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Thank you

Thank you to everyone who sent in food donations for our Harvest Festival celebrations this week. Your generous contributions provided a focus for our Harvest assembly in which we reflected on how fortunate we are to have had a good harvest in our country. Rev Bill from Cambourne Church gave us a Christian perspective on the ancient tradition of celebrating the gathering in of the harvest and recognising the important role that farmers play. The children raised the rafters with their rendition of 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' as we reflected on how grateful we are for the food we eat. Following the assembly, all the food donated was delivered to the Cambourne Food Bank to help those who have been affected by the current economic crisis.

We were very pleased to welcome parents and carers to school on Tuesday for the first parent consultation of the academic year. I hope you found the meetings useful and informative. The second consultation evening will take place on Thursday 19th October. If you missed the deadline for booking an appointment, please contact the school office where Mrs Cox and Mrs Taylor will be able to help you

Mrs Howell.

Year 6 Netball Tournament

Well done to our Year 6 netball teams who participated in the first netball tournament of the season at Cambourne Village college this week. Mr Frame reported that the children played with great passion and determination, demonstrating excellent team skills. Both teams were successful finishing in joint third place. More importantly, the children had a very enjoyable time and were great ambassadors for our school.



Sushi

We always try to make links in the children's learning as research has shown that building chains of knowledge makes learning easier and more effective. Year 6 have been studying 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo as their key text in English and have been learning about the geography and culture of Japan in their topic work. In addition, the children have been experimenting with Japanese cuisine and decided to try their hand at making sushi this week. It was wonderful to see the children creating their own delicious Maki from a range of fresh ingredients.



Wellbeing Wednesday

This week it was KS2's turn to enjoy their chosen Wellbeing Wednesday activities. The sun shone, which allowed the children to participate in a range of outdoor activities from cricket to nature photography in addition to a range of arts, craft and music sessions. The laughter and joy around school was proof of the power of 'Wellbeing Wednesday'.



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Each week this space will provide a celebration of children who may be especially noticed for demonstrating learning or behaviour that we feel should be recognised and commended. This week I would like to congratulate:

Alice in Violet Class: Watching Alice play football is a real pleasure. Not only is she a very skilled player but she also demonstrates remarkable resilience, great determination and super team work when playing. What a great ambassador for the game.

Josie in Dorado Class: The cave paintings at Lascaux give us an insight into life in the Palaeolithic era. Inspired by them Josie produced her own very authentic versions of prehistoric art. I am amazed by Josie's creativity and her attention to detail.

Jack in Lacerta Class: Our library is well used but it can resemble the aftermath of a hurricane at times. Jack loves reading and hates to see books being ill treated or damaged. Last week, instead of taking his Golden Time, Jack chose to tidy and organise the library. Thank you for such a selfless act Jack.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to use their 5 senses around the home.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you an interesting fact about one of Safari Stu's animals.

Ask your Year 2 child what all animals, including humans, need to survive.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain to explain the terms; hues, tints, tones and shades.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain how to increase the rate of evaporation in a room.

Ask your Year 5 child to describe the features you would find in a very good newspaper report.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how Japanese children prepare for earthquakes.

Applying for a School Place

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, and you live in Cambridge-shire you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2024.

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. In addition we will also be offering an open evening event so that you can meet and chat with the Reception teaching team. Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office. The dates for the tours are:

Thursday 9th November—Open Evening from 6.00pm

Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our wonderful school.

FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2023

16th October—Art Week

18th October 8.30 am to 9.30 am - Headteacher's Drop In

18th October—Tour for prospective parents at 2pm

19th October 4:00pm —7:00pm—Parent consultation evening

20th October 2.30—3pm CLC Song Time

23rd—27th October—HALF TERM

30th October—Children return to school

30th October to 3rd November—Children's Art Gallery

7th November—9.30am to 10.30am — Headteacher's Drop In

9th November—Open Evening and Tour for prospective parents at 6pm

w/c 13th November—Anti bullying week

17th November—Children in Need Day

22nd November—Flu vaccinations for all children

23rd November—2.30pm to 3.30pm — Headteacher's Drop In

Change of date for Indigo Class Assembly. This will now take place on 24th November at 9.15am

24th November—Tour for prospective parents at 9.30am

30th November—Whole school Tudor WOW Day

4th December —Tour for prospective parents at 2.00pm

5th December—Reception pantomime trip

12th December at 2pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

13th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

13th December at 6pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

14th December—9.00am to 10.00am—Headteacher's Drop In

14th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity Play

14th December at 6pm—Year 3 and Year 4 Carol Concert

20th December—LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

21st December—3rd January 2024—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

4th & 5th January—INSET Days (school closed for children)

8th January—Children return to school for Spring term

22nd to 26th January—International Week

26th January—Violet Class assembly

2nd February - Columba Class assembly

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



Room News

One of the wonderful things about Monkfield Park Care and Learning Centre is that we are such a diverse setting, with families from many different cultures and nationalities. This week we have been celebrating our differences. We looked at a book called 'We are all Different' and talked about each of our various hair, eye and skin colourings. At Group Time, we looked in mirrors and then described ourselves to our friends. Next, we will be drawing our self-portraits, thinking about the colours and features we have talked about together this week.

Song Time

A reminder about our Song Time next Friday 20th October at 2.30 pm. If your child does not normally attend preschool at this time, you are welcome to bring them along for this event.

Parent Consultations

During November, we will be holding Parent Consultations to discuss how your child is settling into their new preschool room and routine. We will be offering either a virtual meeting via Zoom or a face-to-face meeting at the Care and Learning Centre. You will shortly receive an email with details of the dates and times available for meeting your child's Key Person. You can then book in via the main school office.

Ms Turner