

# Newsletter 22

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## World Book Day

Do you have a favourite word? A word that is so powerful and full of energy it can change how you are feeling, motivate you or inspire you or just give you enjoyment in the way it sounds as you roll it around your mouth?

This week was annual World Book Day and to celebrate we asked the children to dress up in a way that reflected their favourite word. I was so impressed by the children's creativity and the plethora of words on display. From mythological, vibrant, ferocious and fragrant to adventurous, intrepid, peaceful, energetic, happiness, and kindness, the children showed us how powerful words can be. Thank you for supporting the children with their costumes and for helping to make our celebration of books and the magical world of the written word such a success.

Also a quick reminder that School Council will be holding a bake sale in aid of the British Heart Foundation after school on Wednesday 13th March on the Key Stage One playground (or in the main hall in the case of bad weather). We would be very grateful for any donations of red food and red coloured bakes to sell at the sale.

Mrs Howell.

## Celebrating First Lego League Success

We are very proud to announce that Pinak in Year 6 and Vihaan in Year 4, together with their team mates from CERC Activate, were judged to be the winners of the regional FIRST LEGO League Challenge held in Coventry earlier this month.

FIRST® LEGO® League Challenge is a global STEM programme for teams of young people, which encourages an interest in real world themes and develops key skills

that are crucial for future careers. Young people work together to explore a given topic and to design, build and program an autonomous LEGO® robot to solve a series of missions.

The team delivered an outstanding performance in the robotics challenge and went on to design and code an innovative mobile app to identify fossils found on the beach. Following the success the Team has now progressed to the national championship to be held in Harrogate on 20th April.

Well done to Pinak and Vihaan and we send you many good wishes for the national championship in Harrogate.





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You will have received your child's mid-year report today, Friday 8th March. We hope you find this report useful and that it will be helpful in your discussions with your child's class teacher at the forthcoming parent consultation evenings on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 21st March.

The first evening on Tuesday 12th March, will be held face-face from 4.00 pm. Reception and Key Stage 1 teachers will be based in the Activity Hall and Key Stage 2 teachers will be in the Main Hall. Parents and carers will also have the opportunity to look at the children's books. We will be offering a

crèche for children at the consultations on Tuesday 12th March. On Thursday 21st March the appointments will be virtual via zoom, again from 4.00 pm. If you haven't booked an appointment, please can I urge you to do so via the electronic booking system.

## FRIDAY 15th MARCH IS RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is back on **Friday 15th March** and we're joining schools up and down the nation to do something funny for money by holding one of our very popular non-uniform days. The theme this year is 'Red-to-Toe' if you have something red to wear, although normal non-uniform is fine as well to help support the fundraising!

The suggested donation is £1. You can donate via the usual bucket collection on the playground on 15th March or via the JustGiving page at:

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

PLEASE NOTE: The minimum donation allowed on JustGiving is £2.

However much you can spare, your donation will go to Comic Relief to help people facing poverty in our communities, here in the UK and around the world.

**Red noses are on sale in the school office now.**

There are three fun red nose characters to collect, with a 1 in 166 chance to get your hands on the super limited edition rare 'Gold' nose!! There will be a limited amount of red noses available to buy through the school office at a cost of £2 each. Please send the correct change in with your child in a labelled, sealed envelope if you would like to purchase a red nose through school. At least £1 from the purchase of each red nose will go to Comic Relief.



## HOPE AGAINST POVERTY

Hope Against Poverty is an incredible local charity that supports many families in Cambourne. They are now looking for support in the form of donations from the community to be able to continue their vital work.

They have recently launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds for a new electric vehicle to enable them to continue the provision of the mobile food hub in South Cambridgeshire. The mobile food hub visits seven villages across South Cambridgeshire to enable users to purchase affordable essential food and items, as well as claiming their entitlement to free food too.

