

# Newsletter 35

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**Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day**

We were blessed with wonderful weather again for our Key Stage 1 and Reception sports day which took place this week on Tuesday. There was yet another great atmosphere as children were watched by family members whilst they took part in both class activities and track races with enthusiasm, conviction and goodwill. Traditional races included the bean bag race, sprints, the obstacle race and, of course, the good old egg and spoon race. Unfortunately though there could be only one house winner. We knew that Endeavour had championed the Key Stage 2 sports day, but for Key Stage 1 and Reception it was Atlantis who achieved first place, with Endeavour a close second and Enterprise coming third. Well done to all of the children who participated, you showed wonderful team spirit.



**Moving to the beat**

We are always looking for ways to inspire the children's learning and to give them rich and diverse experiences. Last week, as part of the Road to Rio project, Year 5 and Year 6 had the opportunity to try their hand at Samba drumming. Throughout the morning we were introduced to the rhythms and sounds of Latin American music which had us all moving our feet to the distinctive samba beat for the rest of the day. The sessions culminated in a truly carnival atmosphere as using shakers, whistles and panderos the children created their own unique samba sound.



**ICT Did you know?**

That the website 'thinkuknow' can offer advice about keeping safe online?

**Sentence starters**

- Ask your Reception child to tell you about a new fruit or vegetable that they would like to try.
- Ask your Year 1 child how to make a sliding picture.
- Ask your Year 2 child if they can recognise numbers in the three times table.
- Ask your Year 3 child what they know about Europe.
- Ask your Year 4 child where the village of Chembakolli can be found in the world.
- Ask your Year 5 child how to avoid blame for something, using a passive voice.
- Ask your Year 6 child about their plot for a polar adventure.

## Head Teacher roll of honour

Lucy in Columba Class—Lucy has really been impressing us all with her writing over the last few weeks. She has some wonderful ideas that she is now able to record accurately.

Daanya in Violet Class—Daanya has some amazing ideas for her writing and is really trying hard with using ambitious vocabulary.

Joel in Lacerta Class—Joel has become a mature member of the Monkfield Park community and as such presents a great role model to the other children in our school. Well done Joel.

### Friends of Monkfield Park



#### THANK YOU!

Thank you for your £1s and donations today. Please take another look at the letter we sent home on 10<sup>th</sup> June and see if you are able to contribute to our Summer fundraiser preparations in any other way. More bottles, cake stalls, lending a gazebo, soft toys or helping on the day (link below).



#### SUMMER FUNDRAISER

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm – 5.30pm, along with Circus performances at 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm.

**TICKETS ARE SELLING VERY WELL FOR 1PM AND 2.30PM,**

**BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

**Latest Availability:**

**1.00pm - only 30 tickets left**

**2.30pm – only 14 tickets left**

**4.00pm – good availability**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As ever we would love some help in the run up to and on the day of the fete. **TASKS ARE NOW LIVE ON PTA SOCIAL** Please don't worry that you will be bombarded with messages, we use this website in its simplest form to list tasks and allow volunteers to choose their slot, click this link to register with our community on PTA Social:



#### CONTACT US

Via email [friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com) , via our Facebook page or via the school office.

### **Forthcoming dates**

w/c 4th July—2k run

5th July at 2pm—Year 6 performance

6th July at 6pm—Year 6 performance

14th July— Violet Class to visit Woolsthorpe Manor

15th July—Reports sent home

16th July—Friends Summer event

18th July—End of term lunch

18th July 3.45pm—5.00pm—Reports drop in for parents

19th July - Indigo Class to visit Woolsthorpe Manor

20th July—Last day of Summer term for children

21st July—INSET day (school closed to children)

1st September—INSET day (school closed to children)

2nd September—INSET day (school closed to children)

5th September—Key Stages 1 and 2 return to school

### **Key Stage 2 Inter school Spelling Bee**

This week we saw our ‘elite’ spellers from across Key Stage 2 come together with children in other local schools to take part in the first ever inter school Spelling Bee as part of our cluster work. This event was hosted by Monkfield Park, but children from Jeavons Wood, Barton, Barnabas Oley, Meridian and Caldecote all joined us to take part in various rounds to find out who would be the champions. The rounds included spelling activities such as working out anagrams, finding words within words, playing a game of ‘countdown’ as well as having to spell some of the most tricky words out loud to the audience as an individual.....very nerve racking! Each school submitted two teams with one member from each year group from Years 3 to 6. Out of the 12 teams, both of the Monkfield Park teams got into joint 6th place. Below you can see them working brilliantly as a team to solve some of the problems that they were given.

