to join us on the field after school to extend the event by taking part in Summer themed stalls such as 'hook a duck'.