Initially, this project was started with funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council, but this has now ended (December 2023). South Cambs District Council has awarded the charity £15,000 towards an electric vehicle but they need to raise at least another £20,000.

The Aviva Community Fund will match fund donations up to £250, and in addition the Cost of Living Resilience Fund will donate £450. For example: a £20 donation will make a total contribution of £100 (£20 donation + £20 Aviva match + £60 Cost of Living = £100). Therefore, to get the maximum impact from this fund, donations up to £250 will make a total contribution of £950 (£250 donation + £250 Aviva match + £450 Cost of Living = £950).

Information on the current project, their vision for the new and improved mobile food hub, and positive impact stories are available to read on HOPE's campaign page which can be viewed at <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/hope-cic-mobile-food-project>

We hope you can support the amazing work that HOPE does in any way you are able to.

The logo for HOPE, featuring the word "HOPE" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A thick, yellow, wavy line is drawn over the letters, starting under the 'H', looping under the 'O', and ending under the 'E'.

Scan the QR Code to  
donate to our campaign



## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you a WOW fact they have learnt about their favourite dinosaur.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the words they collected this week.

Ask your Year 2 child who their favourite book character is and why.

Ask your Year 3 child to share the words they collected to send to Jerome in the book, The Word Catcher.

Ask your Year 4 child how to find a non-unit fraction of an amount.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how to order decimal numbers.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how to find a percentage of an amount. For example 10% of £45.

### The Big Plastic Count—A Message From Eco Club

Next week we are inviting everyone at home to participate in positive change. We know that when we work together, we can build even more evidence about what happens to our plastic waste to help put a stop to the plastic crisis. Please join us and let's get counting to make the Global Plastics Treaty as big and bold as it can be.

This isn't about rating anyone's recycling habits, and we wouldn't want anyone to feel embarrassed by how much plastic they use. We know that there are some plastic items which are essential for disabled people, or people with medical conditions, and so these won't be included in the count.

#### HOW TO TAKE PART

It's really easy! From Monday morning until Sunday evening—11th to 17th March, count as you throw!

Simply mark every piece of plastic package as you throw it away on the Let's Count Tally Sheet that has been added to Seesaw. Once your household has completed the survey, your child will record all their results online at home via our unique class link.

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/3051/eco-club-5>

Find out more about The Big Plastic Count here: [thebigplasticcount.com](https://thebigplasticcount.com).

We would like to say a huge thank you for supporting the children and for taking part in this important investigation!

Together, we can build even more evidence about what really happens to our plastic and hopefully make a big difference to our planet.



### Great Team Players

A huge well done to our Year 6 Netball teams who finished in second and third places respectively at the recent Netball Tournament held at Cambourne Village College.



The children played with enthusiasm and skill and showed wonderful team work. Mr Frame and Mr Yates reported that the children did themselves and the school proud.



**FORTHCOMING DATES Spring Term 2024**

12th March—Parent consultations in person 4pm till 6:20pm

15th March—Violet Class assembly

18th to 21st March—Book Fayre from 3.40pm

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

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2024



I really liked that we got to express how we feel about some of the words we use when we are speaking and writing.

*Freya Y4*

I really enjoyed working with a published author. Doing the story maps with her was great fun.

*Dana Y6*



It was really good because everyone joined in. Even the ladies in the kitchen had done crochet words in a banner at the servery.

*Ophelia Y3*

We loved playing the Charades game and hunting for words in the library.

*Ava and Adiela Y5*



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

### World Book Day

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day this week. Many of the children dressed up as book characters and looked really amazing in their outfits! Some children also brought in their favourite books to share and we enjoyed reading and looking at them together. All of the children will be receiving a World Book Day book token, which they can exchange for a book at participating shops such as Morrisons.



### Mother's Day

The children have also been very busy making Mother's Day cards over the last week or two. We hope that you love the cards which the children have made you, and wish all the pre-school mums a very Happy Mother's Day. Have a great weekend celebrating.