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Girls football tournament

Our Year 5/6 girls football team did us incredibly proud last Thursday, as they took part in a tournament against other local schools. Our team members were excellent ambassadors for our school and represented us in a professional and sportsperson like way. Due to their great team spirit and their camaraderie, they were successful in gaining 3rd place at Cambourne Village College. Mr Minei, who coaches the team praised their endeavours, particularly the wonderful goalkeeping, which kept the other teams on their toes. Great defence and attack from all sides, well done girls!



Vocabulary Word of the Week

The vocabulary word of the week has been related to the theme of Easter and Palm Sunday. During assemblies this week we looked at the feelings of those who welcomed Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and lined the road with palm and olive branches. We have explored when events in our own lives have mustered feelings of elation and things that we may be looking forward to which could have the possibility of making us feel elated.

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Headteacher and Parent drop ins for next half term

Please see below the times for parent drop ins for the first half of the Summer term. These are an opportunity to talk to the Headteacher on a 1:1 basis about any aspect of school life.

25th April 9-10 am

1st May 3.30—4.30 pm

8th May 8-9 am

14th May 3-4 pm

21st May 9-10 am

International Week at Monkfield Park

International Week at Monkfield Park is always a colourful and vibrant event and this year's celebrations were certainly no exception. Included in the activities, children throughout the school welcomed a team of Capoeira dancers, as they taught us all how to combine dance, acrobatics and music to develop an Afro-Brazilian 16th century style of movement. We heard from visitors from Cambourne Village College who brought with them their experiences and knowledge of life in other countries and cultures and through their presentations learnt more about Hindi, Chinese, Japanese and Brazilian lifestyles.

Children performed a range of international songs to each other in Monkfield Park's very own version of the 'Eurovision Song Contest', which always raises a smile and encourages our children to learn other languages, whilst having some fun.





Year 5 production—The Blue Crystal

We were all transported to a future universe this week, as Year 5 took us on an epic adventure to locate a planet-saving blue crystal in their production which was performed to the rest of the school and families. Highs and lows gave rise to new technological breakthroughs and warring factions in their storyline. The message of hope finally reigned supreme, as the two sides who had previously battled each other realised that they could achieve a great deal more by working together. Finally, they were triumphant in saving the planet by retrieving and using the blue crystal to do so. We hope that you enjoyed the show if you came to watch and thank you to the children and Year 5 teaching staff for making this such an entertaining performance.



Developing Resilient Children— Bring resilience to life through personal stories

It is very important that children understand that we have experienced their feelings at some point in our lives, as adults. The emphasis here is around sharing that sometimes you struggle too. It's so tempting to present children with the image that we are perfect and in control, whereas children can learn a lot from our mistakes and imperfections (i.e. the reality). Tell them stories of when you were and weren't resilient:

What happened?
 Why did you do what you did?
 When did you give up?
 Why did you decide to?
 Do you regret doing so?

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to find and compare three sizes of the same object. E.g. spoons.
 Ask your Year 1 child which countries they learnt about this week.
 Ask your Year 2 child which country they would most like to visit from their studies this week and why.
 Ask your Year 3 child how to identify different soil types.
 Ask your Year 4 child what skills they needed to complete their river anagram challenge.
 Ask your Year 5 child what the difference between primary and secondary sources are.
 Ask your Year 6 child which techniques they used to create their tile in their artwork.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Daniel in Green Class has been working incredibly hard on his mathematical learning. He has shown me how he counts on and back and could explain how he arrived at one more and one less than a number.

Elliott in Yellow Class—Elliott has been extremely helpful in the class this week. He has been on hand to provide advice and guidance to children and adults alike!

Reception pamper afternoon

Reception children invited their mothers, grandmothers or other special adult into school on Friday 29th March for an afternoon of pampering and fun.

The opportunities and activities on offer were relaxing and pampering and included a hairdressing station and a jewellery making stand.

Refreshments and tasty treats (made by the children) were also provided. The children spent lots of time outside in the garden, making the most of the glorious weather.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and cannot wait to invite their special male relative into school in the Summer term to celebrate around Father's Day.



Forthcoming Dates

23rd April—Children return

24th & 25th April—Year 4 residential to Burwell House

24th April at 6pm—Year 6 PGL information evening

26th April—Year 2 WoW History Day

w/c 29th April—Endeavour tuck shop

2nd May—Dental checks for Reception children

3rd May at 9am—Dorado Class assembly

6th May—BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN AND STAFF)

7th May—Year 3 visit the Fitzwilliam Museum

10th May at 9am—Cygnus Class assembly

13th, 14th, 15th & 16th May—Key Stage 2 SATs

15th May at 9.30am—Reception Come and Share

w/c 20th May—Year 6 PGL residential

22nd May at 10am—Reception performance

22nd May at 4.30pm—Parenting workshop (screen time battles)

23rd May at 2pm—Reception performance

27th to 31st May—HALF TERM

3rd June—INSET DAY school closed to children

4th June—Children return

5th June—Sex and Relationships Education information evening for parents in Years 5 & 6

7th June—Year 4 to visit Stibbington

w/c 10th June—Enterprise tuck shop

w/c 10th June—Year 1 phonic screening checks

w/c 17th June—Science week (STEM focus)

18th June—Year 5 Careers convention

19th June at 9.30am—Key Stage 2 Sports Day

20th June at 9.30am—Reserve Key Stage 2 Sports Day

21st June at 9am—Aquila Class assembly

25th June at 9.30am—Reception & KS1 Sports Day

27th June at 9.30am—Reserve Reception & KS1 Sports Day

3rd July at 9.15am—Reception to Year 1 transition meeting for Reception parents

4th July—Non uniform day in aid of Friends

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

11th & 12th July—Year 6 transition day

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)