

Newsletter 5

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Reception Maths Evening

We always love welcoming our families into school so that we can share all the wonderful learning that goes on with them. On Wednesday evening parents and carers joined Mrs Sheldon and Miss Ward in Orange and Yellow classes to discover what our Reception children have been learning about in their maths lessons since they started in school four weeks ago.

At Monkfield Park we develop early mathematical understanding through everyday experiences which allow the children to develop their skills in counting, calculating, understanding and using numbers together with work on shapes and measures. The children have been doing lots of work on skeletons this week linked to the language of comparison. As a result there has been lots of estimation going on about which bones in the body are the longest or shortest and who is the tallest or shortest in the class. Parents and carers came away with lots of practical ideas about how to develop mathematical understanding at home by using opportunities such as shopping, gardening, cooking and party planning to develop key mathematical language and concepts.



The World of the Ancient Egyptians

Visitors to Monkfield Park on Monday would have been forgiven for thinking that they had been transported to



much warmer climes, as hordes of Ancient Egyptians converged on Year 3. There was even a real life mummy!

Throughout the day the children were completely immersed in activities which built on the knowledge they had been acquiring about Ancient Egypt during their history lessons.

The children made their own canopic jars decorated with the



heads of the four sons of Horus, worked as a team to build the tallest, strongest pyramid, and even mummified a Barbie doll! The mummified remains were then placed in tombs designed by the children to ensure that they were protected from grave robbers. After all this hard work the children made some beautiful collars to adorn their costumes and wrote secret messages on strips of papyrus using hieroglyphics. The children have loved engaging in their rich and varied curriculum and look forward to using their experiences to further enhance their learning.

Multi-Skills Festival

We love sport at Monkfield Park and always welcome the opportunity to take part in events with other schools in our cluster. Undeterred by the rain, Year 3 took part in a Multi-skills festival at Cambourne Village College last Friday. All the children participated in a range of sporting activities including tag rugby, football skills, cricket, skipping and hockey. Despite the damp the children had a great time and enjoyed working with the Sports Leaders from the Village College.

Head Teacher Roll of Honour

Throughout the week I have been noticing so many children who are quietly making a huge impact on our school through their actions, words and behaviour. I would like to nominate the following children for really making a difference this week:

Uliana in Dorado Class— Uliana is always ready and eager to learn. She puts so much effort into her work to make sure it is the best that it can be and lights up our school with her smile.

Jack in Blue Class— Jack is really putting the Monkfield Way into action. He has such a kind and caring nature and wonderful manners. Jack is always the first person to stop and hold a door open for adults as we move around school. Thank you.

Jenson B in Yellow Class—Jenson has a wonderful 'can do attitude' and is always ready to tackle any challenge, both in and out of the classroom. He perseveres with tasks and always tries his best.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to show you the skeleton dance.

Ask your Year 1 child to describe the properties of a shape for you to guess what it is.

Ask your Year 2 child to explain what micro habitats are and to give an example of one.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you their version of 'The Egyptian Cinderella'.

Ask your Year 4 child how to find a unit fraction of an amount using division .

Ask your Year 5 child what ingredients are needed to create a myth.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe what they think Kensuke looks like.

Is Your Child Travelling Safely?

We have had a number of calls from concerned residents of Cambourne who have had 'near misses' with some of our children on their journey to school. The most recent involved two children cycling across the road without looking. An accident was averted by the swift reactions of the driver. We have spoken to all the children in assembly and our local PCSO will be coming into school to talk about road safety. Please can we ask you to speak to your child about crossing the road safely and to be aware of the dangers of cars and other vehicles.

Baby Blake Visits Reception



The children in Orange and Yellow Classes are currently learning all about their bodies and how animals and humans change. They have been trying to remember what it was like to be a baby and so everyone was delighted when baby Blake and his mummy came to visit. The children were very curious to find out about the types of food Blake ate, how he ate, and the types of toys he liked to play with. A big thank you to Blake and his mummy for answering so many questions.

Safeguarding—A Polite Reminder

The safety of all the children at Monkfield Park is of paramount importance. Please can parents and carers ensure that they sign in at the school office and obtain a visitor's badge if they need to enter the building during the school day. Thank you.

Individual School Photographs

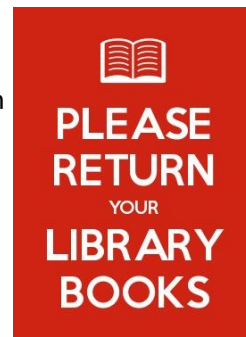
The photographers from Van Coles will be in school on Monday 16th October to take individual and sibling photographs. If you would like photographs to be taken with younger siblings who are not at school please arrive at school at 8.30am.



Library Book Amnesty

A recent audit of our library system has revealed that over 150 books are missing from the library. This can cause problems as the many of the books are very popular titles which are frequently requested by the children. In addition the system may not allow children to take out more books if they have reached their quota .

We would be grateful if you could search your book shelves at home too see if you have any books with a Monkfield Park stamp hiding there. Any outstanding loans can be returned to the school office or your child can hand them to Mrs Martin in Violet class or Mrs Askew in the school library.



Forthcoming dates

11th October from 5pm—Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)

12th October 1.30pm—Reception 'come and share' event

13th October 9am—Blue Class assembly

16th October—Individual children's photographs

19th October from 4pm—Parent consultations (more details to follow)

w/c 23rd October—half term (children return on 30th October)

10th November 9am—Aquila Class assembly

24th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

6th December—Flu vaccination programme (details to follow)

8th December at 9am—Lacerta Class assembly

12th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

13th December 1.30am—Reception 'come and share' event

13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert

14th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity

14th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

15th December 10am—Year 1 nativity

19th December—Christmas parties

19th December—Last day of term

19th December—Christmas holidays begin

3rd January—INSET day (school closed to children)

4th January—All children return



Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the KS1 playground after school



Bags To School

Bags to school will be collecting next Friday 13th October. Bags will be sent home via book bags over the next few days.

It's a great chance to have a clear out before Christmas. They accept any of the following in good quality condition:- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels and bedding.



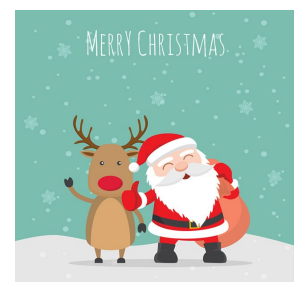
AGM

We invite you to join us for our AGM on Thursday 2nd November at 9:15 in the school activity hall. Come along to see how the last year went and what plans we have going forward. We will also be electing our committee for this school year, refreshments will be served.



Christmas Cards

All the children have now completed their artwork for this year's Christmas cards and the sample cards have arrived. These will be coming home over the next few days along with an order form. Please return all orders by Friday 20th October. Delivery should then be mid November.




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