

Newsletter 3

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The PCSO who came to lunch

On Wednesday we had a great afternoon when our local PCSO, John, visited school to welcome all our new families. John joined the children for lunch and was impressed by how confident the children were and how eager they were to tell him about all the exciting learning that goes on in school. He even helped to test us on our times tables over a delicious roast dinner.

Over lunchtime play, John organised an impromptu 'Tug of War' competition for the older children before spending the afternoon talking about safety with our new Reception children.

Everyone was very excited to have a close look at a real Police car and to find out what John does every day to help us and to make sure our community is a safe place in which to live and learn.



Bikeability

We all know that cycling is a great way to get around and include some exercise in our daily routine. However, we also know how dangerous and complex cycling on roads can be. This week children in Year 6 have been out on the roads in Cambourne taking part in 'Bikeability' training under the watchful eyes of the instructors from Outspoken Training. Over four days the children learnt road safety rules and manoeuvres, which included learning how to deal with junctions, pass parked vehicles safely, recognise hazards and how to be aware of other road users. We are delighted that the children now feel confident enough to cycle safely amongst real traffic with their new cycling skills.



The Cambourne Archaeology Project

Some of you may know that archaeology is a particular passion of Mrs Howell's, so on Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Clemency and Meg from Oxford Archaeology to Monkfield Park. The archaeologists from Oxford Archaeology are currently running a project with the students at Cambourne Village College to excavate a late Iron Age/Roman farmstead, which was discovered close to the Village College.



Following a whole school assembly, the children in Year 4 and Year 5 took part in a hands-on workshop where they were able to try out some excavation techniques for themselves. Having recovered a number of pottery sherds and artefacts, the children learnt how archaeologists analyse artefacts and use them to date sites and tell the story of the humans who inhabited those sites in the past. Year 6 are now looking forward to visiting the excavations next week to see the excavation project in action and learn more about the people who lived and farmed in Cambourne over 2,000 years ago.

Free Kitchen Caddies Event

We are very excited to announce that we have just elected the class representatives for our brand new Eco Group. The first task for the members of our Eco Group will be to help launch National Recycle Week, commencing 25th September. On Wednesday (27th), the shared waste team for Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council will be handing out a green kitchen caddy to all parents and carers when you collect your children from school. All food waste can be placed in the green kitchen caddy, which is then emptied into the green waste collection bin.

Head Teacher Roll of Honour

This week I would like to honour:

Aurora in Orange Class—Aurora has settled into school so well. She can already tell us all the school rules and has impressed us with her amazing number work, her lovely manners and how she eats up every bit of her lunch.

Lian in Lacerta Class—Lian you have returned to school with such a determination to succeed and to improve your reading and writing skills. We are all so proud of you.

Fruzsina in Aquila Class—Fruzsina has hit the ground running this term. She is working so hard in all subject areas and has shown us all that she is determined to push herself to excel this year.

Alexa in Green Class—Alexa always listens intently in class and instigates so many wonderful and interesting discussions. Thank you for making such valuable contributions to every lesson.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to find three circle and three rectangle shaped objects around the house.

Ask your Year 1 child to show you a rock and roll move that they learnt during PE.

Ask your Year 2 child to describe one of Isaac Newton's discoveries or inventions.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe how Howard Carter found the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Ask your Year 4 child what they learnt during the archaeologists' visit.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how to complete the formal column method for addition.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how we can show respect to others and ourselves.

Bicycles—A Polite Reminder

In the interests of safety please can we remind everyone that children should not ride cycles and scooters on the school playground at the beginning and end of the school day. We would be grateful if you could speak to your child/children and remind them to dismount at the school gates and push their bikes or scooters across the playground before storing them in the bike racks provided. Thank you.



Forthcoming dates

w/c 25th September — Harvest Festival Week

4th October 6pm—Maths evening for Reception parents

6th October 9am—Violet Class assembly

11th October from 5pm—Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)

12th October 1.30pm—Reception ‘come and share’ event

13th October 9am—Blue Class assembly

16th October—Individual children’s photographs

19th October from 4pm—Parent consultations (more details to follow)

w/c 23rd October—half term (children return on 30th October)

10th November 9am—Aquila Class assembly

24th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

6th December—Flu vaccination programme (details to follow)

8th December at 9am—Lacerta Class assembly

12th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

13th December 1.30am—Reception ‘come and share’ event

13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert

14th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity

14th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

15th December 10am—Year 1 nativity

19th December—Christmas parties

19th December—Last day of term

19th December—Christmas holidays begin

3rd January—INSET day (school closed to children)

4th January—All children return

Class Reps

This year we will be looking to introduce Class Reps for each year group. The main aim for this will be to improve communication between home/school and PTA. Role profiles will shortly be sent home along with a nomination form but if you feel it is something you would like to get involved in or would like more information then please get in touch either via our facebook page Friends of Monkfield park or send us an email at friendsofmonkfield-park@gmail.com


**WE NEED
YOU
TO BE A
CLASS
REP**

Uniform Sale

We now have 2 new uniform co-ordinators, so we'd like to welcome Mary and Hollie and thank them for coming on board.

We will shortly be holding a uniform sale in KS1 playground. Date to be confirmed.



Bags To School

Bags to school will be collecting on Friday 13th October. Bags will be sent home via book bags leading up to the date.

It's a great chance to have a clear out before Christmas. They accept any of the following in good quality condition:- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels and bedding.



AGM

Our AGM is just around the corner so please keep an eye out for more info.

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