

# Newsletter 21

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YOUR WAY**

## So Many Celebrations

One of the joys of working in a school is knowing that every week we will be celebrating or marking significant events. This week we have been celebrating the vibrancy and diversity of the Monkfield Park family with the help of many international visitors. Our international week culminated with a joyful celebration on Friday when the school was full of colour as many children wore traditional dress from their cultures.

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. The theme this year is overcoming barriers to reading for pleasure. We all want children to enjoy reading because we know that reading seriously improves and changes children's lives for the better. Nationally, we know that children and adults are not reading for pleasure and that we need to do something to address this. We will be sharing lots of stories and book activities across the week and children will have the opportunity to dress up as 'what I like to read' on Thursday. It can be a character from a favourite book or something which reflects the types of books you like to read. Costumes do not need to be purchased and can be easily put together from a range of things you already have at home. The important thing is to get our children reading for pleasure.

Mrs Howell

## **An Important Reminder About Parking**

I am sorry to have to bring up the thorny issue of parking once again. Recently, we have received a number of complaints about cars parking on the grass verge adjacent to the staff car park gates and of parents



blocking the gates by dropping off or collecting children from both the school and the pre-school. I have had to speak to a number of people about this myself this week and remind them that such actions are putting our children at risk. The area inside the yellow zig-zag lines and the double yellow lines indicate that this is a no parking area outside our school. The Highway Code states that parking is prohibited on double yellow lines and yellow zig-zag lines outside schools at all times; this includes stopping to set down or pick up passengers. Not only is it illegal, but it

increases the likelihood of an accident. Although the verge is not on school property we would request that parents and carers do not put our children in danger by parking in this area. Parking is available in the Priory Walk public car park which is operated by the Town Council. Thank you for your support and understanding in this important matter.

## International Week

We have been delighted to welcome so many visitors to school this week who have helped to make our annual international week a huge success. From Bharatnatyam dance to Chinese dragon art and African drumming, the children and staff have been fascinated to learn about many aspects of each other's culture and traditions. Our theme this year was oracy and we are so grateful to all our parents and the amazing pupils from Cambourne Village College who volunteered to come into school to share information with us about their home lands and tell us stories from their cultures. Thank you to everyone for making our international week such a joyous occasion for us all.



Bring your own pan for  
**PANCAKE** *Race*

Free ingredients will be supplied  
to make the pancakes

Sunday 2nd March at 12-3 PM

**12.00 to 3.00 pm FREE Event for all**

Great Cambourne Cricket Pavillion,  
CB23 6DZ Please arrive by 12.00 pm

Activities:  
Pancake Making  
Pancake Race  
Egg & Spoon Race



For the Stalls, please email to  
[shrobona@gmail.com](mailto:shrobona@gmail.com)

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## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to teach you some pirate phrases.

Ask your Year 1 child to name the seven continents.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you the names of some plants in your garden or the local area.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how you measure and calculate the perimeter of a shape.

Ask your Year 4 child to list the features of a mountain.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you the story of Theseus and the Minotaur.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe the characteristics and previous experiences of some of the crew members from Shackleton's expedition on the Endeavour.

## FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2025

3rd—7th March—Book and Writing Week

5th March—Year 1 Kenya WOW Day

6th March—World Book Day

7th March—Cygnus Class assembly

12th March—Reception vision screening

13th to 18th March—Book Fair in Main Hall

14th March—Violet Class assembly

21st March—Red Nose Day

21st March—Green Class assembly

25th March—Reception performance at 10am

25th March—Parent Consultation Evening from 4pm

26th March—Reception performance at 2pm

2nd April—Team afternoon

3rd April—Parent Consultation Evening from 4pm

4th April—Break up for Easter holiday

7th—21st April—EASTER HOLIDAY

22nd April—Children return to school

23rd April—Year 4 Indian WOW Day

29th—30th April—Y4 Burwell House Residential trip

2nd May—Dorado Class assembly

**5th May—May Day Bank Holiday**

7th May—Reception Trip to South Angle Farm

12th to 15th May—Key Stage 2 SATS week

16th May—Blue Class assembly

19th to 23rd May—STEM Week

20th 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**



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

### International Week

This week we have had a wonderful time celebrating some of the different cultural backgrounds and languages spoken within our pre-school community. We started the week with a joyful African drumming session with a special visitor, Martin from Ghana. At Group Time, we then learnt a call and response song in Swahili called 'Che Che Kule'.

There are 17 different languages spoken within our preschool families and we gave ourselves a challenge this week, to learn to say 'hello' in as many of them as possible. Many thanks to parents who have sent in videos speaking in their home language to help us achieve this. Be prepared to be amazed when you hear us speaking in Gujarati, Malayalam, Spanish, Arabic and Hungarian. Also, a big THANK YOU to Taym's mummy who came into pre-school this week to speak to us in Arabic and show us some of her family's Arabic and Turkish artefacts. What an exciting week!



### World Book Day

Next Thursday, March 6th, is World Book Day. To mark this event we are inviting all children who would like to, to dress up as a book character on that day and to bring in their favourite book to share.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

*Jane Turner* (Pre-School Manager)