

# Newsletter 6

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## Reception Come and Share session

We love being able to share our learning with our parents and carers so that they can be as proud of our achievements as we are. This week we invited the parents and carers of our Reception children to come to their first 'come and share' session of the year. The children were so excited to share their learning journey books, which chronicle their individual achievements and progress throughout the year. Parents were also able to see at first



hand the types of learning activities that children take part in on a typical school day such as 'guessing the smell' jars and exploring sound using musical instruments. Everyone was amazed by how much learning had taken place already and the rapid progress the children are making. Of course, the children thoroughly enjoyed having the chance to show their parents around their classroom and to celebrate their milestones with them.

## Year 2 and Isaac Newton's Apple Tree

Year 2 have been studying the life and discoveries of the famous scientist Isaac Newton for their Science topic this term. The children were keen to find out more about the great scientist, so they visited his home at Woolsthorpe Manor in Lincolnshire to search for clues about how this seventeenth century scientist changed the world.



No trip to Woolsthorpe would be complete without a visit to see the apple tree from which, legend has it, a young Isaac Newton watched an apple fall to the ground. This led him to wonder why everything falls straight down and to develop his theory of gravity. The children were amazed to discover that the tree is 400 years old and to see that it is still producing apples.

In the hands-on science centre the children had the opportunity to try some of the experiments that Isaac Newton also devised when he lived at Woolsthorpe. Using prisms they were able to split light into rainbow colours and carry out investigations into friction and gravity by building and launching their own rockets. Everyone agreed that it

really helped them to understand what inspired Isaac Newton to come up with his great theories which continue to have an impact on our world today.



## Monkfield Welcomes Student Teachers.

Parents and carers of children in Year 2 and Year 6 may have noticed some new faces in the classrooms over the past couple of weeks. We are delighted to welcome Miss Hinson, Miss Jessop, Miss Wheeler and Mr Cutler who are PGCE students from the Faculty of Education at the University of Cambridge. We are very proud to be a partnership school and it is always an honour to be able to help and mentor the next generation of teachers. The trainees are working very closely with our teachers, observing their excellent practice, and learning how to plan and teach creative, exciting lessons.



## Head Teacher roll of honour

This week I would like to thank the following children for going the extra mile:

Maxim in Blue Class—Maxim is always so kind and helpful. He is very responsible and always makes sure the play equipment is picked up and stored away so that it doesn't get lost and damaged. Thank you.

Isabella in Phoenix Class - Isabella has shown that she is growing in confidence as a learner. She has impressed us with the effort she is putting into her work, completing far more than she has been asked to in maths and English.

Finley in Delphinus Class—Finley takes his Year 6 responsibilities very seriously and has been working extremely hard in the dining hall to persuade the younger children to try new foods and eat all their lunch. Well done .

### Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to find three items of different textures in the garden.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you one of the capital cities of the United Kingdom.

Ask your Year 2 child to recount in detail what they did on their trip to Woolsthorpe Manor.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe the reflective features of their 'brilliant bag' design.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain the water cycle to you.

Ask your Year 5 child how to calculate the perimeter of a rectangle. Is there more than one way?

Ask your Year 6 child to explain who Hokusai is and what he is famous for.

### Forthcoming dates

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 1.30pm—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

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

4th January—All children return

### 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 by 8.30 am. School sibling photos will be arranged by the school later in the day. Please can you make sure your child has their school jumper or cardigan in school on that day so that they are looking smart and we can avoid unnecessary delays.



## Empties Please

We managed to raise £223.10 for just collecting empty printer cartridges and sending them off. Well done and thank you to everyone who has donated. We are still collecting so please do bring in any cartridges and deposit in the box in reception. Let's try and raise more this time.



## Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the KS1 playground after school this Friday 13th October.



## 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 should have now brought home their Christmas Card sample. Please return all orders by Friday 20th October. Any orders received after this date will unfortunately miss the deadline. Payment can be made in either cash or cheque (please make cheques payable to Friends of Monkfield Park). Delivery should then be mid November.



## Easy Fundraising

With Christmas just around the corner don't forget you can help support the school by shopping through Easyfundraising. The school will receive cashback on those all important Christmas Presents.



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## Parenting courses

Because children don't come with instructions

### Parenting Workshops Monkfield Park Primary School

Aimed at offering Mum's and Dad's of children aged 4-11 years a supportive, informal environment, in which to gain information, knowledge and skills around parenting issues.

**Parents Drop-In** – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm-3pm

**Sibling Rivalry-** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm-3pm

**Parents Drop-In-** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2pm-3pm

**Understanding Challenging Behaviour** - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2pm-3pm

**Parents Drop-In-** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2pm-3pm

**Effective Discipline-** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm-3pm

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