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STEM Week

This week we have been celebrating all things to do with science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). As a school we feel passionately that all the children should be fully equipped and inspired, through the highest quality education, to enable them to follow careers in STEM and make a real difference in our constantly developing technological world. A key aspect of this is the exposure the children get to a wide range of STEM activities which allow them to pursue ideas and develop their questioning and investigative skills. Moreover we want these experiences to be challenging and fun for everyone. We are so grateful to those members of our parent body and local STEM companies who have given their time to come into school and work with the children throughout the week. Hopefully all our visitors found the activities to be as inspirational and rewarding as the children and staff. We hope that these photographs give you a snapshot of the week.



Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to measure their arm and yours and compare the lengths.

Ask your Year 1 child to retell the story of Chinese New Year.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you their 2s, 3s, 5s and 10 times tables.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you about the three main types of natural rock.

Ask your Year 4 child for examples of persuasive language and when this might be used.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain what the 4 processes of manufacturing are.

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you which biscuit is best for dunking and why?

Head Teacher Roll of Honour

This week we have been celebrating STEM so I would like to congratulate those children who have shown a quiet determination to discover as much as they can about the world of Science and technology.

Charlotte in Pegasus class—Charlotte is the 'Queen of Countdown'. Her mental maths skills and reasoning are so quick because she works so hard to perfect her knowledge of number facts. Well done Charlotte.

Vibudh in Dorado class—Vibudh knows so many interesting scientific facts. His knowledge of rocks and geology was most impressive and I thoroughly enjoyed our discussion on igneous rocks.

Lauren in Columba class—Lauren has shown a very methodical approach to all the scientific tests she has carried out this week. Even when things have gone wrong Lauren has persevered to get the best possible outcomes.

Ayaz in Violet class—Ayaz is passionate about science and is always keen to learn more. His level of questioning this week has demonstrated how he approaches every task in a systematic and scientific manner.



Practise spellings in bursts of five minutes, and concentrate on one word a day as it's better to have one secure word than ten which will be forgotten the next day. At the end of the week, cement the words in the brain with a game such as snakes and ladders or speed spelling.

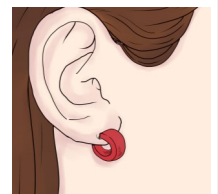
A reminder about earrings

Cambridge County Council has updated its safety guidance for schools with regard to wearing earrings whilst involved in physical activity.

All watches, jewellery and cultural or religious adornments must be removed for PE lessons.

This includes all earrings, studs and sleepers. If such items cannot be removed the individual is not prepared in an acceptably safe way and cannot continue as is, so must take part in modified activity. Care also must be exercised to ensure good hygiene is observed. Schools should not accept responsibility for removing or storing rings or studs used as adornment to body piercing. Items that are removed should not be stored communally to avoid contagion/infections.

Long hair must be tied back securely and fingernails should be appropriately short to prevent injury and applies to both boys and girls. Pupils must be dressed and shod in a manner which is appropriate to the activity and which allows full freedom of movement without any danger of snagging.



PARKING SAFELY – A Polite Reminder



This week I have been contacted by a member of the public who had a rather distressing experience whilst trying to park in Priory Walk car park. We realise that the car park becomes particularly congested at peak times when parents are dropping their children off at school or picking them up at the end of the school day. At these times we would appreciate it if everyone could be extra vigilant for the safety of the children and everyone using the car park. Please park considerately by using the allotted bays and avoid blocking access to the car park or movement of traffic in the car park. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

From Wednesday 7th to Wednesday 14th March we will be hosting a book fair in the Main Hall. There will be a huge range of fantastic children's books for you to purchase which are suitable for children from Reception through to Year 6. For each purchase you make, the school receives a small amount of commission, which will enable us to buy new some wonderful books for our library and classrooms.



The fair will be open each day from 3.15 pm to 4.00 pm. Access will be via the fire exit door by the school office so you will not be required to sign in or out as a visitor.

In addition Pippa Goodhart, the well known children's author, will be visiting school on Friday 9th March to run some writing workshops with the children.

Pippa is the author of over ninety books including the Winnie the Witch series. On Friday 9th March Pippa will also be in the Main Hall during the book fair and will be happy to personally sign any of her books that you or your children purchase.

We do hope you will join us for this very exciting event.

Forthcoming Dates

w/c 5th March—Book Week	18th April—PGL Information evening
8th—14th March—Scholastic Book Fair	19th April—Vision screening
20th March 9.30am—Reception Come and Share	24th April—Green Class visit to Sedgewick Museum
22nd March 5pm—Parent Consultation Evening	25th April—Y1 Multi-skills festival
23rd March 9am—Cygnus Class assembly	26th April— Blue Class visit to Sedgewick Museum
23rd March—Vision Screening	1st May—Year 2 Tennis festival
w/c 26th March —International Week	3rd May—County Maths Challenge
27th March 2pm—Year 5 performance	4th May—Columba Class assembly
27th March 4pm—Parent Consultation Evening	11th May—Phoenix Class assembly
28th March 6pm—Year 5 performance	14th—17th May—SATs week
29th March—last day of Spring Term	22nd May—Reception performance
30th March—EASTER HOLIDAYS begin	23rd May—Reception performance
16th April—Children Return to school	25th May—last day of half term

IMPORTANT NEWS

New Electronic Booking System for Parent Consultation Evening to be held on Thursday 22nd and Tuesday 27th March 2018

In order to make booking appointments for parent consultation evening easier for everyone we have taken the decision to move the booking system online. The instructions below will guide you through the process which we hope you will find easy to use. You will be able to book appointments using the online system from Saturday 3rd March until Monday 19th March. If you experience any problems please contact the school office for assistance.

