

# Newsletter 31

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## A Shorter Newsletter!

I must apologise for this newsletter being much shorter than usual. Some of you may have heard that following the installation of a new broadband connection last week we had a complete loss of internet on Wednesday this week! We underestimate how many of our systems in school and across the country are dependent upon an internet connection to help us to run smoothly and efficiently or to access the resources for the newsletter. I have to say a huge thank you to our ever resourceful staff for being so adaptable and enabling the school to continue as normal with as little disruption as possible. However, it was a big change for the children as teaching and learning returned to pre internet methods—no interactive whiteboards, no iPads, laptops or computers, only books and a write on, wipe off board. Although it was inconvenient a strange calm pervaded the whole school and it was wonderful to see everyone pulling together to ensure there was no disruption to the children's learning.

I cannot believe that we are preparing for the final half term break of this academic year—they do say that time flies by when you are enjoying yourself. Thank you to the children for being absolute rays of sunshine and positivity every single day and to you all for your continued support. With best wishes for a wonderful half term break.

*Mrs Howell*

## Eco Club Shines at Eco Festival

On Saturday, Eco Club made a bright and meaningful contribution to this year's Cambourne Village College Eco Festival with their engaging and eco-friendly stall. Club members invited visitors to plant sunflower seeds in biodegradable pots made from recycled newspaper; combining sustainability with hands-on fun! The children running the stall were wonderfully helpful and polite, guiding people with enthusiasm and knowledge. Their efforts were widely appreciated and reflected the spirit of the event. It was also a fantastic day for networking and learning, with plenty of opportunities to visit other inspiring stalls from local eco-conscious businesses and community groups. A big thank you to the children for giving up their Saturday and to everyone who supported the Eco Club; we're already looking forward to next year!



# STEM Week- Change and Adapt

Throughout the week the children have been taking part in a number of events to mark our annual STEM week and celebrate the wonders of Science, maths and technology. As ever we could not do this without the support of so many of our parents who are willing to share their fields of expertise with the children and inspire them to seek future careers in the STEM industries. From learning about how we can use AI to studying stem cells and forensic science, the children had a truly fantastic week.







## BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

September will be with us before we know it, so now is the time to book your pre-school place for the Autumn term. If you have a child who will be three in September you can book places for the Autumn term in our pre-school now. Graded Good by Ofsted in June 2024 we can provide 15/30 hours of funded provision with a qualified Early Years teacher and dedicated and supportive Early Years staff, in a caring and nurturing learning environment. We are open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm during term time and welcome visits from parents and carers. Please contact the school office to arrange a visit and discover the Monkfield Way.

Please contact us on: 01954 273377 or by e-mail: [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk)

### "We Are Not Amused"

Year 5 treated us to a whistle stop tour through the life and times of Queen Victoria in their very funny play, Queen Victoria— We Are Not Amused this week. Bursting with historical characters such as Charles Dickens, the Bronte sisters, Joseph Turner and Ada Lovelace the children recounted the major events of Queen Victoria's very full and extraordinary life with great humour and some impressive acting. A huge well done to all the children.



## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to show you how to move like different sea creatures.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the letter Paddington wrote to his Great Aunt Lucy.

Ask your Year 2 child to make a printing block from polystyrene to produce a brick and tile effect.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain the meaning of AM and PM when telling the time.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what components are required to make a complete electrical circuit.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you how DNA analysis can help to catch criminals.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain which is the most reliable form of evidence for catching criminals.

## FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2025

26th to 30th May—Half Term

2nd June—INSET Day

3rd June—Children return to school

3rd June—Catch Your Breath Workshops for Year 6

4th to 6th June—Empathy Week

5th June—Sex and Relationships Education evening for Year 5 and Year 6 parents

9th June—PGL Information evening for parents

11th June—New Reception Come and Play session at 4pm

9th to 13th June—Y4 Multiplication Check period

9th to 13th June—Phonic Screening Check week

13th June—Class photographs

18th June—Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports Day

20th June—Lacerta Class assembly

20th June—Reserve Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports Day

27th June—Aquila Class assembly

1st July—Key Stage 2 Sports Day

2nd July—Reserve Key Stage 2 Sports Day

2nd July—New Reception Parents' Evening

8th July—Year 6 performance at 6pm

9th July—Year 4 World War 2 WOW Day

10th July—Year 6 performance at 6pm

11th July—Move up morning

11th July—End of year reports to parents

11th July—FOMP Summer event

14th to 18th July—Year 6 PGL residential trip

22nd July—Year 6 Leavers' assembly at 10am

23rd July— Last day of term

24th July to 2nd September—Summer holiday

1st September—Staff INSET day

2nd September—Staff INSET day

**3rd September—Children return to school for the Autumn Term**



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

### Minibeast Hunt

This week, we have been looking at some information books about minibeasts. The children are now able to identify many of them, including a praying mantis! This has inspired them to go bug hunting with magnifying glasses around the garden, ticking off the bugs they have found on a record sheet. We have also talked about how important it is to be gentle when handling the minibeasts so as not to harm them.

Many of the children have also enjoyed using the minibeast play dough set to create both realistic and imaginary models of bugs.

Our minibeast theme is going to get a whole lot more exciting after half term when we are expecting a visit from Zoolab with some minibeasts and animals for us to handle, as well as the arrival of some real-life caterpillars for us to watch grow and change into butterflies!



### Half-Term

Next week is half term holiday, followed by a whole school Training Day on Monday 2nd June. We look forward to seeing everyone back at CLC on Tuesday 3rd June. We hope you all have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

Jane Turner,

Early Years Teacher and Pre-School Manager