

# Newsletter 30

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## Well Done Year 6

It has been very quiet and calm in school this week as our wonderful Year 6 children have been taking their end of Key Stage 2 SATs exams. These are statutory national tests which all children have to take as they approach the end of primary school. The children sat six papers in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling, arithmetic and mathematical reasoning. We are so proud of all the children for their hard work and positive attitude throughout the week. A big thank you must also go to all the staff who supported the children this week, helping to prepare them and providing them with breakfast at SATS Breakfast Club. It was a real team effort to keep up with the demands for toast and at one point we had three members of staff operating all the grills in the DT room! Everyone was amazing including the other children in school who were so understanding and as quiet as little mice as they moved around the building.

A big thank you to everyone who supported School Council's second hand toy sale in aid of Hope International last week. I am delighted to announce that the total amount raised was £81.20 for this worthwhile charity. A huge well done to all the members of School Council for their efforts and to Mrs O'Rourke for helping the children to put their ideas into action. We are so impressed by the dedication and energy of our School Council and it is such a pleasure to know that they are constantly striving to make a difference to our school and the local community.

*Mrs Howell*

## Which Rules Are You Going To Break?

Wear face paint, makeup or glitter  
Cover yourself in temporary tattoos  
Have a wacky hairstyle  
Wear a wig or a hat  
Paint your nails in different colours  
Wear your favourite trainers or boots  
Put on colourful socks and tights  
or just wear non-uniform.

**There is a 'FINE' of 50p for each rule broken  
or for £2.50 you can break all the rules on  
the list!**





# Ecology Day at Cambridge Services

On Wednesday, Year 5 were invited to Cambridge Services to participate in an ecology and environmental management event. The children got the opportunity to meet people from across the Extra Services group who are responsible for managing and developing the landscape. They spent some time learning about ecosystems and habitats before splitting into groups to explore the grounds of the Services. In the grounds they had the opportunity to site a birdfeeder which was then installed in the woods, spread

wildflower seeds and also learn about bug hotels. The trip ended with the children designing their own ecological feature which will form part of the eco landscape at Cambridge Services. Some of the children also designed their own bug hotel for the site which they named 'Buggingham Palace'.





# 2025 ECO FESTIVAL CAMVC

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## 17TH MAY

Cambourne Village College,  
Sheepfold Lane (CB23 6FR)



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LOCAL  
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MONKFIELD PARK



## 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 3 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)

### Farewell to Pocket Toys

Way back in the mists of time we introduced pocket toys to improve playtimes in school for the children. The children were allowed to bring one small toy which fitted into their pocket and stayed in their classroom tray or bag at other times. With the introduction of OPAL in September our playtimes have changed dramatically. Children now have a huge range of toys, small world items and activities available in school which they can play with at break and lunch times. Additionally, we have had some very upset children when their pocket toys have been lost, broken or accidentally incorporated into the OPAL equipment and we have been unable to retrieve them. As a result we have decided that following half term children will no longer need to bring pocket toys into school. We will be speaking to the children about this in school so that they are aware of our reasons for requesting that pocket toys now stay at home so that they do not get lost or damaged. Many thanks for your support with this.



## Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to tell you which 3D shapes can roll.
- Ask your Year 1 child to explain how they made their own London tube map.
- Ask your Year 2 child to retell the story of The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse.
- Ask your Year 3 child to recall as many parts of a flower as they can.
- Ask your Year 4 child to explain what a raga is in Indian classical music.
- Ask your Year 5 child to tell you what they learnt about ecology and the landscape on their trip.
- Ask your Year 6 child to explain how you can bend light.



## FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2025

19th to 23rd May—STEM Week

19th May—Reception Come and Share

21st May—Year 5 production at 2pm

22nd May—Year 5 production at 6pm

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

4th to 6th June—Phonic Screening Check 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

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

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

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

### Ladybird Maths

After reading the story, 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle, the children have been playing some ladybird maths games this week. At Group Time, we played a game comparing the spots on each side of a ladybird. To choose the amount for each wing, we rolled a dice and then counted out that number of spots. We looked to see if it was the 'same number' or 'different' on each wing. We then identified which side had 'more' and which had 'fewer' or 'less'. The children were amazing at remembering the dice dot patterns that we have been practising recently and many of them could 'subitise' - saying how many without the need to count!



Jane Turner,  
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