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Healthy Lifestyles Week Round up

Last week saw the children participate in a range of physical activities to raise the profile and importance of a healthy lifestyle. This included 'Mile Monday', which involved every child running a mile around the school field, and 'Workout Wednesday', when the whole school (including teachers) joined in with a high intensity work out video! The children also spent time discussing and learning about a range of healthy food types through cross curricular activities and finished the week by making fruit smoothies and frozen fruit kebabs.

Thank you to all the families who kindly contributed to the healthy snack tuck shop which ran after school each day. I am sure you will agree it was hugely successful in promoting healthy, nutritious snack options. A fantastic £90 was raised, which will go towards the setting up of a tuckshop for the KS2 children in the Autumn term.



Congratulations to Millie in Violet Class and Rhys in Lacerta Class who were the chosen winners of the 'Design a Dish' competition. They created their dishes for Miss Ward, Mrs Jarman and Mrs Howell to enjoy during Wednesday lunch time. The sushi rolls and fruit kebabs were just delicious!

Monkfield's Got Talent

Our school hall was transformed into a stage set last week in preparation for the 'Monkfield's Got Talent' event for Key Stages 1 and 2. Over the course of last term, children were invited to take part in auditions and to perform in front of Mrs Jarman, Miss Ward and Miss Moore (from Friends). The auditions were used as an opportunity to create a shortlist of finalists who performed to an audience of friends, family and staff last Thursday evening. All manner of talents were showcased and these included everything from dancing, gymnastics, card tricks, singing, musical instrument recitals and even comedy sketches. We were so impressed with the range of genre that the children came up with and also how brave and confident they were in performing. However, the audience had the final say in who should take the first place in each key stage and they voted that Sam from Year 5 and Jaime from Year 1 deserved to win the top spots. Sam performed a daring diabolo act, whilst Jaime took our breath away with her beautiful singing. Well done to all of those who took part and thank you to those who were able to support us on that evening.



Best wishes for Summer

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families well over the Summer break and we look forward to seeing you again in September. The children and staff have worked extremely hard this year in making great progress and in securing wonderful SATs results—well done, we are terribly proud of you. This week we said a final 'farewell' to our Year 6 children, who have been great ambassadors for our school during their time at Monkfield Park. The children will be greatly missed, but with their boundless energy and enthusiasm are destined for wonderful things. We hope that they experienced a good send off with their leaver assembly and with their special leaver party. We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Johnston who has taught Aquila Class this year and Year 5 before this. Miss Johnston has taken the decision to re-locate to another area of the country and we wish her the very best of luck with her move. Thank you to those of you who have been able to support the school this year, your positive comments have meant a great deal.



Teacher of the Year finalist

We were delighted to be informed by the Cambridge News that one of our teaching staff had been anonymously nominated for the 'Teacher of the Year' award as part of the 2017 Education Awards. Miss Crudge, who currently teaches in Year 6, attended a presentation dinner on Tuesday evening as a finalist for this award. We were informed that this particular category had received many nominations and so we felt privileged that Miss Crudge had made it through to the final three! Since the nominations are anonymous, we would like to thank whomever put Miss Crudge's name forward, and are grateful that they recognise how hard staff at the school work and how they 'go the extra mile' for children who learn at Monkfield Park. It is good to know that parents appreciate the efforts of the staff and want this to be recognised.



Head Teacher roll of honour

Leiya in Delphinus class—Leiya is a lovely girl in every way possible. She is both honest and hard working, which are skills that will stand her in good stead for the future.

Samuel in Delphinus class—Samuel, what a well rounded person you are! Never one to shy away from new challenges or to give his all in everything he does. Well done Samuel, you will go far.



The Friends of Monkfield Park would like to wish you all a wonderful Summer break!

Forthcoming dates

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

4th September—INSET day (school closed to children and families)

5th September - All Key Stage 1 and 2 children return

7th September—Reception children begin school