

# Newsletter 23

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## A Red Week!

There has been a red theme in school this week and all in aid of some very good causes. On Wednesday evening Mrs O'Rourke and members of our School Council held a very successful cake sale in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Thank you to everyone who donated so many delicious cakes for the sale and to everyone who purchased them or donated online to support the research work of the British Heart Foundation.

Today the school was very red indeed as everyone dressed from head to toe in red to mark Red Nose Day. Many thanks to FOMP for collecting donations on the playground and to Mrs Hickmott for organising the red noses which have been on sale in the school office. The money raised from the sale of red noses and your donations for the non-uniform day will help to change people's lives. All the proceeds are used to support charities who fight poverty and help those in need here in the UK and around the world. The Red Noses are a great reminder that even the smallest, humorous things can make a huge difference to so many people. Thank you everyone for making Red Nose Day such a great success.

Mrs Howell.

## Will You Join Us?



Would you like to play a part in improving children's education and supporting the school's staff ?

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor and you were recently sent a letter regarding the election process. Parent governors play a vital role on our governing body, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view. This is an important and rewarding role as you will work with the Headteacher and the other governors to plan the future strategic direction of the school.

There are no specific qualifications or requirements for the role - every governing board needs a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience but as a parent governor you will need to have parental responsibility for a child who attends our school. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mel Webster or Mrs Jane Crowden, Co-Chairs of the Governing Body, via the school office or speak to Mrs Howell if you would like further information.

## RED NOSE DAY

There is still time to make a donation for Red Nose Day if you missed the bucket collection on the playgrounds. Donations can be made via the JustGiving page or alternatively you can scan the QR code.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-monkfield-park-primary-school>



PLEASE NOTE:

The minimum donation allowed on JustGiving is £2.



## Y1 WOWed by Castles

Knights and princesses resplendent in their regal robes filled classrooms as Year 1 celebrated their castle topic with a castle themed WOW day. The children took on the role of a knight as they learnt archery skills, designed their own castles featuring the all important battlements, crenulations, arrow slits and a portcullis, before finishing the day making scrumptious jam tarts, fit for a King's afternoon tea.



## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about dinosaur fossils.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about King Henry VIII.

Ask your Year 2 child to show you the arabesque gymnastics balance.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe the illustrations of Quentin Blake.

Ask your Year 4 child how to blend colours using pointillism.

Ask your Year 5 child to describe the development of a bird embryo.

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you all about Ernest Shackleton.

### A Message From MsTurner

The logo for Care4Calais, featuring the words "CARE 4 CALAIS" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on a red rectangular background.

Care4Calais is a volunteer run charity delivering essential aid and support to refugees living in the UK, Northern France and Belgium. The charity believes in a fair and tolerant British society and advocates for a welcoming and inclusive attitude towards refugees.

Operating year round, the focus is to provide warm clothing, bedding, food and medical assistance to people in desperate need. The charity also provides social support and interaction, including language lessons and sports and music workshops.

During the Easter Holidays, Ms Turner will be joining a group of members from the National Education Union to volunteer at the Calais warehouses and refugee camps. They would like to take donated items with them, such as toiletries and new socks and pants, to support the charity's work. If you would like to donate, please drop off items to Ms Turner at Monkfield Park Care and Learning Centre before the Easter holidays.

Thank you

*Jane Turner*

### A Great Cake Sale

Many thanks to our School Council for organising and running such an amazing cake sale in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Thanks to their hard work and your wonderful, delicious donations the children raised an incredible £107.40 for this very worthy cause. A huge well done to everyone.



**FORTHCOMING DATES Spring Term 2024**

18th to 20th March—Book Fayre from 3:30pm till 4pm—Main hall

21st March—Parent consultations via Zoom 4pm to 6.20pm

22nd March—Green Class assembly

26th March—Year 5 production at 2 pm

27th March—Year 5 production at 6 pm

27th March—Headteacher Drop In 9.30—10.30am

28th March— Last day in school before Easter

29th March to 12th April - Easter Holiday

15th April—Children return to school for start of Summer term

22nd April— Height and Weight measurements for Reception and Year 6

26th April—Dorado Class assembly

29th April to 3rd May— Healthy Lifestyles Week

10th May—Lacerta Class assembly

13th to 16th May—End of KS2 SATS for Year 6

14th May –Reception Come and Share

16th May—Vision Screening for Reception children

20th to 24th May—Walk To School Week

21st May—Reception singing performance at 9.30am

22nd May—Reception singing performance at 2pm

24th May—Break up for Half Term

27th to 31st May—Half term holiday

3rd June—INSET Day (school closed to children)

4th June—Children return to school

14th June—Class photographs

19th June—Reception and KS1 Sports Day

26th June—KS2 Sports Day

27th June—Reserve KS2 Sports Day

28th June— Year 4 Residential Trip to Burwell House

3rd July—Key Stage 2 Wellbeing Wednesday

5th July—Aquila Class Assembly

10th July—Reception summer celebration

18th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

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

### Spring is Coming...

This week, the pre-school children have been learning about Spring. We learnt that when the weather starts to get a little warmer, flowers begin to grow again. Ms Turner bought in some snowdrops and daffodils from her garden and we looked at them carefully. We learnt some new vocabulary, 'leaf', 'stem' and 'petal', and then had a go at some observational paintings of daffodils.

Maybe the children can look for Spring flowers in their gardens at home, or when they are out and about? Take some photos of the flowers you find and post them on Evidence Me.



### Spring Song Time

On Thursday 28th March at 9.15 am, we would like to invite all parents and carers to come and listen to the songs we have been learning this term. All children are welcome to attend, even if this is not their usual morning.



Best wishes  
*JANE TURNER*