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ODD SOCKS DAY

Odd Socks Day

Welcome back to what is already promising to be a very busy half term. I hope you all had a very enjoyable break and are ready for the excitement of the coming weeks. I was reminded by one of the children on Monday morning that it is was only '47 sleeps until Christmas' - 43 now, which was quite a startling thought!

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week when we will be marking our support for this important campaign by encouraging the children and staff to take part in **Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November**. On Odd Socks Day we are hoping everyone will express themselves and celebrate their individuality by coming to school wearing odd socks. The children will be taking part in a range of activities and workshops across the week linked to this year's theme, Choose Respect, which will help them to reflect on bullying behaviours and what we can all do to stamp out bullying and keep all children safe. More information is available on:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/>
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With best wishes

Mrs Howell.

Considerate Parking

I have received a complaint from one of our neighbours about inconsiderate parking in Langate Drive. Although Langate Drive is a public road where parking is not prohibited, please can I urge everyone to be considerate if parking in the streets around the school when dropping off and collecting children. Please make sure that you are not blocking private driveways and that the emergency services are able to access Langate Drive. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.



Boots and Wellingtons

The children are now accessing the field for their breaks all year round so that they have more space in which to run and play. As a result, the children will need to have a pair of wellingtons, boots, old trainers or shoes which stay in school for them to change into at break and lunchtime. This will be in addition to their school shoes which they will need to wear inside the school buildings. Please can you ensure that your child has a change of footwear in school as soon as possible.



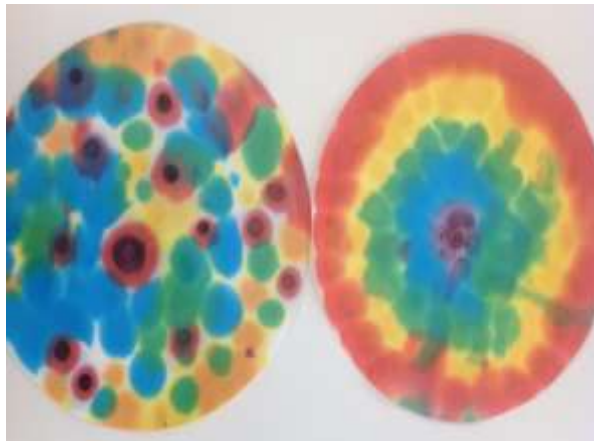
Favourite Things

The focus for our 'pop up' art gallery this year was 'favourite things'. Each year group was given a subject and was asked to create their favourite things in a range of media to reflect that theme. The standard of work produced by our very talented children has been exceptional and having spoken to many of you when you visited the gallery, you have been as delighted and impressed by the creativity on show as we are. A huge thank you to Mrs Flack and the staff for making this event such a huge success.



The SAW Project

We were delighted to welcome the SAW project team back to Monkfield Park before half term. This is always one of the highlights of the year for our children in Year 6. SAW or the Science Art and Writing initiative is a cross-disciplinary project that explores scientific themes through practical science activities underpinned by visually striking images. The images and science concepts are used as a creative stimulus for extension activities in art and writing. This innovative and inspirational project demonstrates so wonderfully for the children how Science, art and creative writing overlap and interconnect.



Children In Need—Make Us Smile!

Next Friday, 15th November, is Children in Need Day when we will be raising money to support disadvantaged children across the United Kingdom. We will be holding one of our very popular non-uniform days in school with the theme of 'Make Us Smile'. I do hope you will join in with the fun by dressing up to raise money for this very worthwhile charity. The Friends of Monkfield Park will be collecting the



money for us on the day with a playground bucket collection. A suggested donation is £1 per child. Alternatively, you can make a donation online 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-



The Town Council and Cambourne 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

Cambourne 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 Cambourne. If you would like more information please e-mail: bfederle@cambournevc.org or mteo@cambournevc.org



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to point out three signs of Autumn when you are out and about.

Ask your Year 1 child to name the different parts of a castle.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you what London was like in 1666.

Ask your Year 3 child to share some of the new vocabulary they have learnt to describe a desert.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you how the seasons can affect an eco-system.

Ask your Year 5 child to identify five different materials in your home and to describe their properties.

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you what the order of operations is in a calculation.

FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2024

w/c 11th November—Anti bullying week

12th November—Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week

13th November—Year 6 trip to First World War Huts

14th November—Open Evening and Tour for prospective parents at 5.30pm

15th November—Children in Need Day

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

Applying for a School Place for September 2025

If your child will
be aged 4 by
**31st August
2025**

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



SCAN ME

**Apply by
15th January
2025**

For further information please visit
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

The current tour dates are:

Thursday 14th November 5.30pm

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 or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

Diwali

This week the children have been captivated by our learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. First, we watched some short CBeebies films from the 'Let's Celebrate' series, which showed us how one little girl prepared for and celebrated Diwali with her family. The children then had a go at making colourful rangoli patterns to decorate our Pre-School doorstep, as well as decorating their hands with some beautiful mehndi patterns. We have been learning a song about Diwali too, which we all just can't stop singing! Next Monday, we have an exciting visitor planned called Divya, who will be telling the story of Diwali through dance before inviting the children to take part in some Indian dancing.



Song Time

We are very excited to announce the launch of the new Evidence Me chat feature. This will allow staff and parents to securely message each other through the Evidence Me app, simply by clicking on the chat icon on the bottom tool bar. Please use this feature to communicate information about your child, such as if they are unwell, will be late arriving or have forgotten their water bottle, etc. You will receive an email notification when a new message is posted by staff. For sharing home learning, please continue to use the Evidence Me observation tab and for messages regarding session changes, booking Breakfast and After-school Club, funding or invoices, please continue to email or speak to the school office. We do hope that this feature will make our communications easier and enhance our home/school partnership. If you are having any problems using Evidence Me, please let me know.

Best wishes

JANE TURNER