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What is idling?

Have you ever heard of this term? If not, then please ask your child about what it means and how it can be damaging their future. In assembly this week, all of the children learnt about air pollutants and what we can do to make our environment safer from harmful toxins that contaminate the air we breathe. They learnt about what happens in other countries when pollution becomes too high and the preventative measures that we could consider and take to all do our bit for the environment. We talked about how idling can currently be seen around our school and the effect that it may have upon everyone who comes to school at Monkfield Park. Mr Frame is going to be looking at this further, together with Eco-club, so that they are able to measure and compare just how polluted the air is around our school at different times of the day and in different areas. We look forward to you helping us to become more environmentally aware and to make your contribution by not idling!



Poppy Appeal

Once again this year we will be selling poppies and other merchandise, such as key-rings and stationery, on behalf of The Royal British Legion to raise money for their poppy appeal. Items will be taken around daily to each class between now and November 8th (or until the merchandise has all been sold). Your child may bring in a donation between 50p—£1.00 which will be passed on to this cause. Items for purchase are also available from the school office between 3.15 pm—3.45pm.

Staff News

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Simpson, who commenced maternity leave just prior to the half term break, gave birth to a little girl who has been named Grace. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Year 6 English Challenge

Just before the half term break commenced, our Year 6 English challenge team worked their socks off during the heats (held at Monkfield Park) to try and win a place in the County English Challenge finals. Their team ethic was clear for everyone to see, with all four entrants using their talents and abilities to their best advantage. The rounds included recalling a rather long poem, naming books by David Walliams, and answering literary questions of all descriptions. Despite their efforts unfortunately it was not meant to be, with their journey ending at the heats. However, we were totally bowled over by their tenacity and team spirit. Well done Daanya, Jamie, Nathaniel and Alexa, we are very proud that you represented Monkfield Park.



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Alessandro in Delphinus—I have been astounded by Alessandro's positive and hard working attitude in school. He is always so enthusiastic to do well and to achieve his next goal.

Aiyana in Violet Class—Aiyana's books always show a sense of pride. Her written work is exemplary and she approaches all of her learning with diligence. Well done Aiyana!

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to show you the candlelight yoga pose that they learnt to celebrate Diwali this week.

Ask your Year 1 child what sort of transport people used in the past.

Ask your Year 2 child to name three uses for the material that is 'wood'.

Ask your Year 3 child about the purpose of adjectives and to give you some examples.

Ask your Year 4 child how they know Alice in Wonderland is falling into an imaginary world.

Ask your Year 5 child to compare their life with that of the character Jim Jarvis.

Ask your Year 6 child to simplify an improper fraction.

Children in Need 2019

Children in Need 2019 falls on Friday 15th November. In order to raise money for Children in Need, we would like to invite children to wear any of the colour combinations which include red, blue, green and yellow. The more colourful the better, however if you can only manage one or two colours then that is also fine. If your child will be taking part then please provide a suggested donation of £1, to be collected on the playground by Friends and subsequently passed onto the Children in Need charity.

FORTHCOMING DATES

8th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

w/c 11th November—Anti bullying week

14th November—Year 3 visit the Saatchi Gallery

14th November at 4.30pm—Reception Maths evening

9th December—Flu vaccinations

10th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

11th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

12th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity (corrected)

12th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

13th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

16th December—Christmas Crafternoon

17th December—Christmas lunch

18th December—LAST DAY OF TERM

19th December—2nd January 2020—CHRISTMAS BREAK

3rd January 2020—INSET day (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

6th January 2020—Children return

Thanks from Friends and Monkfield Park

Monkfield Park and Friends of Monkfield Park would like to say a great big 'Thank You' to everyone who came to help us celebrate our 20th Anniversary Fete at the end of September ! ☺

We managed to raise an amazing £2670 profit whilst also putting on a variety of exciting new activities and having lots of fun celebrating such a special occasion.

A big, big thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to make it such a great afternoon!

Monkfield Park has put these funds towards the cost of a new library for the school that all children may enjoy. The space is just being finalised and will shortly have a 'grand opening'. We look forward to sharing its new look with you in the next edition of the newsletter.