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Head Lice

We have received reports from a number of parents that their child has head lice. As is always the case, once these tricky little creatures are established they spread across the school very quickly. The NHS recommends that you check your child's hair every week using a fine toothed detection comb (available from pharmacies). This can be done when the hair is wet or dry. If you find live lice or eggs (nits) it is important that you treat your child's hair immediately. Your pharmacist will be able to advise you about suitable treatments. Sadly there is nothing you can do to prevent head lice but you can reduce the risk of head to head transmission by checking your child's hair thoroughly every week.

Sport Relief 2018

Last Friday, to mark Sport Relief 2018, the children got together in their house teams for a sports themed morning. Wearing their favourite sports kit, the children took part in a range of active challenges including a timed team run on the playground, some challenging fitness circuit exercises in the hall, and some heart raising dance routines. The morning finished with a sports themed quiz and some time together to reflect on how our dress down day at school and the donations made are used to help those less fortunate around the world.

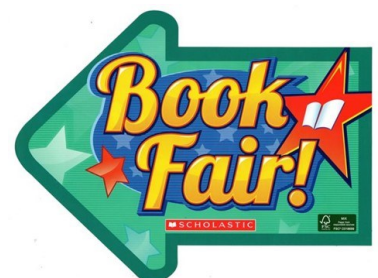
Naomi from Year 6 told us, "it was brilliant to find out more about Sport Relief in our house teams. The activities really encouraged team work and we learnt lots at the same time."

Thank you to everyone who generously made donations to the Sport Relief bucket collection organised by the Friends of Monkfield Park. We raised a fantastic £323 for this very worthwhile charity.



Book Fair

Mrs Martin has asked me to thank everyone who attended the Book Fair which was held in school from 7th to 14th March. For each purchase you made, Scholastic donated a small amount of commission to the school. I am delighted to be able to tell you that through your purchases the school received an amazing £923.31 in commission! This is the most we have ever raised from a book fair and the money will enable us to buy some wonderful, new books and resources for our library and classrooms. The Friends of Monkfield Park are continuing to raise money to completely refurbish our library to make it a welcoming space where children can relax and enjoy reading.



Year 5 and The Great Globetrotting Game

This week Year 5 entertained us all with their performance of The Great Globetrotting Game. With a quick roll of the dice the friendly wizard transported the children on a whistle stop tour of the planet, stopping off in some very memorable destinations. From the blossom festival in Japan to an encounter with a Yeti in Tibet, the children danced and sang their way around the world. The audience learnt some very interesting facts about different cultures and countries and everyone agreed that they had a fantastic time. Well done and thank you to Year 5 for all their hard work.



An Appeal from Eco Club



Help us conquer the affects of 'the Beast From the East' and save the birds who are now in danger because they have lost their favourite snacks. Please support the Eco Club bird feeder sale on Wednesday 18th April at 3.30 pm.

Sentence Starters

- Ask your Reception child to give you instructions on how to cross the road safely.
- Ask your Year 1 child to show you how to land safely when jumping.
- Ask your Year 2 child to teach you some new words they've learnt in French, Spanish or Welsh.
- Ask your Year 3 child to explain how a pneumatic system works and what it could be used for.
- Ask your Year 4 child to explain this week's science experiment.
- Ask your Year 5 child what is Hanami and how is it celebrated?
- Ask your Year 6 child to show you some Bollywood dance moves.

Head Teacher Roll of Honour

This week I would like to celebrate the following children for their hard work and achievements.

Euan in Delphinus Class—Euan is an incredibly talented swimmer who wants to be a future Olympian. However, he is one of the hardest working and unassuming children in school who never boasts about his amazing achievements. Euan we are very proud of all your achievements.

Aisling in Dorado Class— when Year 3 visited the Sedgwick Museum they didn't know that we had our own geology expert in Dorado Class. Aisling impressed the curators at the museum with her encyclopaedic knowledge of the natural world and rocks.

Jenson T in Yellow Class—Jenson is always kind and helpful and brings a smile to everyone's face. He is keen to share his learning with others and is always eager to learn new things.

Easter Celebrations

Year 1 have been learning all about the meaning of Easter for Christians in their R.E. lessons and so they decided to celebrate the festival with a traditional Easter party. The Easter Bunny had hidden lots of tricky 'number bond' eggs around the hall for the children to find and there were plenty of opportunities for the children to practise their jumping skills as they pretended to be rabbits. Following some exciting team games the children enjoyed eating the Easter nests they had made earlier in the week. The party concluded with a traditional Easter bonnet parade. It was all great fun.



A Polite Appeal to Dog Owners

I am a dog lover and was concerned to find that some dogs are being tied to the school railings and left unattended when parents/carers are dropping off and collecting their children. It is extremely busy at peak times and large numbers of people, bikes and scooters passing in close proximity to them can cause dogs a great amount of anxiety and distress. Please can I ask that you think about your dog's welfare before bringing them to school. Thank you.



Spelling

It helps not to learn words in isolation and children need a thesaurus as well as a good dictionary so they can look up associated words and learn them all together, such as 'necessary', 'unnecessary', 'necessarily', 'necessity' and so on. The words then reinforce each other and are not seen as quite so arbitrary.

Forthcoming Dates

29th March—last day of Spring Term

30th March—EASTER HOLIDAYS begin

16th April—Children Return to school

18th April—PGL Information evening

19th April—Vision screening

24th April—Green Class visit to Sedgwick Museum

25th April—Y1 Multi-skills festival

26th April—Blue Class visit to Sedgwick Museum

1st May—Year 2 Tennis festival

3rd May—County Maths Challenge

4th May—Columba Class assembly

11th May—Phoenix Class assembly

14th—17th May—SATs week

22nd May—Reception performance

23rd May—Reception performance

25th May—last day of half term

4th June—INSET Day

5th June—Children return to school

5th and 6th June—Burwell House residential for Year 4

11th—15th June—Phonics check week

Summer Fete— Planning Meeting

We are happy to confirm that the date of this year's Monkfield Park Summer Fete will be **Saturday 23rd June 2018**.

We will be holding a **Planning Meeting** for the Fete soon after the Easter Holidays (date, time and venue to be confirmed shortly). If you would like to get involved in this year's Fete then we would love to see you there as all help will be greatly appreciated! If you cannot make it to the meeting but would still like to help out on the day then please do get in touch either through our Facebook page or via email to friendsof-monkfieldpark@gmail.com.



Bag2School Collection

Bag2School will be collecting on 4th May 2018. Bags will be sent home via book bags the first week back after Easter.

It's a great chance to have a good Spring Clean over Easter. They accept any of the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE —Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen, Curtains, Towels, Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers).



Friends 'Meet & Greet' Coffee Morning

We will be holding a 'Meet & Greet' Coffee Morning on **Friday 27th April** from **9am-10am in the Main Hall** and would love to see you there. It is a chance to see what we have planned for the coming months and also for you to let us know any ideas you have for future fundraising. Younger children are more than welcome so make a note of the date and if you have time please do pop in!



Sport Relief 2018—Money Raised

Friends would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated to Sport Relief 2018 last Friday. We raised a fantastic £323 and the children all really enjoyed coming to school in their Sports clothes!



200 Club

We would like to congratulate our 200 Club winner for March, Ana Macedo!

Thank you and welcome to all the new members who have joined our 200 Club this month and good luck for the future draws!