Browse to <https://monkfieldpark.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the Log In button. A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

Please use your child's preferred forename.

Parents' Evening System

Welcome to the Green Abbey parents' evening booking system. Appointments can be amended via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title	First Name	Surname
Mrs ▾	Rachael	Abbot
Email	Confirm Email	
rabbot4@gmail.com	rabbot4@gmail.com	

Student's Details

First Name	Surname	Date Of Birth	
Ben	Abbot	20 ▾	July ▾ 2000 ▾

Log In

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click I'm unable to attend.

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose Automatic if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. Or if you'd rather choose the times to book with each teacher, choose Manual. Then press Next.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile phone.

Primary School Parents' Evening

This parents' evening is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Please enter the school via the main entrance and sign in at reception.

Click a date to continue:

Thursday, 16th March Open for bookings	>
Friday, 17th March Open for bookings	>

[I'm unable to attend](#)

Choose Booking Mode

Select how you'd like to book your appointments using the option below, and then hit Next.

- ☒ **Automatic**
Automatically book the best possible times based on your availability
- ☐ **Manual**
Choose the time you would like to see each teacher

Next

Choose Teachers

If you don't wish to see any teacher below, deselect them before clicking the button to continue.

Ben



Mr J Brown
SENCO



Mrs A Wheeler
Class 11A

Andrew



Miss B Patel
Class 10E

Continue to Book Appointments

Confirm Appointment Times

The following appointments have been reserved for two minutes. If you're happy with them, please choose the Accept button at the bottom.

	Teacher	Student	Subject	Room
17:10	Mr J Sinclair	Ben	English	E6
17:25	Mrs D Mumford	Ben	Mathematics	M2
17:45	Dr R McNamara	Andrew	French	L4

Accept Appointments

Cancel Appointments

Mr J Brown
SENCO (A2)

Ben



Miss B Patel
Class 10E (H3)

Andrew



Mrs A Wheeler
Class 11A (L1)

Ben



16:30		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
16:40			
16:50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17:00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Add Appointment



Confirm appointment with Mrs D Mumford at 15:10.

Add a message for Mrs D Mumford:

I'd like to discuss Ben's homework.

Save

Step 4: Choose Teachers

If you chose the automatic booking mode, drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

To add appointments for another child, press the Add Another Child button at the bottom and then repeat this step.

Step 5a (Automatic): Book Appointments

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you should see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose Accept at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode (Step 5b).

Step 5b (Manual): Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking Delete. Then choose an alternate time.


After clicking on a green cell to make an appointment, a pop-up box appears where you can optionally leave a message for the teacher to say what you'd like to discuss or raise anything beforehand.


Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press click here to finish the booking process.


Step 6: Finished

You're now on the My Bookings page and all your bookings are below. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments from this page by pressing Print.

To change your appointments, click on Amend Bookings.

Home

My Bookings

Send Feedback

Year 11 Subject Evening

8:45pm-10:00pm Tue 10.04 to 10.05

PrintAmend Bookings

Thursday, 13th April

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This parents' evening is for pupils in year 11. Please enter the school on the main entrance and follow the signs for the Main Hall where this evening is taking place. Parking is available in the main school car park.

Teacher	Student	Subject	Room
15:00	Mr J Brown	Ben	SENCO A2
15:10	Mr J Sinclair	Ben	English E6
15:15	Mr J Sinclair	Andrew	English E6
15:20	Mr H Jacobs	Ben	History H6
15:25	Miss F Burton	Andrew	Mathematics M2
15:30	Miss J Fisher	Andrew	Science S2

Summer Fete—Help Wanted!

Despite the current arctic weather conditions we are already thinking ahead and making plans for the Summer Fete!

If you would like to get involved in the planning or to help out on the day (date to be confirmed shortly) then please do get in touch either through our Facebook page or via email to friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com . With lots to do beforehand and on the day all help would be greatly appreciated.



200 Club

The 200 Club is a simple way to raise extra funds for the school and for yourself! If you would like to join our 200 Club we will be sending out a 6-month Subscription form shortly so you could be included in the draw from March 2018.

The 6-month Subscription is £6 and you will be allocated a number for the monthly draw. Each month you will have the chance of winning half the money in the pot, you've got to be in it to win it so keep an eye out for the form!!



Ideas

Just like last year our main fundraising aim this year is to raise funds for the Library refurb. We are after fundraising ideas that not only we can do but also that the staff and pupils can do at school.

If you have any ideas no matter how BIG or small please let us know. You can either send us a message via our Facebook page or via email to:

friendsofmonkfieldpark@gmail.com .



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