

# Newsletter 9

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## Choose Respect

This week we have been marking Anti-Bullying week by 'choosing respect'. Throughout the week we have been empowering the children by asking them to always show respect to others and to not resort to bullying, even when they have disagreements and feel wronged. However bullying doesn't just effect children, so we have been reminding ourselves that adults need to lead by example by showing respect in our dealings with each other. The children have completed some wonderful work on the theme of respect and have taken part in a range of activities including using AI to write their own songs! If you would like to listen to the songs written by Orange Class and Phoenix Class asking us all to think about the ways we can stop bullying and make our world a better place, you can do so using the links below.

<https://suno.com/song/9c193fab-2846-480d-8864-9dfe75399f42>

<https://suno.com/song/304376d1-530d-40a9-8f89-9dd156d54cd7>

I hope you enjoy the children's musical creations.

With best wishes

Mrs Howell.

## Year 4 Caring for Our Environment

In their Science lessons, Year 4 have been learning about living things and their habitats and the threats



posed to them by humans and climate change.

On a visit to the Wildlife Park this week to study some of the habitats we have here in our local area in Cambourne, the children also took the opportunity to do their bit for the environment by carrying out a litter pick. The children were horrified by some of the litter people carelessly drop and were pleased to be able to make the environment safer for all living creatures in the Cambourne area.

## OPAL Launch

We have been absolutely delighted with the launch of the OPAL programme this week. Lunchtimes have been wonderful, joyous occasions and I hope the children have been telling you about the different activities they have been involved in. We do need the children to have a spare pair of wellies/trainers/other footwear in school at all times for outdoor play to stop mud being brought into the classrooms. We do have some spare wellingtons in school so if you require any help in providing additional footwear for your child for use on the field then please let us know.



## Children In Need Day—You Made Us Smile!

If you missed the bucket collection this morning there is still time to make a donation to Children in Need via JustGiving using the details below. PLEASE NOTE— The Minimum Donation allowed on JustGiving is £2. Either follow the link to make a donation or just scan the QR code to go directly to the page.



[https://www.justgiving.com/page/monkfield-park-1731058730637?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fmonkfield-park-](https://www.justgiving.com/page/monkfield-park-1731058730637?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fmonkfield-park-)

I hope the photographs below make you smile.



### FOMP Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

FOMP will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale on Sunday, 24th November at Lower Camborne Cricket Pavilion from 11 am to 2 pm. This is a great opportunity to pick up some gently used uniforms at affordable prices, with items ranging from just 50p to £2. Drop by, browse through the stock and find what you need whilst enjoying a tea and coffee to keep you warm while you shop!

FOMP will also be holding a clothing recycling collection on Wednesday, 27th November. Little Recyclers will be collecting any unused or outgrown second-hand clothing in Priory Walk car park from 9 am on Wednesday 27th November. For those unable to make it on the 27th, you are welcome to bring donations to the uniform sale at the Cricket Pavilion on Sunday, 24th November.

### Charity of the Year

Following a vote in school the children have chosen to support the local charity HOPE CLC as our charity of the year. This incredible charity which is run by the inspirational Mahesh Hettiarachchi, helps so many people in our community and across Cambridgeshire. The children will be organising fund-raising activities for HOPE CLC across the year and will be taking collections at the end of each year group performance.



The Town Council and Camborne Village College are organising the third annual litter pick on Saturday 16th November between 10am and 1pm.

If you would like to take part in this very worthwhile event please meet at the Upper

Camborne Cricket Pavillion at 10am. Refreshments and equipment will be provided so just bring yourself along if you would like to be part of making a big difference to our community here in Camborne. If you would like more information please e-mail: [bfederle@cambournevc.org](mailto:bfederle@cambournevc.org) or [mteo@cambournevc.org](mailto:mteo@cambournevc.org)



## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about Winnie the Witch.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you the story they are acting out in their production.

Ask your Year 2 child to describe three items around the house and name the materials they are made from.

Ask your Year 3 child to name the largest desert in Africa.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you how to find the area of a shape.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain what a cube number is and give you some examples.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe what life was like in the trenches in World War 1.

## FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2024

18th—22nd November—Parliament Week

20th November—Key Stage 1 Wellbeing Wednesday

20th November—Key Stage 2 Cross Country Running Competition at Wimpole Hall

22nd November at 9.15am—Indigo Class assembly

26th November at 9.30am—Reception 2025 tour—FULL

26th November—Trunk Theatre visiting Year 2

4th December at 2.00pm—Reception 2025 tour

4th December at 3.30pm—Y4 Times Table Check Information Evening.

10th December at 2pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

11th December at 2pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

12th December at 2.pm—Reception 2025 tour

12th December at 6pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

16th December—Reception theatre trip

17th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

18th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity Play

18th December—Team afternoon

19th December—Christmas Lunch

20th December—LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

23rd December—3rd January 2025—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

6th and 7th January—INSET Days (school closed for children)

8th January—Children return to school

23rd January—Public Speaking competition

24th January—Columba Class assembly

3rd to 7th February—Children's Mental Health week

3rd February—Reception and Year 6 height and weight measuring

5th February—KS1 Wellbeing Wednesday

6th February—Y4 Viking WOW Day

7th February—NSPCC Number Day

7th February—Y1 visit to Cambourne Library

11th February—Year 2 production at 2pm

12th February—Year 2 production at 2pm

## Applying for a School Place for September 2025

If your child will  
be aged 4 by  
**31<sup>st</sup> August  
2025**

You need to  
apply **NOW**  
for a School  
place



**SCAN ME**

**Apply by  
15<sup>th</sup> January  
2025**

For further information please visit  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)  
or contact your local School

We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Each parent and carer is looking for a school that will make the educational experience as motivating and rewarding as possible for their child. To help you make this important decision we would like to welcome parents and carers into school to see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn.

We are offering a number of parent tours so that you can see the school in action and talk with the Headteacher and staff. Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office on 01954 273377 or by email :[office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk)

The current tour dates are:

Tuesday 26th November 9.30am Now Full

Wednesday 4th December 2.00pm

Thursday 12th December 2.00pm

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school and hope you will join us for one of the tours. If you are unable to make this date, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient date for you to visit the school and meet the Headteacher.

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

### Fireworks

Following on from Diwali and Guy Fawkes Night, lots of our learning this week has focused around fireworks. The children have enjoyed telling us about the various firework displays they have seen during their celebrations and we did some great firework pictures by printing with lolly sticks and straws. At Group Time, we have been learning a firework number song called '3 Little Fireworks'. At the end of each verse, one of the fireworks blasts off into the sky and the children have enjoyed making different firework sounds and noises together such as 'bang', 'pop', 'whirr'! As part of the song, there is a countdown from 5 - "5, 4, 3, 2, 1 blast off!" I wonder if any of the children can say the countdown for you at home?



Best wishes  
*JANE TURNER*