

The Monkfield Mail



A weekly round-up of what is happening in our school

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Mr Sweeney's Shout Out...



It has been another week full of learning, enthusiasm and hard-work at Monkfield Park. The children have settled well into new routines and are demonstrating that they are able to match our high expectations of them as they continue to impress us with their curiosity and determination. In assembly this week, we shared the text 'The Most Magnificent Thing' by Ashely Spires, focussing on how our mistakes can still be seen as successes. I have really enjoyed spending time in classrooms this week and seeing all of the wonderful learning opportunities children have been experiencing as part of our revamped curriculum.

A huge shout out to our Reception children who have smashed their first full week in school; you are showing yourself to be fantastic young learners already! In Year One, the children have been learning about numbers. They have been investigating one more and one less, and have also been reading 'Dear Zoo' and writing their own sentences themed on the book. Year Two have had a very busy week penning their own poems and preparing to perform them; I cannot wait to see them! Year Three have been learning about how our ancestors in the Stone Age used natural resources to make tools to help them survive. The children designed and made their own Stone Age tools using clay. As part of our PE unit, Year Four have enjoyed taking part in a fun 'Cross the River' challenge. Using only tyres and gym mats, the children had to work collaboratively to navigate across the field, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and problem-solving skills throughout. Year Five have enjoyed taking part in maths activities outside and have begun work on their ancient Greek urns. Their favourite joke they have shared with me is 'What does a Greek urn? About £10 a day!' In Year Six this week, the children have enjoyed learning the skills of netball, working together to keep possession of the ball. Next week, we will get the hoops out for the first time. Maths has included negative numbers including playing the NRICH game Tug Harder.

FOMP Update:

You may have heard or seen already that our wonderful FOMP committee members are standing down at the end of September. Along with volunteer support, they have raised vital funds for the school and provided a range of wonderful memories for our children. Without new committee members, FOMP will cease and those events may not be able to take place for our children. If any parents/carers are able to volunteer time to continue their great work, please come to the AGM on Friday 25th September or contact them via email on friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com. It would be a real shame to lose such a wonderful asset for Monkfield Park and our children! Thank you Amy and Chloe, for everything.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Sweeney and the Monkfield Park Team

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Safeguarding at Monkfield:

Roblox

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which means not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls. **PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is considered a platform with a huge level of user generated content.**

What should I be aware of?

Game Content- as mentioned, users create games so the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child. Roblox label content based on the type of content rather than by age. The labels are Minimal, Mild, Moderate and Restricted.

Chat Facility- Players can chat with each other (users under the age of 13 need parent permission to access certain chat features though). You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only able to communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency- Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in game upgrades or accessories.

How do I report abuse and block users?

This article outlines the different reporting facilities: <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312410-How-to-Report-Rule-Violations>

What else can I do?

Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and remind your child that if anything is worrying them, then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/roblox>

CLC Updates:

Together Time:

This week, as the children continue to settle and grow in confidence, they have been introduced to 'Together Time'. Each day, as part of our routine, we split into small groups and go into our cosy Group Room for some time together and a planned, teacher led activity. First, we usually do our Calendar - talking and singing about the day of the week and the weather. I wonder if any of the children can sing you the 'Days of the Week' song we have learnt this week, or maybe, how to sign 'cloudy' and 'sunny'?

As time goes on, the children will be taking part in a wide variety of learning activities at 'Together Time' including listening games, number songs, early phonics and stories.

We can't wait for all the fun ahead!

Best wishes,

Jane and the CLC Team

Key Dates:

Please note that all key dates are shared on Class Dojo. The Monkfield Mail will feature a monthly update on key dates, however, with next week's issue containing key dates coming up this term.

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