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Children in Need 2017



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards the fundraising event for Children in Need last Friday. The bucket collection for the 'Big Spotacular' non-uniform event raised a grand total of £350.87 for the charity. In addition the Friends of Monkfield Park organised a copper trail which covered the floors in both halls. Indigo Class had the longest trail reaching an amazing 44.25m followed by Pegasus Class with 21.97m and Cygnus Class with 14m. When all the lines were added together they measured an incredible 154.47m and raised an additional £101.38 for this great charity. Thanks to your incredible generosity we raised a grand total of £452.25 to help children across the country.

Year 2 Visit to the Fire Station

Year 2 have been learning about The Great Fire of London this term and have been investigating what caused the fire to spread so quickly and with such ferocity. The children have studied the building materials used in 1666 and have compared how flammable they were with materials used today. This week the children visited the Fire Station to discover how firefighters prevent fires from spreading and to learn about how we can prevent fires taking place in our homes today. The children were excited to see the equipment firefighters use every day and to watch as the firefighters recreated the Great Fire of London for us, using our own wattle and daub houses. We are certain that with our knowledge of how fires spread we would be able to stop such an event occurring today.



Public Speaking Competition

Over the past three weeks children in Key Stage 2 have been taking part in internal heats for the first Network CB23 public speaking competition. Children were asked to research, plan and deliver a two minute speech on the topic : 'a good friend is.....' Following the initial knock out stages in class the brave finalists presented their speeches to an excited KS2 audience who had gathered in the Main Hall for the event.



The standard was extremely high and all the children gave presentations which were eloquent, informative, thought provoking and confident. However, we were only able to select two finalists from each Key Stage to go forward to the Network finals. Parth, Sophia, Ryan and Sophie will represent Monkfield Park at the finals which will be held at Peterhouse College in January. Well done to everyone who took



Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to draw a witch and to label its features using their phonic knowledge.

Ask your Year 1 child to explain how old toys differ from the toys children play with today.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you about their trip to the fire station.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain the difference between a simile and a metaphor.

Ask your Year 4 child to list the features of a newspaper article.

Ask your Year 5 child what an angle is and how it is measured.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how the formula for calculating area and perimeter differ.

Head Teacher Roll of Honour

One of the most rewarding parts of my job is being able to chat to the children about their learning and share their excitement in their achievements.

Charlotte in Green Class—Charlotte showed how determined she is to make sure her writing is the best it can be. She edited her thank you letter to Wood Green, without being prompted, to ensure it was amazing.

Claudia from Dorado Class—Claudia has impressed us all with her resilience and determination to succeed. She tries so hard in everything she does and always produces the most beautiful handwriting.

Dominic in Cygnus Class—Dominic has really been working hard in PE this term. His enthusiastic demonstration of the Haka has impressed us all.

Betty from Phoenix Class—Betty never fails to impress me with her ethos of hard work and her incredible creativity. I was inspired by her representation of the planetary system this week and it tasted as good as it looked!

Punctuality

We have noticed recently that the number of children arriving late to school is rising. School expects all children to arrive in good time for school so that they do not miss valuable learning time. The school grounds are open from 8.40 am each school day and children can enter the classrooms from 8.50 am. The external classroom doors are locked at 9.00 am, after which time children must sign in at the school office and will be marked as late in the register. The register closes at 9.10 am and any child signing in after this time will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Please help to get your child's learning off to a flying start each day by getting them to school on time.

Forthcoming Dates

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 9.30am—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 Festive Fun Day

19th December—Last day of term

Spring Term 2018

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

4th January—All children return to school

Christmas Family Bingo

We are holding a Christmas Family Bingo in the school hall on the evening of Friday 8th December. Doors will open at 6.00 pm with eyes down at 6.45 pm. Tickets are available in advance at a cost of £3 per person. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to book tickets please either drop into the school office or get in touch with us.



200 Club

The 200 club is a very simple way to raise extra funds for the school and for yourself. For an annual fee of £12 you will be allocated a number for a monthly draw. The prize fund will depend on the number of members. Each month you will have the chance of winning half the money in pot. Please get in touch for a sign up form if you are interested. You've got to be in it to win it!



Micro Scooters Cashback for schools

We are so excited to be part of the Micro scooters Schools Cashback. If you are ordering anything directly from Micro scooters website please enter our code at the check-out so our school receives 10% Cashback. This is for any purchases including accessories not just on scooters. Our school code is 131996.



EasyFundraising

With Christmas just around the corner don't forget you can help support the school by shopping through Easyfundraising. The school will receive cashback on those all important Christmas presents.



Children In Need

A big thank you to everyone for all your donations for Children in Need last Friday. We raised £350.87 through the bucket collections for non uniform and a further £101.38 from the copper trail.



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