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Active Minutes

We all know the important part exercise plays in helping us to keep fit and healthy. In school we have to provide children with a minimum of two hours of curricular PE each week. However, as we know how beneficial exercise is to help children's attention and focus, we also provide the children with opportunities throughout the school day to participate in 'active minutes'. From Go Noodle to Keeping Fit with Joe Wicks or Tanzi TV, you will always find children adding to their active minutes total, or, if you have been passing school, you may have seen Year 6 running 'around the world' each morning. In addition the recent 'Beat the Streets' initiative had everyone competing to collect points as they moved around Cambourne. Next Wednesday 26th November, the closing ceremony for Beat the Street will be held at the Council Chamber, 1st Floor, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne CB23 6EA from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. At the ceremony, we will find out which of the Cambourne schools collected the most points and be declared the overall winner. Everyone is invited to the award ceremony and there will be food and drinks, a fun quiz and a raffle. If you wish to attend please e-mail Maxine Rossat to reserve a place: maxine.ross@greatercambridgeplanning.org

With kindest wishes
Mrs Howell.



Pre-School Open Morning

Do you have a three year old who is ready to start their exciting learning journey at pre-school? **We are holding an open morning on Saturday 22nd November between 9.30 am and 1.00 pm** and would love you to join us to see our excellent setting for yourself and meet our wonderful team.

Graded Good by Ofsted in June 2024 our pre-school can provide 15/30 hours of funded provision with a qualified Early Years teacher and dedicated and supportive Early Years staff, in a caring and nurturing learning environment. We are open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm during term time.

Places for the Spring and Summer terms can be booked now by contacting us on: 01954 273377 or by e-mail: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk.

Please join us to discover the Monkfield Way.



CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

Cambourne Town Council is holding an Informal Community Consultation at the Hub Meeting Room on Wednesday 26th November from 7 to 8.00 pm to discuss the proposals for local highway improvement in Cambourne. The Town Council has been successful in its Local Highway Improvement application for 2025/26. The proposed improvements are to implement single and double yellow lines in Priory Walk and Swansley Lane. The consultation is being held to give residents the opportunity to review and comment on these proposals which may have implications for members of our school community.

Scooting to Resilience

As part of our work on resilience and growth mind-set we were delighted to welcome Terry Price to deliver an assembly to the whole school. Terry is a World Champion scooter rider who not only thrilled everyone with his incredible stunts, including his record breaking back flips, but spoke passionately about how he has overcome many challenges in his life and career. The Year 6 children then enjoyed workshops throughout the day, learning to build their own confidence as they challenged themselves to develop a whole range of new skills.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to retell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears in their own words.

Ask your Year 1 child to explain how they can describe sound.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you about the work they have created during Art Week for the exhibition next week.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how to recognise multiples of 2.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you all about Andy Warhol and his work.

Ask your Year 5 child to give you their 5 top facts to encourage you to visit Peru.

Ask your Year 6 child to discuss with you the influences that make up their world view.

FORTHCOMING DATES

25th November—Reception 2026 parent tour at 10am

25th November—Y3 WOW Day

26th to 28th November—Children's Art Gallery

3rd December—Computers Down day

5th December— Reception 2026 parent tour at 2pm

9th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 2pm

11th December—Reception tour for Reception 2026

10th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 9.30am

11th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 2pm

12th December—Pantomime performance in school

15th December—FOMP Christmas Raffle draw

16th December—Y4 Christmas Carol Concert at 2pm

17th December—Y4 Christmas Carol Concert at 5.30pm

18th December—Christmas lunch

18th December—Christmas Jumper Day

19th December—School breaks up for Christmas.

5th January—INSET Day (school closed for children)

6th January—Children return for Spring term

8th January—Team afternoon

13th January—Weekly swimming lessons begin for Year 4

23rd January—Columba Class assembly

28th January—Reception and Y6 height and weight checks

28th January—Y6 English Challenge

4th February—Y4 WOW Day

5th February—Y1 WOW Day

5th February—Network CB23 Maths Challenge for Y3 and Y4

6th February—NSPCC Number Day

6th February—FOMP School Discos

9th to 13th February—Children's Mental Health Week

10th February—Reception vision screening

11th February—Y3 WOW Day

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Despite the torrential rain and wind, Monkfield Park turned out in force to support Children in Need last Friday. Thanks to the playground bucket collection and the donations via the just giving page you helped us to raise an amazing £314.05 to help many disadvantaged children across the UK.

Our thanks must also go to the members of the FOMP committee who braved the elements to hold the playground bucket collection for us. We are very grateful for all their efforts and support.



Reception 2026 Tours



We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Each parent and carer is looking for a school that will make the educational experience as motivating and rewarding as possible for their child. To help you make this important decision we would like to welcome parents and carers into school to see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn. We are offering a number of parent tours so that you can see the school in action and talk with the Headteacher and staff.

Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office on 01954 273377 or by email :office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk The tour dates are:

Tuesday 25th November at 10am

Friday 5th December at 2pm

Thursday 11th December at 10am

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school and hope you will join us for one of the tours. If you are unable to make any of these dates, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient date for you to visit the school and meet Mrs Howell, the Headteacher.



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

Little City

We had such an exciting morning on Wednesday when Little City came to visit the Care and Learning Centre. Little City is a miniature, child size city, which is set up in the classroom for the children to pretend and dress up. There is a child size shop, doctor's surgery, beauty salon, fire station and much more! The children were really involved in their play all morning and did a fantastic job at using their imaginations.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Jane Turner

Early Years Teacher and Pre-School Manager