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Have You Completed The Questionnaires?

Those of you who have held on to last week's newsletter will remember that we announced we would be launching the annual stakeholder questionnaires on Monday 22nd April. The questionnaires went live on Monday morning at 10.00 am and will be available for you to complete until midnight on Monday 6th May.

We really do value your opinion and think it is vital that you have the opportunity to tell us what you think we do well and where we can try to make improvements. Please can I urge you to complete the questionnaires, which should only take a few minutes. There are separate questionnaires for School and the Care & Learning Centre so please do complete all that are relevant for you. The children will also have the opportunity to complete their own surveys in school so that we have their views too. The questionnaires can be accessed using the links or the QR codes which are printed on page two of this newsletter. Many thanks in advance for giving us your feedback.

With very best wishes

Mrs Howell.

Mathematical Heroes

A huge well done to our Year 5 mathematicians who did us all proud at the Year 5 County Maths Challenge on Tuesday.

Our team of four, very enthusiastic, mathematicians travelled to Saint Anne's School in Godmanchester to compete against other local schools in one of the live heats being held across the county. The children showed incredible team spirit as they worked together to solve some very puzzling problems designed to test their knowledge and memory skills along the way. The questions were extremely challenging and our children did brilliantly during all the rounds. Despite the tough competition, the Monkfield Park team held their nerve and were declared the overall winners. The team will now take part in the final which will be held in July. Well done to all the children for their super efforts. We are so proud of them!



SCHOOL PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE 2024

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OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE 2024

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PRE-SCHOOL PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE 2024

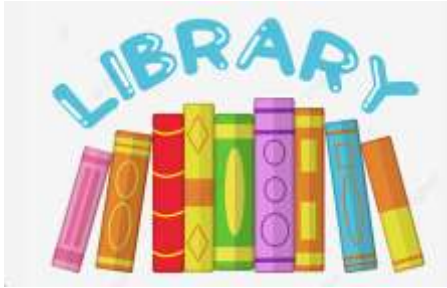
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Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to tell you about the traffic survey they did at school this week.
- Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the four seasons of the year.
- Ask your Year 2 child to tell you what they would do if they were flat like Flat Stanley.
- Ask your Year 3 child to tell you what changes they have observed in the seeds they planted.
- Ask your Year 4 child to explain why the River Ganges is so important for Hindus in India.
- Ask your Year 5 child to explain what a primatologist is.
- Ask your Year 6 child to name and describe the properties of as many 3D shapes as they can.

Library Book Amnesty



The library shelves are currently looking rather depleted and we have an inkling that there are lots of books which may be hiding at home in bedrooms and bags. Please could you check your children's bags and bedrooms and encourage them to return any books they have finished reading. We will be very glad to have the books back for others to borrow. Thank you for your help.

Stunning STEM Ambassadors

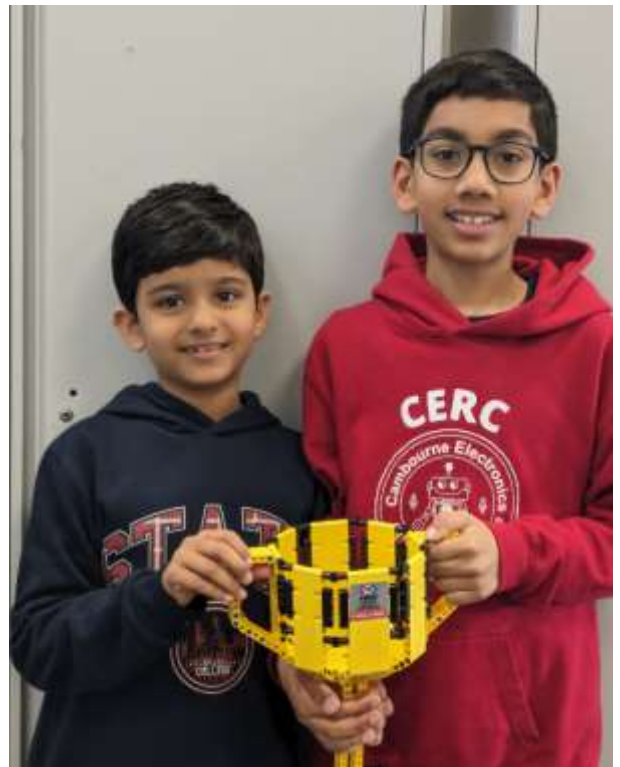
Back in March we celebrated the achievements of Pinak in Year 6 and Vihaan in Year 4 who are dedicated members of CERC Activate, the Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club.

On 20th April the boys were part of the team who competed in the National Championship Finals of the First Lego League robotics competition in Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Out of 75 competing teams which had made it through the rigorous regional heats, CERC Activate was judged to be the runner up. The judges were extremely impressed by the details of their work, their team spirit, and the discipline shown by a new team to the competition, whose youngest member was 8 years old. As part of the competition Vihaan, Pinak and the team demonstrated their designed innovation app "FossilEyes".

Following on from their success in Harrogate, the team has now been selected to represent the UK at the Asia Pacific Open Championship 2024 which is being held in Sydney, Australia in July.

This is an incredible achievement and we are so very proud of the boys. Well done Pinak and Vihaan!



Is My Child Too Ill For School?



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are feeling unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. This useful information can be accessed using the link below.

<http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

FORTHCOMING DATES Summer Term 2024

26th April—Please complete the parent/carers questionnaires

29th April to 3rd May— Healthy Lifestyles Week

6th May—Bank Holiday

6th May—Parent/Carer Questionnaires close at midnight

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

Headteacher Parent Drop Ins

Do you have something you would like to talk to Mrs Howell about? If so, why not come along to one of the Headteacher's Drop In sessions this term. Mrs Howell will be offering parent drop ins for anyone who wishes to discuss any aspect of school life throughout the Summer term. The dates can be found below, but please remember that these are offered on a first come, first served basis and you may therefore have to wait.

23rd May 9.00—10.00 am

18th June 9.30—9.30 am

7th June 2.00—3.00 pm

4th July - 3.00—4.00 pm



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: 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

Caterpillars

We have had a really exciting delivery to the Care and Learning Centre this week... 5 tiny caterpillars arrived in a pot for us to care for and observe transform into butterflies. What an amazing experience! The children have already noticed the caterpillars getting bigger and cannot wait for them to form their cocoons in a couple of weeks.

Of course, we chose the classic story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle as our book of the week and the children have joined in the refrain, "But he was still hungry!" with great gusto! Key vocabulary this week has been, 'cocoon', 'chrysalis', 'metamorphosis', 'refrain' and 'information book'.



Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

JANE TURNER